Minutes City of Minnetonka City Council Study Session Monday, Feb. 1, 2021

Council Present: Deb Calvert, Susan Carter, Kissy Coakley, Brian Kirk, Rebecca Schack,

Bradley Schaeppi, and Mayor Brad Wiersum

Staff: Geralyn Barone, Mike Funk, and McKaia Ryberg

Wiersum called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

1. Reports from City Manager & Council Members

Barone reported on the upcoming city council schedule, noting that there will be a closed session on Feb. 8 prior to the regularly scheduled city council meeting. She also noted that councilmembers will meet with six local legislators on Friday, Feb. 5. This meeting will be held virtually, and it will be livestreamed for public viewing.

2. Boards and Commissions Interviews – Sustainability Commission

Barone noted that the Sustainability Commission is a new city commission, and many residents expressed interest in participating. There will be nine seats on the commission. Of these, two will be student members, one will be a Planning Commission member serving in a dual-role capacity, and one will be a Park Board member serving in a dual-role capacity. The scheduled interviews are for the two student seats and the five other seats on the commission.

Carter asked for clarification as to whether candidates currently serving on either planning commission or park board should be considered to be seeking the dual-role appointment, or to be considered wishing to leave the body on which they currently serve. Wiersum stated that the park board and planning commission members, respectively, who are selected for dual-serving roles, must be appointed by the body on which they currently serve. Therefore, if an individual on either planning commission or park board is interviewed for the sustainability commission, it should be because their intention is to vacate their seat on the body they currently serve.

Barone noted that one of the candidates to be interviewed just completed eight years of service on the park board, but their final term completed and they are no longer a member.

Council interviewed the eighteen scheduled candidates.

After the completion of the interviews, councilmembers offered questions and comments. Barone stated that candidate ratings sheets should be completed by Friday, Feb. 5 at 4:30 p.m. Wiersum noted he will then review those ratings and prepare his appointment recommendations by Tuesday, Feb. 9.

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3. Adjournment

Wiersum adjourned the meeting at 10:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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