

Addenda
Minnetonka City Council Meeting
Meeting of February 22, 2021

ITEM 6A – 2021 Empty Bowl Virtual Event Proclamation

A grammatical error in the original text of the proclamation was identified and has been corrected. A revised proclamation is attached.

ITEM 12A – Ordinance implementing ranked choice voting

The attached correspondence was received after distribution of the packet.

ITEM 12B – Items concerning 5959 Shady Oak Road

The attached correspondence was received after distribution of the packet.

ITEM 13B (*Formerly ITEM 14A*) – Items related to a multi-family residential development by Dominion, at 11001 Bren Road East

The agenda placement for this item has changed because it is a Public Hearing. All of the other items in section 14 of the agenda have been renumbered to reflect this change.



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TO: City Council
FROM: McKaia Ryberg, Assistant to the City Manager
DATE: Feb. 22, 2021
SUBJECT: Change Memo for Feb. 22, 2021

ITEM 6A – 2021 Empty Bowl Virtual Event Proclamation

A grammatical error was identified in the original proclamation included in the packet. Corrected proclamation is attached.



City of Minnetonka Proclamation

2021 Empty Bowl Virtual event
March 2—9, 2021

WHEREAS In 2020, Minnetonka's local ICA Food Shelf distributed food for more than 1 million meals; and ResourceWest assisted more than 4,200 people; and

WHEREAS Empty Bowls, an international grassroots project to raise money for local food shelves, has raised more than \$1 million in the 22 years of Empty Bowls events in our community.

WHEREAS The 23rd annual Empty Bowls will be going VIRTUAL this year, Tuesday, March 2—9 with the goal of raising funds for ICA Food Shelf and ResourceWest. Visit hopkinsemptybowl.org to bid on the online auction full of locally created artwork and specialty food items. Stop by ICA Food Shelf during Empty Bowls week to choose a handmade bowl, a certificate for a bowl of soup from a local restaurant and a loaf of bread from Breadsmith. Showcase your bowl as a reminder of all the empty bowls in the community and the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Minnetonka City Council declares March 2-9, 2021 to be Empty Bowls Week in the city of Minnetonka, and urges residents to participate in the Empty Bowls event by sponsoring, making a donation, making a bowl or volunteering.

Brad Wiersum, Mayor

Feb. 22, 2021



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TO: City Council
FROM: Corrine Heine, City Attorney
DATE: Feb. 22, 2021
SUBJECT: Change memo for Feb. 22, 2021 council meeting

ITEM 12A – Ordinance implementing ranked choice voting

The attached correspondence was received after the packet was distributed.

Corrine Heine

From: David Haeg [REDACTED] >
Sent: Sunday, February 21, 2021 9:56 AM
To: Brad Wiersum; Brian Kirk; Rebecca Schack; Bradley Schaeppi; Kissy Coakley; Susan Carter; Deborah Calvert; Corrine Heine; GERALYN BARONE
Cc: Barb Westmoreland
Subject: Ranked Choice Voting Ordinance

Mayor, Councilmembers and staff,

We're very excited to see the formal ordinance for Ranked Choice Voting! As community members with some experience on the topic, we just wanted to offer a few points of feedback.

- First, this is a well-drafted ordinance. We shared it with knowledgeable experts on the subject and they were highly complimentary. Thanks to staff who worked on the details!
- Second, we would echo the staff's suggestion to keep with the Hennepin county version of the tie-breaking process, and not adopt the St. Paul process. It's a small thing, but changing the process to align Minnetonka with St. Paul would represent a change to the underlying counting program, and this can only create problems.
- Third, we would strongly encourage the ordinance to allow for "at least three" rankings instead of just three, just as Minneapolis does in their ordinance to provide forward-looking flexibility. The justification provided for allowing only 3 rankings is the current ballot design limitations, which could make it harder to navigate with more than 3 rankings. However, Minneapolis and other cities are likely to adopt new systems and technologies soon, and this will enable a simplified ballot design for more than 3 rankings. This is why [the current Minneapolis ordinance reads](#) *"When there are three (3) or more qualified candidates, a ballot must allow a voter to rank at least three (3) candidates for each office in order of preference and must also allow the voter to add write-in candidates."* For all the same reasons that we adopted ranked choice voting (more choices, greater inclusivity), it gets better when we provide more rankings - should that become possible and/or necessary in the future. In the "administrative rules and procedures" section of the proposed Minnetonka ordinance, it provides administrative latitude to the city clerk to make exactly these kinds of judgement calls in the future, so it would seem to make sense to give the clerk the power to decide the number of rankings based on a practical issue like ballot design.

Again, our compliments to the staff for drafting such a thorough ordinance.

-David Haeg & Barb Westmoreland



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TO: City Council
FROM: Loren Gordon, AICP, City Planner
DATE: Feb. 22, 2021
SUBJECT: Change Memo for Feb. 22, 2021, City Council Meeting

Item 12B – Doran Development, 5959 Shady Oak Rd.

The following correspondence was received after the packet was distributed.

Item 13B (Formerly ITEM 14A) – Items related to a multi-family residential development by Dominium, at 11001 Bren Road East (4 votes)

This item has been moved to Agenda Item 13 due to it being a Public Hearing. All other items under Agenda Item 14 have been renumbered to reflect the change.

From: [Brian Kirk](#)
To: [Geralyn Barone](#)
Cc: [Loren Gordon](#)
Subject: Fw: hello I want to express my concern regarding the new proposed development
Date: Friday, February 19, 2021 12:24:46 PM

Please include these comments for the Doren project, agenda item 12B. I confirmed with Lyn that this is the project being referenced.

Thank you,

Brian J Kirk | Minnetonka City Council, Ward 1
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Cell: 952-451-6251

From: Russell, Lyn C [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2021 12:08 PM
To: Brian Kirk
Subject: hello I want to express my concern regarding the new proposed development

Thank you for your response.
Six story apartment building is higher than the tree line...

There are so many new large apartment buildings, another one doesn't need to be added..... The ones they currently have are not even at capacity and more are still being built.

**With so much loss of green space in the opus area....
Has anyone considered a park or preserving some of the green space and not developing it?**

Please pass on my comments to the council.

Best-
Lyn

From: Russell, Lyn C [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2021 4:46 PM
To: Loren Gordon
Cc: Brian Kirk
Subject: hello I want to express my concern regarding the new proposed development

That is a huge apartment complex... In an area that has already lost many trees!, the impact of building a complex of that size... six levels above the tree lines WHY?

A development that size will have

another negative impact on the environment that already has been so disrupted by light rail.

There are so many housing complexes already not going to be filled to capacity in that OPUS area.

I see the plan for trees, on the website, but that in no way replaces the further disruption to an area of Minnetonka that has seen so much multi-unit development.

Why are these projects not placed throughout Minnetonka, its as if the city is creating a low rent district in this corner of the city.

Taking away the natural beauty of Minnetonka, to put up multi-unit housing. Minnetonka is beginning to look like Edina near the shopping mall. Is that the city's plan?