



**Agenda
Minnetonka City Council
Study Session
Monday, April 19, 2021
6:30 p.m.
Community Center**

1. Reports from City Manager & Council Members
2. Earth Day Proclamation
3. Arbor Day Proclamation
4. Communications exercise with the council
5. Adjournment

The purpose of a study session is to allow the city council to discuss matters informally and in greater detail than permitted at formal council meetings. While all meetings of the council are open to the public, study session discussions are generally limited to the council, staff and consultants.



City of Minnetonka Proclamation

Earth Day
Thursday, April 22, 2021

WHEREAS, the global community now faces extraordinary environmental challenges, such as climate change, global health issues, food and water shortages, and economic struggles; and

WHEREAS, all people have a moral right to a healthy, clean, and sustainable environment with economic growth; and

WHEREAS, it is understood that the citizens of the global community must step forward and take action to create a green economy to combat the aforementioned global challenges; and

WHEREAS, a green economy can be achieved on the individual level through educational efforts, public policy, and consumer activism campaigns; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to broaden and diversify this global movement to achieve maximum success; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day, established in 1970, constitutes the beginning of a new year for environmental stewardship commitments, sustainability efforts, and a commitment to an Earth Day proclamation; and

FURTHERMORE, let it be known that the Minnetonka City Council hereby encourages its residents, businesses and institutions to use this EARTH DAY to celebrate the Earth and commit to building a sustainable and green economy;

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE PROCLAIMED, the Minnetonka City Council hereby pledges this Earth Day, Thursday, April 22, 2021, to support green economy initiatives in Minnetonka, MN and to encourage others to undertake similar actions.

Brad Wiersum, Mayor

April 19, 2021



City of Minnetonka Proclamation

Arbor Day
Friday, April 30, 2021

- WHEREAS, our trees and forests brighten Minnetonka's future by creating jobs, providing recreational settings, increasing property values, and making our city more livable; and
- WHEREAS, our trees and forests enrich society by building strong community ties, reducing crime, and providing common meeting places; and
- WHEREAS, our trees and forests strengthen our lives by providing lumber for building homes, fiber for producing paper, foliage for decorating, and food for eating; and
- WHEREAS, our trees and forests enhance our environment by moderating climate, improving air and water quality, conserving water and energy, sheltering wildlife and benefitting pollinators; and
- WHEREAS, each year, on the last Friday in April, volunteers and city staff plant trees to invigorate the urban forest and all the natural resources they represent, and dedicate themselves to the continued health of our state's community and rural forests.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnetonka City Council hereby proclaims Friday, April 30, 2021, as "Arbor Day" and the month of April as "Arbor Month" in the city of Minnetonka.

Brad Wiersum, Mayor

April 19, 2021

**City Council Study Session Item #4
Meeting of April 19, 2021**

Brief Description: Communications exercise with the council

The purpose of this study session is to utilize the *Insights* communications and discovery model among the council. This model, used extensively throughout the organization, is a tool to help understand ourselves better as individuals and as leaders. It can also be used as a communications foundation when dynamics are reformed, such as the case of the council with recent election turnover. The council last completed an *Insights* exercise in 2018.

Using a four-color energy wheel councilmembers will understand their own individual and group color energies. Councilmembers have each taken the individual *Insights* evaluator resulting in an individual profile. Pre-work has consisted of councilmembers reviewing their profiles and completing a template to facilitate sharing appropriate aspects for this study session. Dr. Jean Davidson will facilitate this exercise and assist the group in determining how to apply the varying energies and use the colors to help expand relationships.

SUMMARY

Leadership effectiveness is a long-term investment in developing both as individuals and as a group of leaders. The city has a strong reputation for leadership and communication amongst its elected officials and these exercises continue to reinforce that commitment.

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