

**Minneola City Council
Minutes
Minneola City Hall
October 5, 2021
6:30 PM**

The City of Minneola Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Pat Kelley. Also present were Councilor Debbie Flinn, Councilor Kelly Price, Councilor Joe Saunders, Scott Gerken (City Attorney), Mark Johnson (City Manager), and Christina Stidham (City Clerk).

CALL TO ORDER

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A moment of silence was observed, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Boy Scout Joshua Parker**.

AGENDA REVIEW

Mark Johnson requested Council table Item 7: Public Safety Complex Construction Project Bid Award to the next meeting.

MOTION by Councilor Price, SECONDED by Councilor Flinn, to Table Item 7: Public Safety Complex Construction Bid Award to the next meeting.

AYE: Flinn, Kelley, Price, Saunders

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED: 4-0

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Joshua Parker, Minneola resident, inquired about building a free book library exchange as his service project working towards becoming an Eagle Scout.

Council consensus was to allow Joshua Parker to build a book exchange and to work with city staff to determine the best location for it.

MOTION by Councilor Price, SECONDED by Councilor Flinn, to excuse Vice Mayor Serviss' absence from the meeting.

AYE: Flinn, Kelley, Price, Saunders

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED: 4-0

Item 1: White Cane Awareness Day Proclamation

Mayor Kelley read the White Cane Awareness Proclamation proclaiming October 15, 2021, as White Cane Awareness Day in the City of Minneola, Florida.

CITY MANAGER'S CONSENT AGENDA**Item 2: City Council Meeting Minutes from September 21, 2021****Item 3: City Council Budget Hearing Minutes from September 21, 2021****Item 4: Purchase Request – Exhaust Capture System – Funds Available****Item 5: Purchase Request – Acoustic Panels – Budgeted****Public Comment**

There were no comments.

MOTION by Councilor Flinn, SECONDED by Councilor Price, to approve the Consent Agenda.

AYE: Flinn, Kelley, Price, Saunders

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED: 4-0

COUNCIL DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS**Item 6: Consultation & Lobbying Services Agreement – Funds Available**

Mark Johnson explained this lobbying services agreement is to request legislative funding for Phase 2 of Citrus Grove Road, and also to consider requesting funds to build a fire station and/or to address traffic on Education Avenue from the schools. He suggested focusing on Citrus Grove Road first.

Public Comment

There were no comments.

MOTION by Councilor Price, SECONDED by Councilor Flinn, to approve Item 6: Consultation & Lobbying Services Agreement.

AYE: Flinn, Kelley, Price, Saunders

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED: 4-0

Item 7: Public Safety Complex Construction Project – Bid Award ~ Tabled**Item 8: The Reserve at Lake Ridge Recreation Area Site Plan – Quasi-Judicial**

Scott Gerken swore in city staff and those members of the public wishing to speak.

102 **Joyce Heffington** explained the elevation won't allow an A.D.A. pathway, so they are
103 proposing installation of A.D.A. playground equipment. "No Parking" signs will be
104 required on sides of the street where fire hydrants are located and along cul-de-sacs. Code
105 Enforcement has confirmed signs are installed. The Planning and Zoning Commission
106 recommends approval with a change to the wording requiring "No Parking" signs along one
107 side of the street throughout the neighborhood.
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109 **Mayor Kelley** asked about public safety with the current site plan.
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111 **Ramon Flores** confirmed that he and Fire Chief Jan Otero agree the current plan is
112 acceptable.
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114 **Mark Johnson** clarified to be more specific that "No Parking" signs need to be located on
115 the same side of the street as fire hydrants.
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117 **Scott Gerken** requested clarification from the applicant to confirm that the plat was not
118 changing, Tract G was remaining the same, and that the only change is to the park
119 improvements on the site.
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121 **Major Stacey**, Applicant Representative and Engineer, confirmed that the plat and Tract G
122 are remaining the same.
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124 **Public Comment**

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126 There were no comments.
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128 **MOTION by Councilor Price, SECONDED by Councilor Flinn, to approve Item 8:**
129 **The Reserve at Lake Ridge Recreation Area Site Plan with the signage condition of**
130 **"No Parking" signs being required along the streets on the same side as fire hydrants**
131 **and a cul-de-sacs throughout the neighborhood.**
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133 **AYE:** Flinn, Kelley, Price, Saunders
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135 **NAY:** None
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137 **MOTION PASSED: 4-0**
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139 **Item 9: Sterling Venue Revised Site Plan – Quasi-Judicial**

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141 **Joyce Heffington** explained the change to the site plan removes the fountain as it will be
142 difficult to maintain, installs a nice wall on the front of the property at the entrance, and
143 makes the outdoor wedding pavilion a little larger. Staff recommends approval with the
144 condition of a few minor corrections and a signed utility easement agreement.
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146 **Scott Gerken** swore in Larry Krauzie.
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148 **Mayor Kelley** inquired about the frequency of events.
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150 **Larry Krauzie, Applicant**, explained that Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays are typical days
151 of events as well as holidays.

152 **Mayor Kelley** commented about concern with overflow parking from Ferndale and asked
153 Mark Johnson to look into ways to assist with this issue.
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155 **Larry Krauzie** commented that they try to support the local community and agreed to be
156 of assistance if they can.
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158 **Public Comment**
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160 There were no comments.
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162 **Councilor Flinn** asked Joyce Heffington what corrections still need to be made.
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164 **Joyce Heffington** explained a few calculations need adjusted due to the changes. These
165 changes are being addressed, and we don't want to hold up the project.
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167 **MOTION by Councilor Price, SECONDED by Councilor Flinn, to approve Item 9:**
168 **Sterling Venue Revised Site Plan.**
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170 **AYE:** Flinn, Kelley, Price, Saunders
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172 **NAY:** None
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174 **MOTION PASSED: 4-0**
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176 **FINAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**
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178 There were no comments.
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180 **REPORTS**
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182 **Mark Johnson** reported:

- 183 • Kids Safe Night Out event will be the traditional event this year on Saturday, October
184 30, 2021
- 185 • The first mural renderings have been received from the Art Committee. He passed
186 copies of the renderings out to Council showing the anchor piece, handprints, and border
187 explaining the first piece was created by a South Lake middle school student that used
188 to be a Minneola resident. Also, the handprints will be a fundraiser to help fund the
189 project.
 - 190 ○ Council consensus was to move forward with the project approving the
191 renderings
- 192 • Pine Bluff H.O.A. is still working on providing a date they are available for a workshop
- 193 • 1-acre residential property off of Citrus Grove Road is interested in annexing into the
194 city
- 195 • Pinecrest request for an early morning slab pour – 6-hour pour
- 196 • Stop sign has been requested on Tranquility. Staff is ok with installation, but we are still
197 awaiting approval from H.O.A.
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199 **Scott Gerken** reported:

- 200 • Chuck's Auto is ready to close once property is cleared and tenant has vacated
- 201 • Lot next to city hall is on schedule to close a week from Monday

- Pinecrest School is required to build the small part of South Avenue. Our code requires streetlights and trails which the rest of the road doesn't have, so staff suggested just having them install wiring for future street lighting.

Scott Gerken explained the school plans to open with the expanded school next fall and suggested holding a workshop to address public questions and concerns with South Avenue. The plan is to have a limited use for student drop-off in the morning and installation of traffic calming devices.

Mayor Kelley requested the City notify everyone in the area by mail before we hold the workshop.

Council consensus was to allow buildout of South Avenue without a trail or lights, but to require rewiring for future lighting and an extra wide sidewalk from South Avenue to the school.

Councilor Saunders provided a document showing several concepts of how the 63.8 acre park could be developed.

Mayor Kelley asked Councilor Saunders to head up the project and meet with the developer and engineer. He requested Mark Johnson coordinate the meetings.

Councilor Flinn commented that she would like to see something in the park for veterans.


MOTION by Councilor Price, SECONDED by Councilor Flinn, to adjourn the meeting.

AYE: Serviss, Flinn, Kelley, Price, Saunders

NAY: None


MOTION PASSED: 5-0

(Meeting adjourned at 7:33 P.M.)



Pat Kelley, Mayor

ATTEST:


Christina Stidham, City Clerk

