

**Minneola City Council  
Workshop Minutes  
Minneola City Hall  
February 22, 2022 at 6:30 PM**

The City of Minneola Council Workshop was called to order by Mayor Pat Kelley. Also present were Vice Mayor Pam Serviss, Councilor Debbie Flinn, Councilor Kelly Price, Councilor Joe Saunders, Scott Gerken (City Attorney), Mark Johnson (City Manager), April Sheppard (City Clerk Assistant).

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Mayor Kelley** called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

A moment of silence was observed, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Vice Mayor Serviss**.

**DISCUSSION ITEM**

**Item 1: City Owned Property Improvements**

**Mayor Kelley** opened the discussion with a brief overview of the property location, which is on the southwest corner of North Hancock Road and Education Avenue. Then asked for resident's opinion on possible uses for the property.

**Victor Ortega**, resident on Fox Trail Avenue, spoke as to the history of the lot as a gift from the developer for recreational purposes, financials, and moral obligations to the preservation of the communities' benefit and property valuations. Suggested the possibility to vacate the entrance on Hancock Road and Fox Trail Avenue and install speed bumps or tables to control traffic. Suggested the use of native plants in the landscaping. Indicated he has no interest in retail uses.

**Mayor Kelley** suggested council and staff are looking to incorporate the property as part of the Minneola Athletic Complex (M.A.C.) and traffic concerns are being addressed. Council seeks to listen to everyone in the community. Suggested speed bumps will be re-addressed in the future.

**Calvin Taylor**, resident of Pine Bluff, spoke about park like options as a buffer from Hancock Road to protect the property values. Not in favor of a parking use.

**Mayor Kelley** spoke to the possibility of an agreement with the county specifying no parking in the lot and making the property aesthetically appealing.

**Rita Cyrier**, resident Lace Bark Court, spoke in favor of lighting for evening walkers from high school activities and gate options.

46 **Mayor Kelley** stated a gate option is favorable, while the lighting would have a cost factor. Asked  
47 the residents if there is a playground in the community. Recreational options not yet in the area  
48 include pickle ball and sand volleyball.

49 **Edwin Feliciano** discussed traffic concerns. Suggested an idea of including a trail around the  
50 perimeter for walking and bike riding for smaller children.

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52 **Member of the audience** stood up and asked for clarification of where the entrance and exit  
53 would be.

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55 **Mayor Kelley** indicated the current intention is to have the entrance and exit be on Education  
56 Avenue.

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58 **Vice Mayor Serviss** inquired about a turning lane on Education Ave.

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60 **Mayor Kelley** stated there is a width of three lanes available. Turning lane will be addressed.

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62 Council expressed thanks to the residents for attending the workshop and providing feedback.

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64 **Council Saunders** commented about trees.

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66 **Vice Mayor Serviss** inquired about a time frame.

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68 **Mayor Kelley** stated the simpler options impact both time frame and cost factor.

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70 **MOTION by Councilor Flinn, SECONDED by Vice Mayor Serviss, to adjourn the meeting.**

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72 **AYE:** Serviss, Flinn, Kelley, Price, Saunders

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78 *(Meeting adjourned at 7:06 P.M.)*

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Pat Kelley, Mayor

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April Sheppard, City Clerk Assistant

