

1 **City of Minneola**
2 **Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**
3 **Minneola City Hall**
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May 7, 2018
7:00 P.M.

5 The City of Minneola Planning & Zoning Commission meeting was called to order by
6 Chairwoman Debbie Flinn. Also present were Commissioner Paul Giacalone, Commissioner
7 Jeffery Henderson, Commissioner Leonard Jackson, Commissioner Oscar Trujillo,
8 Commissioner William McCoy, Commissioner David Yeager, Chris Ryan (City Attorney),
9 Joyce Heffington (City Planner), Kristine Thompson (Administrative Assistant).

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11 A moment of silence was observed, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairwoman
12 Debbie Flinn.

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14 **AGENDA REVIEW**
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18 **PUBLIC COMMENT**
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20 No Comment
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22 **MINUTES**
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24 **MOTION by William McCoy, SECONDED by Paul Giacalone to approve the April 2, 2018**
25 **minutes as written.**
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27 **AYE:** Giacalone, Henderson, Jackson, Flinn, Trujillo, McCoy, Yeager
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29 **NAY:** None
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31 **MOTION PASSED: 7-0**
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33 **COMMISSION DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS**
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35 **Item 1: Addition of Trees to the City's Approved Tree List**
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37 **Joyce Heffington** spoke with Lake County's Arborist. Queen Palm is classified as a Category 2
38 Invasive Species, though does meet canopy size requirements. The Sabal Palm was
39 recommended by the Horticulturist. The Canary Island Date Palm meets canopy size
40 requirements and is tolerant in colder weather. The Foxtail Palm meets canopy size requirements
41 and can tolerate cold weather, down to 30 degrees. These are the four the city recommends the
42 Commission to consider.

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44 **William McCoy** asked if these trees are considered canopy due to their height.
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46 **Joyce Heffington** explained it is due to their height and spread.

1 **David Yeager** wanted to know what it meant that the Queen Palm was considered an Invasive
2 Species.

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4 **Joyce Heffington** stated it meant it was not native to Florida.

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6 **David Yeager** suggested it may not be a good idea to approve a tree that was invasive.

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8 **Mark Johnson** stated a council member requested it be moved from the Understory Tree list,
9 where it is already listed, to the Canopy Tree list.

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11 **Mark Johnson** suggested the Commission perhaps recommend two palms in place of one
12 canopy tree.

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14 A discussion followed regarding too many large trees in smaller lot sizes.

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16 **Chris Ryan** defined "Invasive Species".

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18 **Oscar Trujillo** expressed concern that a palm tree does not provide shade.

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20 A discussion followed regarding palm tree options and concerns.

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22 **MOTION by Jeffery Henderson, SECONDED by David Yeager to approve the Canary**
23 **Island Date Palm and the Foxtail Palm.**

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25 **AYE:** Giacalone, Henderson, Jackson, Flinn, Trujillo, McCoy, Yeager

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27 **NAY:** None

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29 **MOTION PASSED: 7-0**

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31 **PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

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33 No discussion.

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35 **REPORTS/COMMENTS**

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37 **Joyce Heffington** reminded the Commission to notify us ahead of time so we can give Daniel
38 Smith more time to review the meeting material.

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40 **David Yeager** requested that any issues be added the Commission's agenda so they can be
41 worked on.

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43 **Pam Serviss** thanked though who came to the Kickball Tournament. The Tournament raised
44 over \$4,500.

1 **William McCoy** inquired if the construction entrance into Ardmore Reserve was supposed to be
2 open.

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4 **Mark Johnson** stated it was open for construction traffic.

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6 **Mark Johnson** informed the Commission that part of Grassy Lake Rd, near Citrus Grove Rd
7 will be closed during the summer while school is out so a lot of work can be done.

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9 **David Yeager** asked if the city still has the option to purchase the land by the cell tower.

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11 **Mark Johnson** stated that the city does still have the option, he believes for 5 years.


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13 **MOTION by William McCoy, SECONDED by David Yeager to adjourn.**

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15 **AYE:** Giacalone, Henderson, Jackson, Flinn, Trujillo, McCoy, Yeager


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17 **NAY:** None

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19 **MOTION PASSED: 7-0**

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21 *Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.*

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26 Debbie Flinn, Chairwoman

27 **ATTEST:**

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31 Kristine Thompson, Administrative Assistant