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City of Weston Lakes

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Minutes of Special City Council Meeting Zoom Virtual Meeting

Wednesday, July 7, 2021 at 6:30 pm

Join Zoom Meeting (Note revised meeting link)

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- 1. Call to Order.** The Special City Council Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 7, 2021, by Mayor Ramona Neal A quorum was present.

Council Members Present:

Mayor Ramona Neal
Mayor Pro Tem Linda Harnist
Alderman Denis DeLuca
Alderman Ted Case
Alderman Trent Thomas
Alderman Bill Ragle

City of Weston Lakes Staff Present:

City Secretary, Jenni McJunkin
Art Pertile, of Olson and Olson
Katie Rutherford w/Olson & Olson

Absent: NA

- 2. Statement of rules regarding virtual meetings. Please mute all devices and wait to be called upon before you speak. If you fail to follow directions and noise from your device causes disruptions to the meeting, you will be muted. If after three attempts to stop the disruption the noise continues, you may be disconnected to protect the integrity of the meeting. Disruption of a city council meeting in person may result in your removal and we reserve the right to remove any one who disrupts virtual meetings. Council, please raise your virtual hand to be recognized to**

speak. This is the procedure given at the O365 training session for city council on January 13, 2021. Please adhere to the training. Any interruptions will not be recognized.

3. Statement of decorum of city council: The city will not tolerate any belittling, bullying, intimidating, interrupting, oppressing or ganging up on any member of city council. This is not limited to but certainly shall not include yelling at the mayor, over-speaking the mayor, speaking out of turn, continuing to speak when the gavel is hit or any discussion of items not on the agenda. Should Mayor Neal feel this is occurring to any elected official, she will immediately halt the meeting and the meeting will go into recess. The behavior of city council members has not been in accordance with the statutes. The refusal to listen to the presiding officer and adhere to The Open Meetings Act or refusal to only discuss what is on the agenda is creating chaos in the meetings, Chapter 551.043(b). Any deliberation of or discussion about the subject of the inquiry shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on the agenda for a subsequent meeting. City council members cannot name the place, time or date of a meeting, or list the full agenda of a special meeting. It is illicit. Local government code stipulates that upon the application of three members of council, the mayor shall call a meeting. The mayor calls the meeting names the date, time and place. The motion made by Linda Harnist at the last meeting is not within her authority to make. Further, city council cannot demand that item(s) be placed on the next agenda, or any specific agenda, they may only request them to be on a future agenda, as the law allows. This was explained in detail by Art Pertile at the training. Actionable items may not be voted upon unless they are on the properly posted agenda and wording allows for action to be taken, 551.082 (b). What occurred was a vote on actions voted on during a meeting not on the agenda. The city attorney allowed the vote to take place. From this point on, no future agenda items will be considered unless they are received in writing 24 hours before the meeting so that I can consider their validity. No motions may be made unless in reference to an agenda item, to do so is against Robert's Rules of Order and what is allowed per TOMA. Actions taken at recent meetings circumvent what is acceptable in an open meeting and the people's rights to know what city council will take action upon as it is written on the agenda.

Alderman Denis DeLuca, Mayor Pro Tem Linda Harnist and Alderman Bill Ragle disagreed with Mayor's statement.

4. **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.** Alderman Trent Thomas led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.
5. **Reading of Public Statement Rules and Public Statements.** City Secretary, Jenni McJunkin read the following statement: "Each individual who wishes to make a public comment should use the chat function in Zoom, or email Mayor before the meeting and include your name and phone # and topic of conversation. Please keep self-muted until asked to speak. On Phone calls to unmute hit

*6. Three minutes will be allotted for conversation. City Council can only respond to correct a fact.”
People who spoke: Janice Tagen, Kevin Smith, Everret Owen, Hazel Shaughnessy, and Denise Robbins.

6. Mayor’s Comments

7. Address and consider answers to and take possible action to ensure that concerns are addressed and permissions are granted to fulfill the obligations of a flood plain manager as questions were raised by FEMA. Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Linda Harnist to Table until we have more information. Seconded by Alderman Bill Ragle. Mayor Pro Tem Linda Harnist withdrew motion to Table. Seconded by Alderman Bill Ragle. Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Linda Harnist to postpone until Council is provided all information from Mayor.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

MOTION PASSED

8. Discussion and consideration of the plat submitted for The Park at Weston Lakes Section 1 and to disapprove per the advice from the city engineer.

A. Review Letter from City Engineer – recommends to disapprove and resubmit at a later date

B. Nichols and Frieze’s 16 questions

C. LJA’s considerations

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Linda Harnist to approve the withdrawal the plat and it will be resubmitted in the future. Seconded by Alderman Trent Thomas.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

MOTION PASSED

9. Inform city council and citizens regarding Riverwood Forest at Weston Lakes Section 1 Partial Replat No. 5. Mayor informed City Council and citizens regarding Riverwood Forest at Weston Lakes Section 1 Partial Replat No. 5.

10. Adjournment.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:26 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ramona Neal
Mayor,
City of Weston Lakes

Jenni McJunkin
City Secretary,
City of Weston Lakes