

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
INDEPENDENCE CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2022, 5:00 PM

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 5:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER.

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Independence City Council was called to order by Mayor Johnson at 5:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor Johnson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Johnson, Councilors McCoy, Betts, Spencer, and Grotting

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: City Administrator Kaltsas, City Admin Assistant Simon,

VISITORS: Patti Good

4. \*\*\*\*Consent Agenda\*\*\*\*

All items listed under Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by Council and will be acted on by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

- a. Approval of City Council Minutes from the July 19, 2022, Regular City Council Meeting.
- b. Approval of Accounts Payable (Batch # 1; Checks Numbered 21366-21370 and Batch # 2; Checks Numbered 21371-21387).
- c. Approve Adding One (1) Additional Election Judge for the General Election.

**Motion by Betts, second by McCoy to approve the Consent Agenda. Ayes: Johnson, McCoy, Betts, Spencer, and Grotting. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain. None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.**

5. SET AGENDA – ANYONE NOT ON THE AGENDA CAN BE PLACED UNDER OPEN/MISC.

6. REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES BY COUNCIL AND STAFF

**Grotting attended the following meetings:**

- Planning (virtual)
- Workshop

**Spencer attended the following meetings:**

- Planning (virtual)
- Workshop

**McCoy attended the following meetings:**

- Workshop
- Gertie Corpe grave site ceremony – 7/22

**Betts attended the following meetings:**

- Planning (virtual)
- Workshop

**Johnson attended the following meetings:**

- Planning
- Workshop
- NLC energy and environmental resources, (Virtual)
- Senate and House district candidates ice cream social in Hamel
- Interviewing candidates for 3 senate districts
- Senior Community Services @ Monticello Senior Center (covering Mound, Delano, Monticello)

**Kaltsas attended the following meetings:**

- Planning
- Workshop

7. Patti Good (Applicant/Owner) requests that the City consider the following actions for the property located at 4986 South Lake Shore Drive, Independence, MN (PID No. 24-118-24-11-0001):
- a. **RESOLUTION 22-0802-01:** considering a variance allowing a reduced setback from the OHWL permitting the construction of a screened deck to be constructed in place of the existing legal non-conforming deck on the subject property.

Kaltsas – After consideration at the last Planning Commission meeting, 4968 S Lakeshore Dr – Applicant is wanting to redo the existing deck on the lakeshore side of the house. Covering an exposed deck to create a screened deck. It's zoned RR rural residential with shoreland overlay on Lake Indy. Looking at impervious surface and setbacks, identifying it is a legal non-conforming structure adopted before new standards therefore it can be reconstructed but needs variance consideration. As an existing lot of record, they can take advantage of 60% admin variance but still has setbacks past where the house is located on the property. So, the applicant is proposing a deck in the location of the existing deck (is permitted) but screened in. The top elevation would be enclosed going to the left of the house thus an intensification of the legal non-conforming status is needed to allow screened deck to be over the existing would need reduced setback. They noted they are not intending to build the deck on the plans shown. They are just going up. They'd exceed impervious surface coverage if just the house, but they own parcel 1 and 2. Utilizing the combined total, they are below the impervious surface coverage. They are not proposing an increase, they are just maintaining what they already have. They had 2 neighboring properties support. It would not increase the encroachment towards the lake. A hardship was identified, and the Planning Commission recommended approval. Neighbors are also supporting this.

Grotting – What is the 69 sq ft.? Kaltsas - That was if they were to add the staircase shown on the survey. Grotting – The 4x4' jut out for the stairs is not going to be there? Kaltsas - Correct. Just converting a portion of the current deck to a screened deck. Good (didn't come to the microphone) – It is easy screen, plexiglass with screen behind it. It is a 3-season. Johnson- Was everything else as Kaltsas described it? Good- Yes.

**Motioned by Grotting to approve the variance as written for the construction of a screened deck at 4986 South Lake Shore Drive, seconded by Spencer. Ayes: Johnson, McCoy, Betts, Spencer, and Grotting. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain. None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.**

8. Open/Misc.

Johnson - Have we had an issue with people trying to go through the detour? Kaltsas – I think we have had a few more people trying to get through. Betts – Director Kroells took me through it and it's remarkable. The way they have it winding through the woods is beautiful, and the bridge it great. I just wished they would've continued it further from 92 to Delano West of the roundabout. Kaltsas- After a ¼ mile, it'll taper down, and it does the same from the East. We fought to get it all the way. The completed study helps to provide info for the next project from the roundabout to County Line Rd. Betts- I hope drivers don't get a false sense of security once out of that zone. Johnson – We hope they'll have it open in September. They've certainly had good weather to be working.

9. Adjourn.

**Motion by Spencer, seconded by McCoy and carried to adjourn at 5:17pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda Johnson / Recording Secretary