

MINUTES
REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
November 12, 2019 - 7:00 P.M.
9180 Lexington Avenue, Lexington, MN

1. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Roll Call: Chairperson VanderBloomer, Commissioners Bautch, Thorson, Koch and Murphy

Chairperson Vanderbloomer called to order the Regular Planning Commission meeting on November 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Commissioners Present: John Bautch, Michelle Koch, Gloria Murphy, and Ron Thorson. Also present: John Hughes, City Councilmember; Bill Petracek, City Administrator; Kurt Glaser, City Attorney.

2. CITIZENS FORUM

No citizens were present to discuss items not on the agenda

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA WITH CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS

Bautch made a motion to approve the agenda as typewritten. Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

4. LETTERS AND COMMUNICATION

- A. Building Permits for October 2019

Vanderbloomer asked about the sign permit at 9005 S. Highway Drive for \$30,000. Discussion ensued.

5. APPROVAL OF PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

- B. October 8, 2019

Thorson made a motion to approve the October 8, 2019 minutes. Koch seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

6. DISCUSSION ITEM:

- A. Discuss Proposed Ordinance Changes – Outdoor Storage

Attorney Glaser addressed the comments received from Building Official Ron Wasmund on the proposed ordinance changes for outdoor storage. Glaser stated that Mr. Wasmund's comments were very insightful to the enforcement of the ordinance. Discussion ensued.

The Commission discussed Mr. Wasmund's question about the 1-ton capacity for pick-ups under Section 11.60 Subd. 12 Exterior Storage and his suggestion for language. Vanderbloomer suggested incorporating the building official's language on 1-ton trucks into the proposed ordinance. Discussion ensued.

The Commission discussed Wasmund's comments about adding language regarding "tiny houses" as a manufactured home under Section 15.102 Subd. 1 (A) Recreational Vehicles.

Further discussion was had on the building official's suggestion on snowmobile trailer's with multiple sleds under Section 15.103 Subd. 1 (F) 3(b).

Murphy made a motion to recommend to the City Council to approve an ordinance amending outdoor storage based on the recommendations from Building Official Ron Wasmund and the Planning and Zoning Commission. Koch seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

B. Discuss 2020 P&Z Meeting date conflicts

- February 11, 2020 – Special Election (County Commissioner)
- August 11, 2020 General Primary Election

The Commission discussed moving the regular P & Z meetings that conflict with 2020 election dates. The consensus of the Commission is to move the conflicting meetings to the Monday prior to the dates of February 11th and August 11th. Petracek stated he will have the new dates on the next agenda for approval.

7. NOTE COUNCIL MINUTES:

- A. October 3, 2019
- B. October 17, 2019

Some discussion was had on the police department union negotiations and Circle Pines Sausage Haus business license discussion that was had by the City Council.

8. PLANNING COMMISSION INPUT

Koch brought up a light pole at 9651 Griggs Ave that was shut off because the new property owner didn't want to pay the \$10/month to keep it on, so Connexus took the light down. She asked what could be done because the street has poor lighting since the light was taken down. Petracek explained that the City doesn't have involvement in lighting on private property and generally the energy companies use a specific formula for placement of light poles on city streets. Attorney Glaser stated that Connexus Energy will install lights on private property for \$13.00 per month fee. Discussion ensued.

Bautch asked about Lexington Lofts development not being approved by the City Council. Councilmember Hughes provided an explanation as to why he voted against the project. Attorney Glaser explained the need for a 4/5th vote of the Council to approve the development. Discussion ensued.

Bautch also asked about the progress of George's Texaco. Petracek stated that the owner has committed to having the project completed by the spring of 2020. Discussion ensued.

Petracek told the Commission that discussions with O'Reilly's has started up again. He added that the company has a verbal approval of their stormwater drainage system.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Bautch made a motion to adjourn at 7:43 p.m. Koch seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.