

Councilmember Adams introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 08-22

A RESOLUTION GRANTING AN AMENDMENT TO A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, PREVIOUSLY APPROVED UNDER CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 06-130 AND AMENDED UNDER CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 07-08 FOR A WAL-MART SUPERCENTER, A GENERAL SALES AND SERVICE (GREATER THAN 70,000 SQ. FT. BUILDING FOOTPRINT) USE, LOCATED ON LOT 1, BLOCK 1, WAL-MART GRAND RAPIDS ADDITION

WHEREAS, a petition was received from Wal-Mart Stores Inc. on January 23rd, 2008 requesting an amendment to a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) previously approved by the City Council under Resolution 06-130, and amended under City Council Resolution 07-08; and

WHEREAS, the amendment requested by Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. seeks approval of changes in both the exterior building façade color scheme as well as the type, color, and amount of exterior building signage and monument signage; and

WHEREAS, the change to the color on both the exterior building façade and the monument sign as well a net reduction in building signage are requested in order to fulfill a corporate wide "rebranding" strategy recently undergone by Wal-Mart Stores; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed the request to amend the CUP and conducted a public hearing on this request on February 7th, 2008, and all were heard who wished to speak on the matter; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission made certain findings that the requested amendments to the CUP would meet the requirements of Section 30-531(e) and the Large Scale Commercial Design Standards, Division 14, of the City Code if those same conditions, as applied to the original CUP under Resolution 06-130 and amended under Resolution 07-08, remained in effect; and


WHEREAS, based upon their findings, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the amended CUP with a condition that all previously imposed conditions under City Council Resolution 06-130 & 07-08, remain in effect:

WHEREAS, the City Council, upon review of the minutes, findings and conditions of the Planning Commission, accepts and specifically adopts the findings and recommendation of the Planning Commission; that the establishment, maintenance and operation of the use contemplated by the proposed amended CUP:

1. Will not be detrimental to the public health, safety, morals or general welfare;
2. Will not cause undue traffic congestion or hazards and will not result in a parking shortage;
3. Will not be injurious to the use and enjoyment or result in a decrease in value of other property in the area;
4. Will not impede the orderly development of other property in the area;
5. Will not impose an excessive burden on parks and other public facilities and utilities;
6. Is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRAND RAPIDS, MINNESOTA that an amended Conditional Use Permit is granted to Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. to allow the proposed Wal-Mart SuperCenter, on property legally described as Lot 1, Block 1, Wal-Mart Grand Rapids Addition, and as depicted within the application, subject to the conditions within City Council Resolutions 06-130 and 07-08.

Adopted by the Council this 11th day of February 2008.


Jim Millis, Mayor

ATTEST:


Karen Alto, Interim City Clerk

Councilmember Erkkila seconded the foregoing resolution and the following voted in favor thereof Adams, Erkkila, McInerney, Millis; and the following voted against same, None; whereby the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.