



CITY OF
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PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, October 05, 2023

4:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: Pursuant to due notice and call thereof a Regular Meeting of the Grand Rapids Planning Commission will be held on Thursday, October 5, 2023 at 4:00 PM in City Hall Council Chambers, 420 North Pokegama Avenue, Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

CALL OF ROLL:

PRESENT: Commissioner Betsy Johnson, Commissioner Patrick Goggin, Commissioner Ted Hubbes, Commissioner Bill Schnell, Commissioner Paul Bignall, Commissioner Rick Blake. **ABSENT:** Commissioner Mark Gothard

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Consider approval of minutes from the September 7, 2023 regular meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Blake, second by Commissioner Schnell to approve the minutes from the September 7, 2023 regular meeting. The following voted in favor thereof: Johnson, Goggin, Hubbes, Schnell, Bignall, Blake. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

2. Conduct a Public Hearing to consider a variance petition submitted by Michael McLynn.

Community Development Director Mattei provided a power point with the background information.

Motion by Commissioner Blake, second by Commissioner Schnell that, based on the findings of fact presented here today, and in the public's best interest, the Planning Commission does hereby grant the following variances to Michael McLynn for the property legally described within the presentation to allow a one-time waiver of the requirements of Section 30-512 Table 2A of the Municipal Code, which lists District Development Regulations for Principal Structures, specifically where the Code establishes the minimum setbacks for structures in General Business Zoning. This variance permits a one-time reduction to the minimum Front Yard Setback from the required 30 feet to 20' for the proposed addition to the business located 407 NW 6th Ave. The following voted in favor thereof: Blake, Bignall, Schnell, Hubbes, Goggin, Johnson. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

3. Consider a recommendation to the City Council regarding the rezoning of 0.2 acres of land (Parcel 91-550-0340) from SR-2 (One and Two Family Residential) to SPU (Shoreland Public Use).

Staff provided background information. Julie Kennedy, General Manager, GRPUC answered questions regarding the requested rezone.

The Commissioners reviewed the considerations for the record.

1. Will the change affect the character of neighborhoods?
Why/Why not? No, it is already park like and this will allow for more green space.
2. Would the change foster economic growth in the community?
Why/Why not? Yes, it will allow for more water expansion.
3. Would the proposed change be in keeping with the spirit and intent of the ordinance?
Why/Why not? Yes, based on the need to provide the public with utilities.
4. Would the change be in the best interest of the general public?
Why/Why not? Yes, it will be providing the public with utilities.
5. Would the change be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan?
Why/Why not? Yes, it provides public utilities.

Motion by Commissioner Johnson, second by Commissioner Schnell that, based on the findings of fact presented here today, and in the public's best interest, the Planning Commission does hereby forward to the City Council a recommendation to approve the Zoning Map Amendment, as petitioned by the Grand Rapids Public Utilities Commission and Ryan and Kaelyn Hoshal, described within the presentation and as shown in the maps presented here today, from the current SR-2 (Shoreland One and Two Family Residential) zoning designation to that of SPU (Shoreland Public Use); The following voted in favor thereof: Blake, Bignall, Schnell, Hubbes, Goggin, Johnson. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Individuals may address the Planning Commission about any non-public hearing item or any item not included on the Regular Meeting Agenda. Speakers are requested to come to the podium, state their name and address for the record and limit their remarks to three (3) minutes.

MISCELLANEOUS:

REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES:

4. Welcome Introduction - Dan Swenson, Assistant Community Development Director

Community Development Director Mattei introduced Dan Swenson as the new Assistant Community Development Director.

5. Commissioner Mark Gothard resignation and thanks for many years of service

Mr. Mattei thanked Mark Gothard for his years of service on the Planning Commission.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 2, 2023 AT 4:00 PM.

Hearing Assistance Available: This facility is equipped with a ready assistance system.

ATTEST: Aurimy Groom, Administrative Assistant