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**PLANNING COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
Thursday, April 18, 2024
6:30 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, April 18, 2024 at 6:30 PM in City Hall Council Chambers, 420 North Pokegama Avenue, Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

Commissioner Patrick Goggin called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

CALL OF ROLL:

PRESENT: Commissioner Patrick Goggin, Commissioner Bill Schnell, Commissioner Paul Bignall, Commissioner Amanda Lamppa

ABSENT: Betsy Johnson

STAFF: Dan Swenson

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Conduct a Public Hearing to consider the preliminary plat of Hawkinson Commercial Development Second Addition.

Assistant Community Development Director Dan Swenson gave an overview of the information. Commissioner Goggin stated that notices were made and there was no correspondence.

Motion made by Commissioner Bignall, Seconded by Commissioner Schnell to open the public hearing. Voting Yea: Commissioner Goggin, Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Bignall, Commissioner Lamppa. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

Gary Lillesve, 2904 SW 1st Ave., Grand Rapids, MN

Concerns of traffic flow and enforcement of speeding and traffic laws, as there is already a traffic problem in this area.

Discussion on decreasing speed on HWY 169. This area is controlled by MN DOT.

Motion made by Commissioner Lamppa, Seconded by Commissioner Schnell to close the public hearing. Voting Yea: Commissioner Goggin, Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Bignall, Commissioner Lamppa. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

Assistant Community Development Director Dan Swenson provided a PowerPoint with more information.

The Commissioners reviewed the considerations for the record. They gave feedback and answered considerations.

Motion made by Commissioner Bignall, Seconded 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 preliminary plat of Hawkinson Commercial Development Second Addition. Voting Yea: Commissioner Goggin, Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Bignall, Commissioner Lamppa. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

2. Consider Initiating the Rezone of Property Located at 91-033-1406

Assistant Community Developer Director Dan Swenson provided a PowerPoint with the background information. Discussion was had of the process of rezoning.

Motion made by Commissioner Schnell, Seconded by Commissioner Bignall 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 to initiate the Rezone of Property Located at 91-033-1406. Voting Yea: Commissioner Goggin, Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Bignall, Commissioner Lamppa. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

3. Consider a recommendation to the City Council regarding the rezoning of 5 acres of land (Parcel 91-033-1406) from AP (Airport District) to I-1 (Industrial Park)

Dan Swenson, Assistant Community Development Director, explained the rezoning area. Discussion was had about the haul road in the NE corner. Attorney Chad Sterle was able to give insight into the haul road.

The Commissioners reviewed the considerations for the record. Question one was addressed and it was stated that is already accounted for due to the Distribution Center. Otherwise, there was no further discussion on the considerations, other than acknowledging compliance with considerations.

Motion made by Commissioner Bignall, Seconded by Commissioner Lamppa 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 rezoning of 5 acres of land (Parcel 91-033-1406) from AP (Airport District) to I-1 (Industrial Park). Voting Yea: Commissioner Goggin, Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Bignall, Commissioner Lamppa. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Plans for the next meeting to be in June, will discuss bylaws and the Commission having five or seven members. Attorney Chad Sterle explained the reasons for five members. Tonight is Bill's last meeting.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7 PM.

ATTEST: Amanda Mitchell, Administrative Assistant