



**MINUTES
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
May 15, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Vice-Chair Goodsell.

Present: Vice-Chair: Lori Goodsell; Commissioners: Virginia See, Anita Secord, and Judd Axelson;
City Administrator: Scott Weske; Planning Consultant: Hannah Rybak; and Council
Liaison: Mike Feldmann

Absent: Commission Chair: Roger Adams

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVE AGENDA

Commissioner Secord moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner See seconded. Ayes: all.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of the February 13, 2024 Planning Commission Meeting

Commissioner See moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Secord seconded. Ayes: all.

OPEN CORRESPONDENCE

No one was in attendance to address the Planning Commission during Open Correspondence.

BUSINESS ITEMS

- A. Public Hearing: Review Draft Ordinance Regarding Parking Regulations and the Storage of Boats, Trailers, and Recreational Vehicles

Planning Consultant Rybak reported that the City Council had reviewed the draft ordinance and had requested that there be additional discussion related to parking and storage of various vehicles and equipment. She noted that Sections 1 through 3 remained unchanged from the last time the Commission had reviewed the draft ordinance, but Sections 4 through 6 include some proposed amendments based on the outcome of the Council's discussions. She provided an overview of the proposed new and amended definitions in Section 4.

The Commission discussed various scenarios with non-conforming situations, grandfathering, enforcement, and work vehicles that people may park at home.

Rybak reviewed the proposed clarifications to Section 5 related to exterior storage in residential districts, and Section 6 related to parking and use restrictions. She answered Commissioner questions regarding hypothetical scenarios related to parking restrictions, parties, and the City's complaint based enforcement policy.

Commissioner Axelson asked about the discussion the City Council had regarding having multiple types of recreational vehicles on one trailer and asked if that had been addressed.

Rybak responded that the matter had been addressed in the definition and explained that when vehicles are stored or kept on a trailer, it would be considered as one recreational vehicle.

Commissioner Axelson questioned if that meant that someone could just park a long trailer on their property and just put everything on it, such as a boat, an ice house, and a snowmobile and it would just be counted as one thing.

Rybak confirmed Commissioner Axelson's understanding was correct.

City Administrator Weske pointed out that all of the vehicles would have to be registered and up to date with their licensing.

Commissioner See asked if there was a limit on the size of the trailer allowed.

Rybak replied that there was not a limit.

The Commission discussed the different types of open and closed trailers and how they may be used.

Vice-Chair Goodsell opened the public hearing at 6:50 pm. There being no public comment, Vice-Chair Goodsell closed the public hearing at 6:50 pm.

Commissioner See moved to recommend the City Council approve the draft Ordinance Regarding Parking Regulations and the Storage of Boats, Trailers, and Recreational Vehicles. Commissioner Axelson seconded. Ayes: all.

OTHER BUSINESS

Overnight Use of Park Property - Vice-Chair Goodsell stated that she had walked her dog through Holbrook Park earlier that morning and found someone sleeping in their vehicle. She was unsure whether it had just been a one night thing, but was concerned that it may be an ongoing activity. She reflected that her fear was that if one person was allowed to do so, word may get out and five others could show up and do the same thing, which she would not want to see happen in the City. She asked if there was a way to have public safety look into that situation. Weske indicated that he would speak to the Police Department and ask them to patrol the area more frequently.

A. Council Liaison Report

Council member Feldmann expressed his appreciation for the work the Planning Commission does for the City. He gave a brief update on the fire services situation and the recent letter the City had sent to Orono outlining some updated options including coming back to the table and considering a Joint Powers Agreement.

Vice-Chair Goodsell commented that she had seen the letter and thought it was very well written.

Council member Feldmann noted that he agreed, but he had spoken with one Orono Council member that expressed that they were not happy with the letter. He had asked them if their displeasure was with the content or the tone of the letter. The answer he received was that it was both, but they could not elaborate on specific issues.

Vice-Chair Goodsell observed that she felt the tone of the letter could not have been more humble than it was, and added that she felt it was conciliatory in nature.

Council member Feldmann recalled that one of the options presented was a Joint Powers Agreement, and the other was to continue with the contract. Orono responded with a letter that, in his opinion, did not have a lot of content. One message Orono has been communicating is that Long Lake has demanded 'veto' power, which is untrue and is something that has never been stated, and he found that messaging to be frustrating. The City is planning to hold another open house meeting later in the month to update residents on the fire services issue.

Weske added that he believed the open house had been scheduled for May 29, 2024.

Council member Feldmann indicated that the idea of the open house will be to offer an update on the situation as well as to allow people to speak their minds and ask questions. The City is trying to continue to be very transparent with everything that relates to fire services, and he reiterated that the situation has been very frustrating.

Commissioner Secord reflected that 2025 is just a matter of months away from now.

Council member Feldmann added that Orono is only one and a half months from taking over servicing the Navarre area in Orono, and it is still unclear to him how they will actually be able to run their daytime duty crews.

Vice-Chair Goodsell asked if that would provide adequate protection for the Navarre area.

Council member Feldmann replied that Orono claims that they are 100% ready to go. He shared that he was not sure what they were actually going to do and was assuming that they will operate out of their old Public Works facility and move vehicles during the day to a facility that hasn't been built yet.

Vice-Chair Goodsell stressed that this was all supposed to happen starting July 1, 2024.

Council member Feldmann expressed concern because the July 4th holiday is usually very busy and Orono does not have a boat, which would mean that they will have to lean on mutual aid for pretty

much everything. He observed that he found this to be a very scary situation for the residents of the community.

Commissioner Secord asked if the City planned to invite the residents of the Navarre area to attend the upcoming open house.

Council member Feldmann stated that anyone would be welcome to attend, but he wasn't sure how they would find out about it.

Weske clarified that 'open house' may not be the correct term to use because it will be more like an 'open forum'.

Commissioner Secord commented that she felt everyone who is covered by Long Lake Fire Department should receive a notice about that meeting, and asked how long the City would have Station 2 and Station 1.

Weske responded that the City would be operating out of Station 2 until the end of the current contract which extends through year-end 2025.

Council member Feldmann clarified that Station 1 was owned equally by both Long Lake and Orono, and the situation regarding what will happen on January 1, 2026 is unresolved as of yet.

Commissioner Secord echoed Council member Feldmann's frustrations because people's lives will be on the line.

Council member Feldmann noted that in discussions with other area communities, it looks like everyone, except Orono, was currently looking into Joint Powers Agreement and district type models for their fire services.

Vice-Chair Goodsell asked for details on the open forum meeting.

Weske replied that it will be held on May 29, 2024 at Calvin Presbyterian Church.

Vice-Chair Goodsell encouraged the Commission, if they know anyone who lives in the Navarre area, to get in touch with them and let them know about this meeting.

Weske stated that was a fine idea, but pointed out that ultimately they need to be contacting the Orono City Council and not the Long Lake City Council about the plans for the Navarre pull-out.

Vice-Chair Goodsell questioned whether the City had ever purchased an ad on Google, Facebook, or NextDoor where they could announce this type of information.

Weske replied that most of the time staff sends the information out through ListServ.

Vice-Chair Goodsell noted that the ListServ was only for the residents of Long Lake and there needs to be a way to get Navarre and Minnetonka Beach residents there for the meeting.

Council member Feldmann stated that he thinks once the information is sent out through ListServ, he would expect the information to end up getting plastered all over NextDoor and Facebook.

B. Commission Member Business

No other Commissioner business was discussed.

C. Staff Business

No other staff business was discussed.

ADJOURN

Commissioner See moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 pm. Commissioner Secord seconded. Ayes: all.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Weske
City Administrator