

MINUTES
REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
August 8, 2023 - 7:00 P.M.
9180 Lexington Avenue, Lexington, MN

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

Chairperson Bautch called to order the Regular Planning Commission meeting on August 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Commissioners Present: Gloria Murphy, Michelle Koch, Ron Thorson and Chuck Ogden. Also present: Brandon Winge, 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

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

4. LETTERS AND COMMUNICATION

- A. Building Permits for July 2023

No discussion on building permits.

5. APPROVAL OF PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

- B. July 11, 2023

Bautch made a motion to approve the July 11, 2023 Planning Commission Minutes as typewritten. Thorson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

6. DISCUSSION ITEM:

- A. Discuss Substance Abuse Clinic Proposed Ordinance

Attorney Glaser provided an overview of the proposed substance abuse clinic ordinance. Glaser explained that the 1000 ft. regulation in the ordinance might ensure a clinic would not be able to comply and make it difficult to locate to the community. He added that it may potentially cause legal action against the City, but it is a common standard in other communities, and still recommends the restrictions. Discussion ensued.

Glaser discussed the idea of allowing a clinic with a conditional or interim use permit. Discussion ensued.

Ogden asked about overnight parking. He stated there needs to be a provision in the ordinance about no overnight parking. He added that patrons of a clinic tend to sleep over night in the parking lot waiting to get their dose. Discussion ensued.

Ogden asked if there has been any restrictions on business hours. Glaser stated that you could restrict business hours on a clinic. Discussion ensued.

Koch made a motion to hold a public hearing on the proposed ordinance for substance abused clinics at the September 12, 2023 meeting with the changes recommended to the city attorney to be made. Ogden seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

7. NOTE COUNCIL MINUTES:

- A. July 6, 2023
- B. July 20, 2023

No discussion on Council minutes. Murphy pointed out a typo to the July 6 minutes.

8. PLANNING COMMISSION INPUT

Bautch stated there is light flickering on the entrance sign. He also asked about if public works was going to fix the storm drains on Albert and North Highway Drive. Petracek stated he would have public works call him.

Koch asked about George's Texaco being for sale. Petracek explained that owner is selling his properties due to inability to find a good general manager for George's Texaco. Discussion ensued.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Koch made a motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.