

**MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING
&
REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
October 10, 2023 - 7:00 P.M.
9180 Lexington Avenue, Lexington, MN**

1. CALL TO ORDER PUBLIC HEARING

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

Chairperson Bautch called to order the Public Hearing on October 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Commissioners Present: Gloria Murphy, Michelle Koch, Ron Thorson and Chuck Ogden. Also present: Brandon Winge, City Councilmember; Bill Petrcek, City Administrator; Kurt Glaser, City Attorney; Barbara Caliendo, Circle Pines resident.

2. PUBLIC HEARING – Proposed New Ordinance for Substance Abuse Clinic Regulation

*Barbara Caliendo
14 Ridge Road, Circle Pines, MN.*

Ms. Caliendo was present to oppose the City of Lexington allowing a methadone clinic into their city. Ms. Caliendo explained that allowing a methadone clinic into your city is a health and safety problem. She added that since the low-income housing of Landings of Lexington was allowed into the area, she has been panhandled twice – once at Aldi's Grocery and once at Mill's Fleet Farm. She stated that she is not racist and feels bad for people with an addiction, but believes that a methadone clinic would affect the area negatively like Landings of Lexington. Discussion ensued.

Koch explained to Caliendo that the Planning Commission agrees with her and is doing everything they can to regulate the possibility of a Methadone clinic locating in Lexington by adopting this ordinance. Discussion ensued.

3. ADJOURNMENT PUBLIC HEARING

Bautch made a motion to adjourn the public hearing at 7:09 p.m. Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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4. 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 October 10, 2023 at 7:09 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.

5. CITIZENS FORUM

No citizens were present to discuss items not on the agenda.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA WITH CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS

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

7. LETTERS AND COMMUNICATION

- A. Building Permits for September 2023

Some discussion on September building permits.

8. APPROVAL OF PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

- A. September 12, 2023

Murphy made a motion to approve the September 12, 2023 Planning Commission Minutes as typewritten. Thorson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

9. DISCUSSION ITEM:

- A. Recommendation to City Council to approve Section 11.40 Ordinance Regulating Addiction Treatment Clinics

Ogden stated that he is concerned about referring to these facilities as “addiction treatment clinics” as opposed to health care clinics in the ordinance. Attorney Glaser stated that this is not an issue, since the Human Rights League has issued specific problems with methadone clinics locating to a community on their website, and those issues are addressed in the ordinance. Discussion ensued.

Ogden made a motion to recommend to the City Council to approve Section 11.40 – an Ordinance Regulating Addiction Treatment Clinics. Koch seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

10. NOTE COUNCIL MINUTES:

- A. September 7, 2023
- B. September 21, 2023

Some discussion regarding the Centennial Lakes Police Budget.

11. PLANNING COMMISSION INPUT

Murphy discussed the fire hydrants being replaced in the City. Discussion ensued.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Koch made a motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.