

City of Harris
Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
April 3, 2017

Call to Order

Chair Rossini called to order the regular meeting of the Planning Commission at 7:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone joined in the pledge of allegiance led by Chair Rossini.

Roll Call

The City Clerk conducted roll call. The following Planning Commission members were present: Chair Rossini, Commissioner Still, Commissioner Cardinal, Commissioner Peterson and Commissioner Carlson. The City Clerk advised that a quorum was present.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Still made a motion to approve the February 6, 2017 regular meeting minutes, February 28, 2017 public hearing minutes and the February 28, 2017 special meeting minutes, as written. Commissioner Cardinal seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Regular Agenda

Dog Kennel CUP - Andy Nybeck, 43493 Evergreen Ave, was present. He has applied for a CUP to keep a residential dog kennel. He has 15 dogs which he keeps as companion and service dogs. The dogs are kept inside most of the time and they are in a fenced yard when they are outside. Commissioner Still made a motion to schedule a public hearing for this CUP. Commissioner Cardinal seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing for this CUP just prior to their June 5 regular meeting.

Rental Ordinance - Chair Rossini asked if there was any additional discussion. Commissioner Cardinal made a motion to recommend to Council that they approve Rental Ordinance #2016-02. Commissioner Still seconded the motion. Commissioners Rossini, Cardinal, Still and Peterson voted for the motion. Commissioner Carlson opposed. Motion carried. Commissioner Carlson felt that the ordinance gave the clerk too much power. Commissioner Peterson thought that 120.05(B)(1) should be clarified to read *"The Chisago County Sheriff's office will be responsible for enforcement and the City Clerk will be responsible for the administration of this section."* Commissioner Peterson also pointed out a couple of small typos that also needed to be amended - 120.04(C) & 120.04(D)(2). Commissioner Carlson felt that the Council should be involved in any action taken by the Clerk. 120.05(B)(2) should read *"Upon determination by the Sheriff's Office that a nuisance activity, as described in subsection (B)(1) has occurred on a licensed rental property, the City Clerk, after getting approval from the City Council, will give notice to the licensee of the violation and direct the licensee to take steps to prevent further violations."*

Commissioner Still made the motion to rescind the previous motion approving the rental ordinance. Commissioner Cardinal seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Still made the motion to recommend to Council that they approve Rental Ordinance #2016-02 with the above changes. Commissioner Cardinal seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Rezoning of Pinewood Apt property - Chair Rossini asked if there was any additional discussion. Commissioner Still made the motion to recommend to Council that they approve the rezoning of this property. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Comprehensive Plan - The Commission discussed how the City can preserve and expand the business and residential base in Harris. They decided to table this issue until their next meeting.

Sewer/Water Expansion discussion - The Commission discussed how to expand the sewer & water system. They decided to invite Nolan and Robinson to a meeting; get details about the east side of the city and try to figure out the age of the mound systems of the houses going out to the freeway. They also decided to have a workshop and invite the Council.

Adjournment

Commissioner Still motioned to adjourn and Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm.

City Clerk - Joanne Dargay

Date Approved

