**Harris Planning Commission**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**March 1, 2021**

**I. Call to Order**

Chair Rossini called to order the regular meeting of the Harris Planning Commission at 7:10 pm.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

All participated in the Pledge of Allegiance

**III. Roll Call**

The City Clerk conducted roll call. The following were present: Chair Rossini, Commissioner Peterson, Commissioner Olson, Commissioner Williams and Commissioner Siedow. A quorum was present.

**IV.** **Consent Agenda**

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the February 1, 2020 Regular Planning Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Olson seconded the motion. Commissioners Peterson, Olson, Siedow, Rossini and Williams voting in favor, motion carried.

**V. Public Comment**

There was no public comment

**VI Regular Agenda**

* **Harris Economic Development Studies**

The Harris Interchange Area Development Feasibility Study and the Harris Downtown Redevelopment Feasibility Study were reviewed. Council members shared that while the studies were emailed to them, several personal computers are not able to read the materials. The clerk was instructed to have commission packets placed in council room at time of planning commission posting, five days before meeting. Commission members will access and be able to thoroughly review pertinent information before meeting. Commission recognizes the importance of the information provided via the reports. Directed that at the next available Planning Commission meeting the Engineer, or assignee from MSA services be present to discuss the reports. Clerk will schedule as requested.

* **Sign Policy**

Commissioner Peterson presented information he has gathered to assist in the development of a signage policy for the City of Harris. Discussion ensued regarding possibilities of partnering with other cities in efforts to reduce some of the costs of a city signage program, in matters of supplies purchase and storage. The clerk has placed calls to a few nearby cities to see what type of signage policy might be in place that could be useful in Harris. Commissioner Peterson commented on the condition of some of the signs presently in use in the City of Harris and their surroundings that could use improvement. Noted that next city budget may need to show some amount of funds dedicated to signage to operationalize a sign policy, relating to city of Harris roads. Commissioner Peterson, having actually been the sign department for Chisago County shared his knowledge about sign specifications. The Commission recognizes signs are necessary for the safety of persons using city roads and will continue to gather information and pursue the development of signage policy with associated next steps.

* **Old Business**

**Clerk’s Information**

The Clerk introduced herself and gave a summary of the types of calls she had received at the city hall in these initial days of her employment. She shared that several inquiries have been received concerning the cities willingness to consider splits of lots, realtors seeking information, and city water issues which were resolved by George Valvoda of People’s Services. The Clerk stated staff and city residents are over-all very helpful and pleasant. She thanked the Planning Commission for the opportunity to serve Harris.

The Clerk reviewed notes from her review of Planning Commission meetings cy 2020, gain knowledge of the work of the Planning Commission and identify possible incomplete projects of the Planning Commission. Possible projects needing completion include: use of recreational vehicles, ROW and lot frontages. motor tracks and use of firearms in nuisance ordinances. Commission noted there were not additional revisions to nuisance and firearms to be made at this time. The Commission may consider the Comprehensive Plan, notably this plan has had periodic review by the Commission. Chair Rossini advised clerk to locate and consult a former projects list as generated by prior city personnel . Clerk will continue to bring forward for work and clarification those projects identified by Commission members, or by review of available city records.

**VII. Commissioner Reports**

General discussion pertaining to events that would bring public to Harris, or be beneficial to Harris residents. Notably the pandemic has curtailed many pubic gatherings. The

Commission welcomes ideas for events and projects and grant opportunities that will

enrich the fabric of Harris.

**VIII. Council Report**

None

**IX. Adjourn**

Commissioner Williams made a motion to adjourn the March 1, 2021 Planning Commission meeting. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. There being no further business, Chair Rossini adjourned the meeting at 8:40 pm.

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City Clerk Planning Commission Chair

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