



**CITY OF LONG LAKE
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
May 11, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Crump.

Present: Committee Members Hultmann, Crump, Skjaret, and Loosen; City Administrator Post

Absent: None.

APPROVE AGENDA

Commissioner Skjaret moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Hultmann seconded. Ayes: all.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of the April 13, 2010 Planning Commission Meeting

Commissioner Hultmann moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Loosen seconded. Ayes: all.

OPEN CORRESPONDENCE

None.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Updated Discussion of Elite Auto Situation

City Administrator Post reviewed the staff report for the Planning Commission. He gave a brief history on this issue stating previous Planning Commission discussion on the topic contemplated the possibility of both rezoning the illegal use and requiring a revised site plan. The City Council was not in favor of rezoning the illegal use. He explained staff, including City Attorney Jamnik, met with Elite Auto representatives and their attorney, Bruce Malkerson, to discuss where this issue was headed. Attorney Malkerson, representing Elite Auto, was going to evaluate the aspects of the situation with his clients and respond back to the City in two weeks. The City has not heard anything to date.

Commissioner Hultman asked if the situation would lead to a lawsuit and if so, where the funds would come from.

City Administrator Post explained he did not know all of the possible scenarios, but if the City were to engage in a lawsuit, it may have to be funded through the General Fund.

Commissioner Hultman questioned if the public should be polled before the City were to pursue a lawsuit. This would provide the Council with information on how the public felt about Elite Auto.

City Administrator Post indicated the adoption of the current comprehensive plan, as well as compliance with previous Zoning Ordinances were guiding the issue at this time. If the City were to pursue the goals outlined within the comprehensive plan, action would have to be taken.

Commissioner Hultman stated he served on the Comprehensive Plan Update committee for three years and the goal was to have a boulevard from curb-to-curb. He was disappointed the Council would not try to resolve this issue in a more fiscally friendly manner.

Kris Rudd, Elite Auto, stated she would be meeting with her attorney next week and would get back to the City after that meeting.

Chair Crump asked if the Elite Auto outside clean-up over the past four months along Wayzata Boulevard would continue.

Ms. Rudd was not aware of any other action that would be taken.

Shane Rudd, Elite Auto, stated the clean-up was complete and a fence would be erected shortly.

Chair Crump questioned if the Rudds' would be able to maintain their current operations at Elite Auto if significant clean-up were completed along Wayzata Boulevard.

City Administrator Post summarized the discussion held by the City Council at a previous work session meeting. The Council was not in favor of allowing an auto salvage or auto dismantling operation in the City of Long Lake. In addition, the Council was not in favor of rezoning the site.

Chair Crump encouraged the Commission to contact the Councilmembers for further information on this issue, as the Council's process was not in question.

City Administrator Post invited the Rudds' to attend the next Council meeting on May 18, 2010.

Chair Crump thanked Elite Auto for being present at the meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council Liaison Report

Councilmember Carpenter was not present at the meeting.

Commission Member Business

Commissioner Hultmann asked staff to investigate how many Planning Commission meetings were missed by each Councilmember over the past three to four years and that this information be brought back to the Commission at their next meeting. He felt the Councilmembers were missing too many meetings.

Commissioners questioned the Wayzata Boulevard shoulder water problems near the Billy's Lighthouse property.

City Administrator Post indicated the contractor had a punch list of items to complete, including the straightening of several valves that were not plumb. There was no leak in the newly installed watermain.

Commissioner Loosen stated he was curious about Commissioner Hultmann's question as well. He noted that if the Planning Commissioners were to miss three meetings, the City would replace them.

Staff Business

City Administrator Post summarized the items that would be on the agenda for the June Planning Commission meeting. He indicated topic of green philosophies was discussed last fall and asked how the Commission would like to proceed with this topic.

Chair Crump explained the Commission was waiting for direction from the Council on this issue. He felt it would be a large endeavor for this small community to take on an energy fair.

City Administrator Post requested a Commissioner attend the June 1st Council meeting to seek additional guidance on this issue.

Commissioner Skjaret offered to attend the meeting.

City Administrator Post indicated the City received an address change for an area on the east end of town by Lindawood Lane. The two parcels don't access Highway 12 and have since requested Lindawood Lane addresses. He explained the City owns a .48 acre lot adjacent to these lots, which is currently being partly used for access.

Chair Crump explained this has been an ongoing issue and suggested the City look into selling the adjacent lot to provide access to the two parcels.

It was noted the City Council was scheduled to meet next on May 18, 2010.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Skjaret moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m. Commissioner Loosen seconded. Ayes: all.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Post
City Administrator