



**CITY OF LONG LAKE  
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 12, 2013**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. Chair Erickson.

Present: Commission Members Crump, Erickson, Jerde, and Stephenson; City Administrator, Terry Post; and City Councilmember Skjaret, and Planning Consultant Ann Perry.

Absent: Commission Member Hughes (excused absence).

**APPROVE AGENDA**

*Commissioner Crump moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Ayes: all.*

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Minutes of the January 8, 2013 Planning Commission Meeting**

*Commissioner Crump moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Ayes: all.*

**OPEN CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Discussion of Professional Services Permitted Uses in Various Zoning Districts**

City Administrator Post provided background to the Commission that this item appears on the agenda as a result of a prospective tenant wanting to open a therapeutic massage business at the 1605 West Wayzata Blvd. location. This parcel is the only one in the Village Commercial District 1 (VCD1). Perry explained that, as a general rule, if a use is not specifically listed as a permitted use it is deemed not to be permitted unless language in the Zoning District has "such as but not limited to" language. In contrast to the B-1 or B-2 Zoning Districts, the language in VCD1 is more restrictive.

Discussion then ensued regarding why the VCD1 District exists, what the history was in its creation, and why permitted uses for this location could not be consistent with B-1 and B-2 Districts. The point was also made that, relative to this specific massage business inquiry, the Zoning Code also is very specific regarding Adult Uses and location of same in either I-1 and I-2 Districts. It was further discussed that this was not an Adult Use situation and probably more similar to the massages available in area chiropractic offices.

The Commission concluded that no recommendation to the City Council be forthcoming at this time, and that the history of the VCD1 be further researched and discussed at the March Planning Commission meeting.

**B. Discussion of Planning Commission 2013 Work Plan**

City Administrator Post referred to the bench handouts provided by Chair Erickson which included a Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) overview sheet prepared by the City of Big Lake, Metro Transit schematic of the Maple Plain "Park & Share Lot", a possible park and ride location near the Brown Road/W. Wayzata Blvd. intersection at 2060 W. Wayzata Blvd. in Orono, the 20 Long Lake bus stops as shown on the Metro Transit website without signage, and a PowerPoint presentation of a "Planning 101" Seminar sponsored by City Engineers WSB & Associates he attended on January 26<sup>th</sup>. Post also advised the Commission that an agenda item on the February 19<sup>th</sup> Council work session meeting was to discuss prioritizing a 2013 work plan for the Planning Commission and that they all would be invited to engage in conversation with the Council on this topic.

The Commission then engaged in discussion which identified possible work plan topics that included the following:

- Possible re-zoning of VCD1 into either B-1 or B-2 and/or eliminating the VCD1 District.
- Involvement of the Planning Commission in development of an RFP for City-owned Virginia Avenue land sale that reflects the Comp Plan vision.
- Be aware of the Federal Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act (RLUIPA) and proactively see how that relates to local ordinances.
- Develop stronger communication ties to Metro Transit.
- Work with the business community regarding any non-conforming uses.
- Possible need to get into the licensing business regarding adult uses.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Council Liaison Report**

Councilmember Skjaret provided an update on recent Council activity. He advised at the January 15<sup>th</sup> meeting the Council had approved various Fire Department Officer and Coordinator positions; that the Council had had a Strategic Planning meeting on January 19<sup>th</sup> with outcomes including begin to plan for a future joint Long Lake/Orono Watertown Road Improvements Project, that a joint Long Lake/Wayzata shared services study group had begun activities, and that the City consider hiring an intern to pursue various economic development grants; at the February 5<sup>th</sup> meeting the Council had approved a \$123,042 inflow and infiltration grant with the Met Council Environmental Services group related to the proposed 2013 Brimhall/Tamarack road improvements project, and a resolution was passed recognizing the contributions of former councilmember Brian Carpenter.

**Commission Member Business**

Commissioner Crump announced with regrets that he would be resigning from the Commission effective immediately due to an out-of-state job opportunity and noted that he had already listed his Long Lake residence for sale.

**Staff Business**

City Administrator Post again invited Commissioners to consider attending the Council February 19<sup>th</sup> work session meeting from 6:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. to dialogue with the Council on setting the 2013 work plan in place.

**ADJOURN**

*Commissioner Crump moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Ayes: all.*

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Post  
City Administrator