



**CITY OF LONG LAKE
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
August 9, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Chair Adams.

Present: Commission Members Adams, Hughes, See, and Keating; City Administrator Weske; City Planning Consultant Lewis.

Absent: Commission Member Miner.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVE AGENDA

Commissioner See moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Commissioner Keating seconded. Ayes: all.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of the July 11, 2017 Planning Commission Meeting

Commissioner See moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Keating seconded. Ayes: all.

OPEN CORRESPONDENCE

Chair Adams noted a resident's concern regarding jet skis and their limited hours of use and suggested the possible restriction of ballast boats as well. Commissioner See was concerned about the resulting environmental issues.

BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Discussion of B-1 Limited Business, B-2 General Business, and VC-1 Village Commercial 1 Zoning District Classifications

City Administrator Weske presented. He noted as continuation of the Commission goal to review the Long Lake Zoning Ordinance to make amendments for clarity and ease of use where opportunity may exist to do so, staff recommends reviewing Zoning Ordinance

Section 15A, Regulations for the VC-1 Village Commercial District and to consider whether the VC-1 zoning classification should be removed in future; along with reviewing Zoning Ordinance Section 13, Regulations for B-1 Limited Business District; and reviewing Section 14, Regulations for B-2 General Business District.

City Administrator Weske stated the B-1 and B-2 zoning districts are interchangeable and stated the biggest concern would be the permissible use process. He noted at the July 11th Planning Commission meeting, discussion was held regarding the VC-1 Village Commercial District, which consisted of one property located at 1605 W. Wayzata Boulevard, owned by John James, DBA an administrative office operating as a limited-vehicle auction dealer, for which a process was negotiated to allow for such a business. He explained that the 2030 Land Use Map guides the future use of the property as remaining commercial at this time, indicating that rezoning to an alternate business district zoning classification would not be in conflict with the Comprehensive Plan. He reported the Planning Commission expressed interest in further exploring elimination and rezoning of the only VC-1 district designated property. He requested developing language within the Comprehensive Plan to maintain control of types of businesses allowed.

Discussion was held as to the current auto-operating businesses in the B-1 and B-2 zoning districts that were grandfathered in. Chair Adams explained the reasoning behind the VC-1 district zoning classification was to initiate a commercial village-style concept. He further explained since then, only one current business exists within this district which has resulted in spot zoning. His opinion was the VC-1 district could easily become a B-1 or B-2 district, as the current business is more of a virtual office service as opposed to an auto-operating business. He noted that if an auto-operating business were allowed, there are five designated parking areas to for the sale of autos on their lot, but would not like that precedence to be set.

Commissioner Keating stated the vision should entail what City of Long Lake's goals are, and he stated he was sure the goal would not involve used cars in that area. He felt the best area for such a business type would be the western area in the industrial zone.

City Administrator Weske reported the sign requirements for VC-1, B-1, and B-2 zoning districts are the same. He further reported that B-1 and B-2 zoning district regulations include statements that auto-oriented businesses are specifically excluded from these districts. He informed the VC-1 zoned property business's tenant has expressed further interest in expanding the business to include limited used vehicle sales. Chair Adams responded this would resemble a vehicle sales lot and would not be welcomed in the downtown area. City Administrator Weske informed that neither of the tenant's businesses would be permitted in the B-1 or B-2 zoning districts as currently worded, and the existing auto-oriented business would become a non-conforming operation and permitted to continue only as-is, and any future plans to expand and include limited used vehicle sales would not be permitted.

Discussion was held to determine which scenario would work best. City Administrator Weske informed the only possible issues resulting from combining the VC-1 district with B-1 or B-2 zoning would be parking and storage. Chair Adams did not feel there to be much opportunity in keeping the VC-1 zoning district, but would like to borrow some guidance of the VC-1 zoning for aesthetic visioning.

City Administrator Weske provided the following supporting information: Long Lake Zoning Ordinance – Section 13 (B-1), Section 14 (B-2), and Section 15A (VC-1)

OTHER BUSINESS

Council Liaison Report – Tom Skjaret addressed the personal watercraft issue stating Long Lake is the only community in the State of Minnesota that has such time restrictions that limit use of personal watercraft. He noted this item was brought to light after a resident received a warning ticket. The City Council requested the restriction go away, but cautioned Long Lake shares the lake with the City of Orono, and wanted to research who was responsible for originating this restriction before proceeding. Liaison Skjaret addressed Chair Adams concern with weighted boats, stating a resident suggested consideration be had due to zebra mussels and inquired about the process.

City Administrator Weske added to the reference of the resident's warning regarding jet ski use and stated the Sheriff's Patrol warned jet ski use was not permitted after 6:30 p.m. He noted he had not heard of anyone receiving a warning before this. Chair Adams stated this individual referenced other communities are also placing more restrictions as well, and suggested Long Lake consider being less restrictive, to attract more people. He further stated this is a public landing and the waters belong to the people, and jet ski boats should be allowed the same use as ski boats. He informed in 1995, jet skis were very loud, resulting in the restriction, but noted nowadays they are quieter than boats. It was noted Long Lake is awaiting word from Orono before passing an ordinance.

Liaison Skjaret reported the Lake Minnetonka Communications Commission addressed free access to right of ways for tower companies and to place limits on how much can be charged per pole. He reported this issue developed due preparation for accommodating the use of streaming devices while hosting the Minnesota Super Bowl 2018. The City Council will review drafts for the right of way ordinance to either accept or reject, but noted they have no control over the placement of poles. He reported on a new 30-year contract with American Tower Company for 445 Willow Drive North, resulting in big revenue, where there will be further consideration as to which towers to revenue for.

Liaison Skjaret reported on the County 112 project stating the North Brown Road intersection is closed for the next few weeks, resulting in traffic detouring through the bank parking lot. He further reported the rock crushing project by the old berm was completed. He noted that last week Phase Two was approved and the County will proceed with the project of the six-foot area of road, which is a public street owned by Orono, and Orono wants snowplowing and maintenance to be the responsibility of Long Lake. He provided background stating the original plan was for this area to become a public driveway. He stated 1070 is developed, there would be an agreement where residents would take over maintenance, but noted resident's disagreement as they would like Orono to be responsible for maintenance. He noted the project is set for completion in February 2018, so there is time to work out details.

Liaison Skjaret noted The Woods Landscaping returned a bid for a second year option at no price increase, further notice there have been no complaints with their services to-date. He informed that the bicycle repair station in Hardin Park has been completed and grass is now growing. He feels this is a great way to attract bicyclists and a fun plus for the community. Grant monies were used from the Hennepin County Business Improvement.

Chair Adams asked about the new monuments signs. Liaison Skjaret stated placement by the pet store and where bicycle path comes down. He informed that and all weighed-in at the last public hearing and it was decided the monument sign will state, "City of Long Lake". Chair Adams noted his concern within the two signs purchased by the Lions Club. City Administrator Weske informed they were taken down and placed in the public works department to be reinstalled this month.

Liaison Skjaret reported the City Council will be working on next year's budget until year end. He noted the other area of focus is the Metropolitan Council Comprehensive Plan, and they are awaiting to meet with the Metropolitan Council regarding requirements for the plan to be submitted by June or July 2018. He noted generators and pumps have been placed at the two lift stations, which include the attachment of wireless phones that are activated once the generator is turned on.

Commissioner See asked for the status of development with the Virginia Avenue property. Liaison Skjaret noted the City Council submitted a counter-offer to Pillar Homes and is hoping to hear a response by next Tuesday. He further noted an additional 30-day extension has been granted for this property. City Administrator Weske provided an overhead map of the property in question.

Commission Member Business – None.

Staff Business – None.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Keating moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. Commissioner Hughes seconded. Ayes: all.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Weske
City Administrator