



COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Tuesday, October 8, 2024

6:30 p.m.

Coon Rapids City Center

Conference Room 1

Call to Order

Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.04, subd. 2, the City Council will meet in work session to discuss the following:

1. Discuss Anoka County Traffic Signal Updates
2. Discuss Crooked Lake Park Operational Changes
3. Discuss Potential Ordinance Changes Related to Adult Use Cannabis

Other Business

City Manager's Other Business Items:

- Centra Homes development proposal update
- 2025 City Meeting Calendar
- Overview of the remaining 2024 Council Work Session meetings and topics

City Council Other Business Items

Adjourn



City Council Work Session

1.

Meeting Date: 10/08/2024

Subject: Discuss Anoka County Traffic Signal Updates

Submitted For: Mark Hansen, City Engineer

From: Amanda Romano, Administrative Assistant II

INTRODUCTION

The Anoka County Highway Department operates and maintains most of the traffic signals located throughout the City of Coon Rapids. Staff from the Highway Department will present updates on future work planned at two traffic signals located in the City.

DISCUSSION

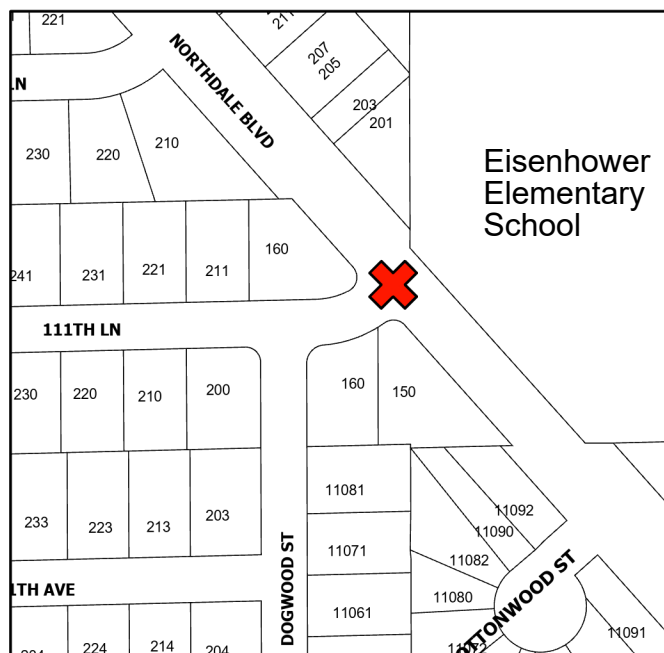
Highway Department staff are planning updates to two traffic signal systems located in the City of Coon Rapids. The traffic signal at 115th Avenue and Crooked Lake Boulevard is an old span wire system which does not meet signal warrants to require installation of a traffic signal. This signal is recommended to be removed in 2025. A pedestrian crosswalk and ADA curb ramp and sidewalk upgrades will be performed at this location in conjunction with any proposed signal work. Additionally, the traffic signal at 111th Lane and Northdale Boulevard is recommended to be replaced in 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

The information provided is to inform the Council on traffic signal work being planned for 2025 and to obtain any feedback from the Council.

Attachments

Project Locations





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2.

Meeting Date: 10/08/2024

Subject: Discuss Crooked Lake Park Operational Changes

From: Stephanie Ring, Director of Community and Recreation Services

INTRODUCTION

Crooked Lake Park has had an increase in the amount of complaints related to noise, poor behaviors and other issues since 2022. City staff have been implementing several changes to remedy the complaints since that time, but staff suggests additional operational changes for 2025.

DISCUSSION

City staff have implemented changes to address behaviors in the park which have included: park and recreation facility monitors walking the park at various times, additional signage stating park shelter rules, additional police patrols and placement of the police department camera trailer on park grounds (for several weeks in 2024). While some success has been achieved with these methods, staff believes more operational changes are required for the 2025 season. Staff will present several scenarios as part of a presentation, and will request Council feedback.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff requests Council direction in order to move forward on potential operational changes for 2025.



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3.

Meeting Date: 10/08/2024

Subject: Discuss Potential Ordinance Changes Related to Adult Use Cannabis

From: Joan Lenzmeier, City Clerk

INTRODUCTION

The Community Development Staff and the City Clerk will discuss proposed Cannabis regulations with the Council.

DISCUSSION

Minnesota Statute 342 establishes that cities may place reasonable restrictions on locations of cannabis businesses. Cities may impose distance requirements from schools, day cares, treatment centers, and certain park features.

The locational framework that staff currently proposes, shown on the attached map, imposes all distance requirements allowed by State law. Cannabis retailers would be allowed in the General Commercial, Community Commercial, Regional Shopping districts. They would also be allowed in the Port Evergreen and Port Wellness districts, but excluded from the rest of the River Rapids Overlay. Once the distance requirements are overlayed, this framework would effectively allow cannabis retail in a few general areas of the City, including the Riverdale area, part of Port Wellness, part of Port Evergreen and the Northtown Mall area, and a small area near Highway 10 and Hanson Boulevard. Many commercial areas would still be off-limits due to the distance requirements. Staff's current proposal would allow cannabis manufacturers, wholesalers, and transporters in the Industrial district with the same distance requirements.

The City may also, by ordinance, limit the number of licensed cannabis retailers, cannabis mezzobusinesses with a retail operations endorsement, and cannabis microbusinesses with a retail operations endorsement to no fewer than one registration for every 12,500 residents and staff is proposing that we do so. In order to limit the number of businesses, the City is required to establish a registration process. Staff is working on an Ordinance that would require registry with the City prior to licensure with the State as is required by the Statute. Fees for those registrations will be proposed as outlined in the Statute. The City is allowed to charge an initial registration fee of \$500 or half the State license fee, whichever is less for the initial registration and \$1,000 or half the State license fee, whichever is less for registration renewal yearly beginning in year two. Establishment of a registration process does require that the City conduct yearly compliance checks similar to what is done with our licensed tobacco and alcohol locations.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff requests Council discuss these recommendations and provide direction on this matter prior to the introduction of ordinance amendments at a future Council meeting.

Attachments

Proposed Cannabis Business Location Map

