

**PLANNING COMMISSION
CITY OF RAMSEY
ANOKA COUNTY
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

The Ramsey Planning Commission conducted a regular meeting on Thursday, March 1, 2012, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Members Present: Chairperson Gary Levine
 Commissioner Randy Bauer
 Commissioner Joseph Field
 Commissioner Rob Schiller
 Commissioner Gary Van Scoy

Members Absent: Commissioner Ralph Brauer
 Commissioner Andrew Dunaway

Also Present: Senior Planner Tim Gladhill
 Associate Planner/Environmental Coordinator Chris Anderson

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Levine called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

CITIZEN INPUT

None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Bauer, seconded by Commissioner Field, to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion Carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Levine, Commissioners Brauer, Field, Schiller, and Van Scoy. Voting No: None. Absent: Commissioners Brauer and Dunaway.

APPROVE PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Bauer, seconded by Commissioner Van Scoy, to approve the following minutes as presented:

- 1) Planning Commission public hearing and regular meeting minutes dated February 2, 2012

Motion Carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Levine, Commissioners Bauer, Van Scoy, Field, and Schiller. Voting No: None. Absent: Commissioners Brauer and Dunaway.

NOTE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

The City Council minutes were noted.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/COMMISSION BUSINESS

Case #1: Public Hearing – Request for an Interim Use Permit for an Online School at 7550 Highway 10 NW; Case of 2-OI, LLC

Public Hearing

Chairperson Levine called the public hearing to order at 7:02 p.m.

Presentation

Associate Planner/Environmental Coordinator Anderson presented the staff report.

Citizen Input

Matt Kuker, representative for 2-OI, LLC stated they purchased the property with the intent to lease to the PACT Charter School. He stated it is a good use of the property, the ball fields will be utilized, there is ample parking and he thinks it will make a good campus.

Commissioner Bauer stated the current interim use permit does not allow the use of a public address system and asked if that would be an issue.

David Gustafson, PACT Charter School Facilities Coordinator, stated that it would be a concern of theirs. He will share that with the school board and administrator.

Commissioner Bauer asked if the interim use permit could be modified to allow a public address system.

Associate Planner/Environmental Coordinator Anderson stated that if the commission chose, they could make a recommendation that a term be added to the interim use permit to allow for a PA system. It would need to be subject to review by the City Attorney to verify that there are no legal issues and then be brought forward to City Council.

Senior Planner Gladhill stated that it would need to be reviewed by the City Attorney and the other option is the special events permit. He added that part of the reason the term came up in the existing interim use permit was the concern from the neighborhood and the City would need to reach out to them.

Discussion ensued regarding whether the parcel should be rezoned to allow for this use rather than issuing an interim use permit.

Motion by Commissioner Van Scoy, seconded by Commissioner Schiller, to close the public hearing.

Motion Carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Levine, Commissioners Van Scoy, Schiller, Bauer, and Field. Voting No: None. Absent: Commissioners Brauer and Dunaway.

Chairperson Levine closed the public hearing at 7:22 p.m.

Commission Business

Commissioner Field stated that it might be worthwhile to urge in the findings to extend the Interim Use Permit for another five year period to coincide with the lease.

Motion by Commissioner Van Scoy, seconded by Commissioner Field to recommend that the City Council adopt the findings of fact relating to the request for an Interim Use Permit to allow for the operation of an online school in the B-2 Business District with the addition to recommend that the Interim Use Permit be extended for another five year period to coincide with the lease and that the current Conditional Use Permit be modified to allow for use of a PA system for athletic events.

Motion Carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Levine, Commissioners Van Scoy, Field, Bauer, and Schiller. Voting No: None. Absent: Commissioners Brauer and Dunaway.

Motion by Commissioner Bauer, seconded by Commissioner Field to recommend that City Council adopt the resolution approving the request for an Interim Use Permit and recommend that City Council pursue rezoning the parcel of land to Public/Quasi-Public.

Motion Carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Levine, Commissioners Bauer, Field, Schiller, and Van Scoy. Voting No: None. Absent: Commissioners Brauer and Dunaway.

Case #2: Review Closed Landfill Program's Land Use Plan

Presentation

Senior Planner Gladhill presented the Staff Report and PowerPoint presentation from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA).

Commission Business

Discussion ensued regarding uses that could be utilized on the parcel, and the concerns of water and methane gas.

Consensus of the Commission was that this should be discussed in more depth at a work session in the near future.

Case #5: Staff Update

The Staff Update was noted.

Case #6: Zoning Bulletins

Zoning Bulletins were noted.

COMMISSION/STAFF INPUT

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Bauer, seconded by Commissioner Field, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion Carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Levine, Commissioners, Bauer, Field, Schiller, and Van Scoy. Voting No: None. Absent: Commissioners Brauer and Dunaway.

The regular meeting of the Planning Commission adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Gladhill
Senior Planner

ATTEST:

JoAnn Shaw
Planning Division Secretary