

5.05: PUBLIC HEARING: Consider Recommendation on Ordinance #15-15 Amending City Code Section 117-1 (Definitions) Chapter 117, Article II, Division 4, Subdivision III (Floodplain Overlay Districts).

Public Hearing

Vice Chairperson Bauer called the public hearing to order at 9:48 p.m.

Presentation

City Planner Anderson presented the staff report stating in 1979, the City enrolled in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) by adopting floodplain regulations and Flood Boundary and Floodway Maps and Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) for the community. The Flood Boundary and Floodway Maps and FIRMs currently in effect are dated November 1, 1979. The community has grown substantially since the late 1970's and thus, the maps lack much of the current street network.

City Planner Anderson stated the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has been systematically updating floodplain maps across the state and has recently completed new maps for Anoka County. If the City desires to remain in the NFIP, the floodplain standards must be amended to adopt the new maps. The floodplain standards are designed to minimize structural damage as a result of large scale floods, oftentimes referred to as the 100-year flood, by prohibiting the placement of structures within designated floodways and by requiring either flood-proofing and/or the use of fill to elevate a structure. Structures located within a designated floodplain are required to be covered by flood insurance. Staff provided further comment on the changes and recommended approval.

Citizen Input

Vice Chairperson Bauer asked when the Ordinance amendment would become effective.

City Planner Anderson reported that the Ordinance and new maps would become effective December 16, 2015.

Motion by Commissioner VanScoy, seconded by Commissioner Nosan, to close the public hearing.

Motion Carried. Voting Yes: Vice Chairperson Bauer, Commissioners VanScoy, Nosan, Andrusko, and Brauer. Voting No: None. Absent: Chairperson Levine and Commissioner Maul.

Vice Chairperson Bauer closed the public hearing at 9:58 p.m.

Commission Business

Motion by Commissioner VanScoy, seconded by Commissioner Andrusko, to recommend that City Council adopt Ordinance #15-15 amending Section 117-1 (Definitions) and Chapter 117,

Article II, Division 4, Subdivision III (Floodplain Overlay Districts) to incorporate by reference the updated Flood Insurance Rate Maps and the Flood Insurance Study, both dated December 16, 2015.

Motion Carried. Voting Yes: Vice Chairperson Bauer, Commissioners VanScoy, Andrusko, Brauer, and Nosan. Voting No: None. Absent: Chairperson Levine and Commissioner Maul.