

5.08: Public Hearing: Consider Ordinance to Amend Board of Appeals and Adjustment/Official Map

Public Hearing

Chairperson Bauer called the public hearing to order at 9:32 p.m.

Presentation

Community Development Director Gladhill presented the staff report stating the City of Ramsey, along with the City of Anoka, Anoka County, and the Minnesota Department of Transportation recently accepted the Highway 10 Access Planning Study, which is now the comprehensive vision/plan for Highway 10 future improvements. This is the third version of said vision over the past several decades. In the 1990s, the Interregional Corridor Study was completed and included several planned improvements along Highway 10. That vision was amended in the mid 2000s through the completion of the Highway 10 Access Management Plan. That plan proved to be challenging to implement, and in response, the current Highway 10 Access Planning Study was completed. Due to the change in vision, Staff has been preparing for an update to the City's Official Map, which places certain land use controls over properties and portions of properties ultimately needed for public purposes, such as frontage roads, interchanges, and other improvements.

Community Development Director Gladhill explained as part of that review, the City Attorney has recommended that the City's ordinance establishing a separate Board of Adjustment and Appeals for the Official Map Area be amended to consolidate into the Planning Commission's normal role as Board of Adjustment and Appeals. Both are powers granted under the State's Planning Enabling Law. It is the City Attorney's Legal Opinion that the Statute does not provide guidance to create two separate Board of Adjustment and Appeals. Staff indicated this will be the first in a series of amendments related to the Official Map.

Citizen Input

There were no comments from the public.

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

Motion Carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Bauer, Commissioners Surma, Nosan, Anderson, Brauer, and VanScoy. Voting No: None. Absent: None.

Chairperson Bauer closed the public hearing closed at 9:35 p.m.

Commission Business

Motion by Commissioner VanScoy, seconded by Commissioner Brauer, to recommend that City Council adopt Ordinance #17-03 Amending the Board of Appeals and Adjustment/Official Map.

Motion Carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Bauer, Commissioners VanScoy, Brauer, Anderson, Nosan, and Surma. Voting No: None. Absent: None.