

5.01: Public Hearing: Consider Resolution #19-037 Granting a Conditional Use Permit for Auto Sales at 8000 Highway 10; Case of Druk Auto

Public Hearing

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

Presentation

City Planner McGuire Brigl presented the staff report stating the purpose of this case is to consider a request from Druk Auto (the "Applicant") for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for auto sales at 8000 Highway 10 NW (the "Subject Property"). The Applicant currently operates in Forest Lake and is wishing to return to Ramsey, where they started their business over a decade ago. The property is zoned B-2 Highway Business District and is guided for Commercial in the comprehensive plan. Motor vehicle, implement, and recreation equipment sales and service are allowed as a Conditional Use in the B-2 District. Staff reviewed an updated Site Plan with the Commission and recommended approval of the Conditional Use Permit.

Citizen Input

Commissioner Anderson asked if there was a need for striping in the display parking area.

City Planner McGuire Brigl reported striping was not necessary in this area but noted all City setbacks would have to be met.

Daniel Patrick Druk, 2850 109th Court NE in Blaine, thanked staff for the thorough report. He explained he was in the process of purchasing the subject property.

Commissioner Anderson questioned if the applicant was planning to park cars along Highway 10.

Mr. Druk stated he would not be parking cars along Highway 10.

Commissioner Surma asked if the applicant had plans to dress up the building façade.

Mr. Druk explained he had plans to get rid of the brick façade and noted he also wanted to change out the windows.

Commissioner Surma inquired what type of cars Druk Auto would be selling.

Mr. Druk reported he has run a successful auto sales business selling classic cars and newer warrantied vehicles.

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

Motion Carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Bauer, Commissioners VanScoy, Woestehoff, Anderson, Gengler, and Surma. Voting No: None. Absent: Commissioner Onyambu.

Chairperson Bauer closed the public hearing closed at 7:11 p.m.

Commission Business

Motion by Commissioner VanScoy, seconded by Commissioner Surma, to recommend that City Council adopt Resolution 19-037 granting a Conditional Use Permit for Auto Sales at 8000 Highway 10 NW contingent upon the updated site plan with modifications addressing the issues raised in this case.

Motion Carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Bauer, Commissioners VanScoy, Surma, Anderson, Gengler, and Woestehoff. Voting No: None. Absent: Commissioner Onyambu.

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