

7.02: Public Hearing: Consider Multiple Actions for a Proposed Expansion at 6601 McKinley Street NW (Project No. 19-106): Case of ACE Solid Waste, Inc.

- 1. Variance to pavement setback from road right-of-way.**
- 2. Amended Conditional Use Permit.**
- 3. Site Plan Approval.**

Public Hearing

Chairperson Bauer called the public hearing to order at 7:15 p.m.

Presentation

City Planner Anderson presented the staff report stating the City has received an application from ACE Solid Waste, Inc. (the "Applicant") for a proposed expansion of their existing transfer station at 6601 McKinley St NW (the "Subject Property"). The project requires multiple actions by the City, including a variance to off-street parking/maneuvering setbacks, an amendment to an existing Conditional Use Permit, and Site Plan approval. In 2018, the Applicant received approval of a plat that combined two parcels into one as well as a zoning amendment to secure a single zoning designation for the entire parcel. Those previous actions were completed by the Applicant in anticipation of an expansion of their transfer station, which is now moving forward. Staff provided further comment on ACE Solid Waste's requests and recommended approval.

Citizen Input

Commissioner VanScoy asked why the roadway was considered a street when it appeared to be more of a drive access.

City Planner Anderson explained this was a public roadway that provided sole access to a local business.

Commissioner VanScoy questioned why the CUP was being amended.

City Planner Anderson stated this was being done to allow for the expansion of the conditional use.

Dave Wiggins, Division Vice President of ACE Solid Waste, discussed the plans ACE had for this property and noted the changes were being made in response to the closing of the Great River Energy plant in Elk River. He explained this project would assist ACE in providing consistent, high quality services to its residents in Ramsey.

Neil Darthfield, 10801 Direct River Drive in Coon Rapids, asked if ACE would have more solid waste on this property after the closing of the Great River Energy plant and if the odor on the site would become a concern.

Mr. Wiggins reported ACE was currently running the same volumes that would run through the new building. He reported the new building would assist with better sorting and processing

recyclables. He explained the prevailing winds were generally from the north and the west and his intent would be to keep the door on the north closed to alleviate any odor concerns.

Mark Northfield, 10222 Mississippi Boulevard, asked if the ACE property would have an increased volume of trucks coming to and from the site.

Mr. Wiggins reported the number of garbage trucks using the facility would remain the same, along with the number of semi tractor-trailers that were coming to and from the site.

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

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

Chairperson Bauer closed the public hearing closed at 7:31 p.m.

Commission Business

Motion by Commissioner VanScoy, seconded by Commissioner Gengler, to adopt Resolution #19-081 with findings favorable to the Applicant, granting a variance to the pavement setback from road right-of-way on the Subject Property, contingent upon review and approval as to legal form by the City Attorney.

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

Motion by Commissioner VanScoy, seconded by Commissioner Woestehoff, to recommend that City Council approve an amended CUP and Site Plan for the proposed expansion of the transfer station building on the Subject Property.

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