

Commissioner VanScoy commented that the City has done a lot of work to ensure that the transitioning will be adequate and believed that the Commission should follow the requirements and recommendations of staff.

Motion by Commissioner VanScoy, seconded by Commissioner Gengler, to recommend that City Council adopt Resolution #21-007 with the recommended number of trees.

A roll call vote was performed:

Commissioner Gengler	aye
Commissioner Peters	aye
Commissioner Anderson	aye
Commissioner VanScoy	aye
Chairperson Bauer	aye

Motion carried.

6.02: Public Hearing: Consider Ordinance #20-01 Amending City Code Sections 117-111 (R-1 Residential District) and 117-112 (R-2 Residential District) Clarifying Subdistricts based on Lot Size

Public Hearing

Chairperson Bauer called the public hearing to order at 7:51 p.m.

Presentation

Deputy City Administrator Gladhill presented the staff report stating that staff recommends adoption of Ordinance #20-01.

Citizen Input

No comments.

Motion by Commissioner Peters, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to close the public hearing.

A roll call vote was performed:

Commissioner Peters	aye
Commissioner Anderson	aye
Commissioner Gengler	aye
Commissioner VanScoy	aye
Chairperson Bauer	aye

Motion carried.

Chairperson Bauer closed the public hearing closed at 7:56 p.m.

Commission Business

Commissioner Anderson asked how these changes would affect projects like Trott Brook.

Deputy City Administrator Gladhill commented that this would not change the outcome. He stated that this is a tool that would allow for smaller lots sizes. He confirmed that a zoning change would still be necessary to achieve this zoning and therefore the Council would have final control over any requests.

Commissioner VanScoy asked if in the past the smaller lots have been allowed that has been done through PUD. He asked if there would be an issue in terms of negotiations.

Deputy City Administrator Gladhill confirmed that has been the process, which has been challenging in order to equate the tradeoff benefits. He commented that the zoning amendment, and often times Comprehensive Plan amendment, would be needed therefore the ability to negotiate would be available. He commented that this would be a better tool to use rather than attempting to go through a PUD process, which would also be less burdensome on applicants.

Commissioner VanScoy commented that he believes that this would be a helpful tool as the Commission has recommended approvals in the past that have in turn been denied by the Council because it did not believe that a PUD was achieved. He commented that he does see the benefit of having this tool available.

Commissioner Anderson stated that this would then open up R-1 to 55 foot wide lots, which he could see becoming an advantage for a developer. He stated that it is important to control where 55 foot wide lots are placed, especially in the northern part of Ramsey.

Chairperson Bauer commented that the City would still have control as this would be a subzone, therefore R-1 would still require 80 foot lots and smaller lots could only be achieved with a zoning change.

Deputy City Administrator Gladhill confirmed that this would be a separate zoning district and would require a zoning amendment. He stated that this would only apply where the City allows and does not provide rights to a developer. He commented that nothing would actively be zoned for 55 foot lots, this would simply be a tool that could be used.

Motion by Commissioner Peters, seconded by Commissioner Gengler, to recommend that City Council adopt Ordinance #20-01.

A roll call vote was performed:

Commissioner Anderson	nay
Commissioner Peters	aye
Commissioner Gengler	aye
Commissioner VanScoy	aye
Chairperson Bauer	aye

Motion carried.

**6.03: Public Hearing: Consider Ordinance #21-02 Amending City Code Section 117-148
Entitled Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area**

Public Hearing

Chairperson Bauer called the public hearing to order at 8:06 p.m.

Presentation

Deputy City Administrator Gladhill presented the staff report stating that staff recommends adoption of the ordinance.

Councilmember Musgrove asked if staff has worked with other cities in this area and how those cities are adjusting to the changes.

Deputy City Administrator Gladhill noted that there were two attempts at rule making, noting that the first did not go well and the DNR took a step back and reevaluated. He stated that the second attempt was much more successful with community input. He stated that staff worked extensively with communities on the upper pool of the Coon Rapids Dam (Anoka, Dayton, Brooklyn Park and Coon Rapids). He stated that while there was frustration in the beginning, throughout the process there was improvement. He commented that Ramsey may be one of the first to bring forward the ordinance amendment, but all cities should have submitted their Comprehensive Plan and will be updating their ordinance as well.

Citizen Input

No comments.

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

A roll call vote was performed:

Commissioner Peters	aye
Commissioner Gengler	aye
Commissioner Anderson	aye
Commissioner VanScoy	aye
Chairperson Bauer	aye