

**PLANNING COMMISSION
CITY OF RAMSEY
ANOKA COUNTY
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

The Ramsey Planning Commission conducted a regular meeting on Thursday, April 8, 2021, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Members Present: Chairperson Randy Bauer
 Commissioner Bruce Anderson
 Commissioner Andrew Dunaway
 Commissioner Cheri Gengler
 Commissioner Eric Peters
 Commissioner Gary VanScoy
 Commissioner Brian Walker

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Senior Planner Chloe McGuire Brigl
 Deputy City Administrator Tim Gladhill
 City Planner Chris Anderson
 Planning Technician Brian McCann
 City Council Liaison Matt Woestehoff

SECTIONS DELETED

8.02: Confirm Vision and Land Use Policy Direction for West Armstrong Retail Area

Presentation

Senior Planner McGuire Brigl presented the Staff Report stating that staff recommends the following policy statements:

1. The City desires to maintain the current redevelopment and revitalization vision long-term.
2. In order to implement this vision, especially in the interim, the City desires to focus zoning review on those items that are protected by lawful, non-conforming statutes and limit interim uses that are not protected and would further deviate or otherwise detract from the longer-term vision.

Commission Business

Chairperson Bauer asked for clarification on the areas that would be identified for retail and those that would be identified for industrial.

Senior Planner McGuire Brigl identified the parcels planned for retail, commercial retail, and industrial. She stated that staff is looking for feedback on the two policy statements within the case, as that would be a nice document to provide those interested in the parcels to prevent unnecessary time spent on applications that would also require staff review time only to be denied.

Chairperson Bauer commented that he would prefer to wait until the joint meeting with the Council and EDA occurs to ensure everyone is on the same page.

Commissioner Peters agreed that it would be helpful to have all groups on the same page.

Commissioner Anderson agreed that the only way to ensure everyone is on the same page is to wait for the joint meeting.

Chairperson Bauer commented that the consensus of the Commission is to postpone action until a joint meeting could occur.

Senior Planner McGuire Brigl commented that this will still move forward to the City Council and discussed at a future worksession. She stated that the EDA has already recommended approval. She stated that she would recommend that the Commission provide input as the Council will still discuss this item. She noted that the parcels are being actively marketed and there is interest, therefore these policy statements are needed prior to the time when a joint meeting could occur.

Commissioner Gengler stated that she feels that these statement reflect what she feels should be done with these parcels.

Commissioner VanScoy agreed with the statement from Commissioner Gengler. He commented that the statements are accurate.

Councilmember Woestehoff commented that he would recommend that the Commission participate and make a motion so that it does not get left behind in this discussion. He felt that all the groups are on the same page in bringing business into The COR, but the concern is related to cases where non-traditional uses continue to come forward because the parcels have not been modified to their future use. He stated that these statements would support getting to the future desired states for those parcels.

Commissioner Peters commented that in terms of these properties he would support the statements. He stated that on a larger scheme related to Highway 10 and The COR it would be helpful to have a joint worksession.

Motion by Commissioner Peters, seconded by Commissioner Gengler, to recommend that City Council adopt the following police statements:

1. The City desires to maintain the current redevelopment and revitalization vision long-term.
2. In order to implement this vision, especially in the interim, the City desires to focus zoning review on those items that are protected by lawful, non-conforming statutes and limit

interim uses that are not protected and would further deviate or otherwise detract from the longer-term vision.

Further discussion

It was noted that the Commission supports these statements in the interim but would still request a joint meeting with the Planning Commission, EDA, and Council.

A roll call vote was performed:

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

Motion carried.

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Respectfully submitted,

Chloe McGuire Brigl
Senior Planner

ATTEST:

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