

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

The Ramsey Planning Commission conducted a regular meeting on Thursday, October 28, 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  
  Zoning Code Enforcement Officer Bria Raines  
  Planning Technician Brian McCann  
  City Council Liaison Matt Woestehoff

**1.     CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Bauer called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2.     PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairperson Bauer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3.     CITIZEN INPUT**

None.

**4.     APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Commissioner VanScoy, seconded by Commissioner Dunaway, to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion Carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Bauer, Commissioners VanScoy, Dunaway, Anderson, Gengler, Peters, and Walker. Voting No: None. Absent: None.

**5.     CONSENT AGENDA**

Permit at 7127 Highway 10 NW and for the applicant and staff to work together on the site plan changing the number of dealers from nine to ten.

Motion Carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Bauer, Commissioners Anderson, Dunaway, Gengler, Peters, VanScoy, and Walker. Voting No: None. Absent: None.

## **7. COMMISSION BUSINESS**

### **7.01: Review Ordinance Amending Digital Display Billboard Regulations**

Chairperson Bauer noted that the group thoroughly discussed this at the worksession earlier in the night.

Motion by Commissioner Gengler, seconded by Commissioner Peters, to recommend the City Council introduce the ordinance amending digital display billboard regulations with the changes proposed by the Commission.

#### **Further discussion**

Commissioner VanScoy commented that he does not approve of allowing billboards in the City of Ramsey. He stated that this would change the current restriction, as billboards are not currently allowed. He did not want to see billboards, even along Highway 10.

Motion Carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Bauer, Commissioners Gengler, Peters, and Dunaway. Voting No: Commissioners Anderson, VanScoy, and Walker. Absent: None.

## **8. COMMISSION / STAFF INPUT**

Senior Planner McGuire Brigl stated that Joann Shaw, a long-term planning employee, is retiring on November 4<sup>th</sup> and advised of the Administrative Assistant that will be joining the team. She stated that the new Community Development Director/Deputy City Administrator will also be joining the team the following week.

Councilmember Woestehoff provided additional details on the experience of the new Community Development Director/Deputy City Administrator.

Commissioner VanScoy commented that there were many comments related to the lack of communication. He asked if placing public announcements in the newspaper is standard practice.

Senior Planner McGuire Brigl confirmed that is the standard practice. She confirmed that the notice in 2011 would have been published in the newspaper as required as well.

Commissioner Anderson referenced the small number of residents that read the public notice portion of the paper and/or read the City newsletter. He commented that the City website is difficult to navigate. He stated that perhaps there should be a banner with public announcements on the website. He acknowledged that communication is a tough issue, and the Council has to