

**7.01: Consider Site Plan for Proposed Building Expansion at 7150 143<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NW (Project No. 23-100); Case of Soderholm & Associates**

**Public Hearing**

Chairperson Gengler called the public hearing to order at 7:04 p.m.

**Presentation**

Senior Planner Anderson presented the staff report stating staff recommends approval of the Site Plan, contingent upon compliance with staff's review comments.

Commissioner Peters recused himself from the discussion noting that he is a former employee of this company and current stockholder.

**Citizen Input**

Brian Soderholm, COO of Soderholm and Associates, commented that they are excited about the project as the company is on a growth trajectory. He hoped that they would bring more jobs and opportunities to the area.

Commissioner Heineman asked what the business does.

Mr. Soderholm replied that they operate with three divisions and provided more details on each division.

Commissioner Bauer commented that the business has been a good neighbor to the church. He stated that the new building expansion will be three times the size of the existing business. He asked for more details on the number of employees.

Mr. Soderholm replied that they currently have 30 to 40 employees at the Ramsey location and an additional 20 or so employees in other areas. He stated that eventually over time he could see them reaching 70 to 90 employees. He stated that they are currently renting two additional facilities. He noted that much of the new space will be used for inventory.

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

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

Chairperson Gengler closed the public hearing closed at 7:14 p.m.

**Commission Business**

Commissioner Anderson asked what would be done with the septic system that will be abandoned.

Monte Helget, Sharp and Associates, commented that it will be crushed and buried per the required process.

Senior Planner Anderson replied that a specific permit will be required for that process that identifies the required steps and crushing and burying is one of the options.

Motion by Commissioner VanScoy, seconded by Commissioner Heineman, to recommend that City Council adopt Resolution #23-076 Approving the Site Plan.

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

Commissioner Peters rejoined the Commission.

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