

MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING
PLANNING COMMISSION, CITY OF LA CRESCENT, MINNESOTA
January 7th, 2025

The Planning Commission met at 5:30 p.m., on January 7th, 2025, in the City's Community Building located at 336 S. 1st Street.

Item 1. Call to Order

Chair Greg Husmann called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Item 2. Pledge of Allegiance

Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 3. Roll Call

Upon a roll call taken and tallied by Josh Tarrence, Building Inspector, the following members were present: Dave Hanifl, Mike Welch, Greg Husmann, Judy Enright, and Jerry Steffes. Ex-Officio City Council Representative Cherryl Jostad was present. Don Hogan was absent. City Attorney Skip Wieser and Attorney Kayla Schmitz were also present.

Item 4. Approval of the November 6th, 2024 Planning Commission Minutes

After reviewing the minutes from the November 7th, 2024 meeting, a motion to accept the minutes, was made by Commissioner Welch and seconded by Commissioner Steffes. Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by Josh Tarrence, Building Inspector, the following Members voted in favor thereof, viz;

Mike Welch	Yes
Jerry Steffes	Yes
Judy Enright	Yes
Greg Husmann	Yes
Dave Hanifl	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried.

Item 5. Appointment of Planning Commission Chair

The nomination was made by Commissioner Hanifl for Jerry Steffes to appointed as Chair. Jerry Steffes accepted said nomination. No other nominations were made. Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by Josh Tarrence, Building Inspector, the following Members voted in favor thereof, viz;

Dave Hanifl	Yes
Judy Enright	Yes
Mike Welch	Yes
Greg Husmann	Yes
Jerry Steffes	Yes

The nomination was made by Commissioner Hanifl for Greg Husmann to be appointed Vice Chair. Greg Husmann accepted said nomination. No other nominations were made. Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by Josh Tarrence, Building Inspector, the following Members voted in favor thereof, viz:

Dave Hanifl	Yes
Mike Welch	Yes
Greg Husmann	Yes
Judy Enright	Yes
Jerry Steffes	Yes

Item 6. Request for Waiver from Master Plan and PUD Requirements for property located at 270 E. Strupp Ave., La Crescent, MN (PID 2512510000) – Cannabis & Glass

City Attorney Skip Wieser addressed the Planning Commission in regards to a request from Cannabis & Glass, for a waiver from the Commercial Planned Unit Development Overlay district of the City Zoning Ordinance, reverting the property back to C-1 Highway Commercial standards. The proposed property is located at 270 E. Strupp Ave in La Crescent. City Attorney Wieser advised the Commission that the final decision will be made by City Council, the Commission's responsibility is to make a recommendation to the Council whether to approve or deny the waiver request.

Attending to answer questions in regards to the project,

- Max Wieser, Wieser Brothers General Contractors
- Nate Podrid, Cannabis & Glass

After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Hanifl to recommend approving the waiver request, with the following finding.

FINDINGS OF FACT FOR APPROVAL OF THE WAIVER

1. Commercial development of a vacant lot is consistent with the goals and intent of the Comprehensive Plan.
2. Applicant is proposed to construct a new building in compliance with C-1 zoning standards.

The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Husmann. Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by Josh Tarrence, Building Inspector, the following Members voted in favor thereof, viz;

Dave Hanifl	Yes
Greg Husmann	Yes
Jerry Steffes	Yes
Judy Enright	Yes
Mike Welch	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried.

Item 7. Review of Planning Commission Job Duties and Responsibilities

City Attorney Wieser gave his annual presentation of the duties and responsibilities of the Planning Commission members as well as discussing the City of La Crescent's Communication Policy.

Item 8. Future Agenda Items

Chair Steffes asked the Planning Commission members if any items need to be added to the next meeting agenda. There were no recommended items.

Item 9. Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn the Planning Commission Meeting by Vice Chair Husmann and seconded by Commissioner Enright.

The Planning Commission meeting was adjourned at 5:57 p.m.