

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ST. CLOUD PLANNING COMMISSION

A meeting of the St. Cloud Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, September 9, 2014, at 6 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL: Members present were Anderson, Ballantine, DeVine, Larson and Radaich. Andzenge was absent. City Council representative Goerger was present. Staff present were Matt Glaesman and Ashley Skaggs.

OPEN FORUM: No one testified.

Consent Agenda:

APPROVAL OF STAFF REPORTS FOR SEPTEMBER 9, 2014 AS PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD

ACTION TAKEN: Anderson/Larson/Approved (5-0)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JULY 8, 2014 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

ACTION TAKEN: Anderson/Larson/Approved (5-0)

New Business:

REQUEST FROM THE ST. CLOUD PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT FOR THE APPROVAL OF RIVER'S EDGE CONVENTION CENTER PARKING STRUCTURE

ACTION TAKEN: Ballantine/Anderson/Approved (5-0)

Glaesman explained that the Planning and Zoning Department is seeking a recommendation from the Planning Commission regarding the proposed parking structure for the River's Edge Convention Center. Glaesman introduced Murray Mack of HMA Architects.

Mack presented a project history as well as concept drawings of the River's Edge Convention Center parking structure. Steve Lawrence, Assistant Director of Public Works, stated that it is anticipated that security cameras linked to the Police Department will be installed, along with security lighting. Commissioners discussed the details of the concept including traffic control and flow, safety, aesthetics and the possibility of incorporating public art.

Ballantine made a motion to approve the proposed parking structure concept. The motion was seconded by Anderson and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION APPROVING TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT NO. 11 (PARK INDUSTRIES II) WITHIN MUNICIPAL REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT NO. 3

ACTION TAKEN: Radaich/Ballantine/Approved (5-0)

Glaesman explained that the Economic Development Authority has requested the Planning Commission's review of a redevelopment plan modification and a new tax increment financing district to facilitate the expansion of Park Industries. Minnesota law requires the Planning Commission's review and a finding that the adoption of and/or modifications to redevelopment plans are consistent with the 'general plan for the development or redevelopment of the City as a whole'. Staff recommends approval of a resolution finding modification of the Park Industries expansion consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and sound planning principles.

Radaich made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Ballantine and carried unanimously.

Old Business:

UPDATE OF THE 2014 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

ACTION TAKEN: None

Glaesman gave a brief presentation introducing the Comprehensive Plan, the purpose of the document and a tentative schedule for site visits. An oversight committee and a study advisory committee will be assembled in addition to community input.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.