

MINUTES
REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
February 11, 2025 - 7:00 P.M.
9180 Lexington Avenue, Lexington, MN

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll Call: Chairperson Bautch, Commissioners Thorson, Koch, Murphy

Chairperson Bautch called to order the Regular Planning Commission meeting on February 11, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Commissioners Present: Michelle Koch, Gloria Murphy, and Ron Thorson. Also present: Councilmember Kim Devries; Bill Petracek, City Administrator; Kurt Glaser, City Attorney; Brandon Winge.

2. CITIZENS FORUM

No citizens were present to discuss items not on the agenda.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA WITH CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS

Koch made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Thorson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

4. LETTERS AND COMMUNICATION

A. Building Permits for January 2025

No discussion on January 2025 building permits.

5. APPROVAL OF PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

A, January 14, 2025

Murphy made a motion to approve the January 14, 2025 Planning Commission Minutes as presented. Koch seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

6. DISCUSSION ITEM:

A. Discuss Brandon Winge's application to fill vacant Planning and Zoning seat

Petracek explained that the notice to fill the vacant P & Z seat was posted in December. He added Brandon Winge was the only citizen to submit an application. Discussion ensued.

Bautch made a motion to recommend to the City Council the appointment of Brandon Winge to fill the open position on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Koch seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

B. Discuss Proposed Regulations regarding Adult Use of Cannabis in Lexington

Attorney Glaser discussed the proposed cannabis ordinance and the legalization of recreational marijuana in Minnesota. He stated the ordinance was written by one of his associates, who is also the regional attorney advising cities on cannabis laws in Minnesota; this ordinance was also adopted by the City of Centerville. Glaser also explained that the ordinance was developed around the State regulations for Cannabis. Discussion ensued.

Glaser stated that State law requires each city with a population of 12,000 or less must provide at least one cannabis license to a business that wants to open a dispensary in Lexington and meets all of the State licensing requirements. A city also has one license available to open a municipal dispensary.

Discussion ensued about potential dispensaries in Lexington and the distance restrictions in the ordinance regarding daycare facilities, parks, and recreational facilities.

The consensus of the Planning Commission was to place this cannabis ordinance discussion on the April P & Z agenda, and to provide a map showing various distances in Lexington from our business zones and their proximity to daycare facilities, parks, and recreational facilities.

7. NOTE COUNCIL MINUTES:

A. January 2, 2025

B. January 16, 2025

No discussion on Council minutes

8. PLANNING COMMISSION INPUT

No input from the Planning Commission

Petracek informed the Planning Commission that there will be two public hearings at the March meeting. Discussion ensued.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Thorson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Koch seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.