

**Planning Commission Minutes
May 24, 2011**

Call to Order:

The May 24, 2011 Planning Commission meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Chairman Steinhorst.

Adopt Agenda:

Motion by Renning and seconded by Gruetzmacher to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried. 8/0

Roll Call:

Those in attendance were Steinhorst, Spilman, Thompson, Renning, Henke, Noel, Gabert and Gruetzmacher.

Others in attendance: Kent Hager – City Administrator, Paul Hanlon – Zoning Administrator, Jeff Bodoh – Dir. Public Works, Dave Morack – Fifth District Alderman, and Tom O’Connell – Second District Alderman.

Approval of the 03-24-11 Minutes:

Motion by Thompson and seconded by Renning to approve the minutes of the 03-24-11 meeting as presented. Motion carried. 8/0

Approval of Preliminary Layout for Expansion of the Northeast Business Park:

Bodoh explained the reasons for expansion of this area was to provide land with better soils for construction of buildings with a larger and heavier foot print and to utilize the TIF District funding before it was no longer available. The consultant hired by the City was asked to provide 4 different layouts for the area. A discussion prior to the meeting between Hager, Thompson and Bodoh resulted in a recommendation of Option #3. It was noted there was no covenants on this area, which would also allow for outside storage. Motion by Henke, second by Spilman to recommend Option #3 to the Council. Motion carried. 8/0

Request for a Detached Garage Exceeding Height and Square Footage Limits – Bret Magolski / 1208 Montgomery Street – 1120 Sq Ft and 17 Ft High:

Hanlon explained the proposed garage would only be 20 square feet larger than the 1100 square foot maximum size allowed by the code and 2 feet higher than the 15 foot maximum height requirement. He also noted this property was located between Dorschner Excavating and RE&D. Motion by Renning, second by Gabert to approve as requested. Motion carried. 8/0

Discussion of Sign Ordinance – 17.09-12 (1)(A) 5. – Electronic

Reader Boards in B-1 District: Terry Hilbert, New London Lanes, requested 2 electronic reader boards for the bar / restaurant addition at New London Lanes. Hanlon explained the current ordinance does not allow this type of signage in the B-1 Central Business District. Information regarding this type of signage was provided for the commission members by the sign company that is working with New London Lanes. Henke asked that a draft of an amendment to the sign ordinance allowing this type of signage in the B-1 District be prepared for consideration at the June meeting. No action taken.

Update on Extraterritorial Plat Review:

Hanlon presented maps that showed the area that would be included in the Extraterritorial Plat Review area. He will prepare a legal description of those areas and submit the information to the City Attorney to have him create a resolution to for the Planning Commission to approve and the Council to adopt.

Other Matters:

The next meeting will be on Thursday, June 30th at 5:00 PM.

Adjournment:

Motion made by Gabert and seconded by Henke to adjourn.
The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm by Chairman Steinhorst.