

MINUTES – JOINT SPECIAL MEETING FOR REVIEW OF ITEMS RELATING TO COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, HOTEL/EVENT CENTER PROJECT, VETERANS PARK, WALNUT PLACE PROPERTY, RACE TRACK PROPERTY, STONEY POINT PROPERTY AND AGENDA REQUEST ITEM WITH LA CRESCENT PLANNING COMMISSION, LA CRESCENT PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION AND LA CRESCENT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LA CRESCENT, MINNESOTA
NOVEMBER 21, 2016
5:30 PM

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the Joint Special Meeting for review of items relating to Comprehensive Plan, Hotel/Event Center Project, Veterans Park, Walnut Place property, Race Track property, Stoney Point property and Agenda Request item with members of the La Crescent Planning Commission, La Crescent Park and Recreation Commission and La Crescent Economic Development Commission was called to order by Mayor Mike Poellinger at 5:30 PM in the La Crescent Community Building, La Crescent, Minnesota, on Monday, November 21, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon introductions taken and tallied by the City Administrator, the following City Council members were present: Members Bernie Buehler, Ryan Hutchinson, Brian Krenz, Dale Williams and Mayor Mike Poellinger. Members absent: none. The following Planning Commission Members were present: Dave Hanifl, Donald Smith, Patty Dockendorff, Mani Edpuganti, Jerry Steffes, and Richard Wieser. Members absent from the Planning Commission: Linda Larson. The following Park and Recreation Commission Members were present: Jon Steffes, Randy Dobbs, and Sarah Wetterlin. Members absent from the Park and Recreation Commission: Sue Howe, Mike Limberg, Eileen Krenz, and Diana Adamski. A quorum of the Park and Recreation Commission was not present. The following Economic Development Commission Members were present: Al Voss, Brett Kemmer, Steve Bissen, and Larry Stryker. Members absent from the Economic Development Commission: Eileen Krenz and Troy Nolop. Also present was City Administrator Bill Waller, City Attorney Skip Wieser, City Engineer Tim Hruska, City Building and Zoning Official Shawn Wetterlin, and Community Development Director Terry Erickson.

Mayor Poellinger introduced the format and the purpose for the meeting.

REVIEW OF THE PROCESS FOR THE CITY TO SELL OR LEASE PROPERTY

City Attorney Wieser reviewed the process for the City to sell and lease City property.

REVIEW OF THE PROCESS FOR THE CITY TO AMEND ITS COMPREHENSIVE PLANS AND WHAT ACTIONS REQUIRE A PLAN AMENDMENT

Planning Commission Chair, Donald Smith, reviewed the process to amend the Comprehensive Plans.

REVIEW SITE PLAN FOR THE PROPOSED HOTEL/EVENT CENTER PROJECT

Community Development Director, Terry Erickson, reviewed the history of the hotel/event center project and provided an update on the project.

Brian Guthrie from Vantage Architects Inc. reviewed the site plan for the hotel/event center project.

REVIEW OF WALNUT PLACE PROPERTY

City Administrator Waller reviewed the three (3) lots on Walnut Place that the City purchased in 1995.

Discussed recent appraisal and Offer to Purchase the lots.

Discussion followed regarding Veterans Park and Walnut Place with the understanding that items for consideration on these topics would be presented at the November 28, 2016 City Council Meeting.

REVIEW OF RACE TRACK PROPERTY

City Administrator Waller and Planning Commission Chair Smith reviewed the race track property.

REVIEW OF STONEY POINT PROPERTY

City Administrator Waller and City Engineer Tim Hruska reviewed the Stoney Point property.

Further discussion regarding the option for the race track property was then discussed. An option to include on the November 28 City Council agenda was discussed.

Mike Lender of Hotel R&D from Oshkosh reviewed a 50-60 room hotel plan with a three (3) to four (4) story structure. Hotel would be an upper-mid scale hotel.

AGENDA REQUEST ITEM

Cherryl Jostad addressed City Council and Commission members with comments regarding the above agenda items.

There was no action taken on any of the items.

Member Williams made a motion, seconded by Member Buehler, to adjourn the meeting.

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, all Members present voted in favor thereof, viz;

Bernie Buehler	Yes
Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
Brian Krenz	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried and the meeting duly adjourned at 6:40 PM.

APPROVAL DATE: _____

SIGNED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Administrator