



Jim Brownlee, CPA, City Administrator
Sharon Schacher, City Finance Director
Dorinda Anderson, Business Development Director

The West Fargo City Commission met on Monday, April 16, 2007, at 5:30 P.M. Those present were Rich Mattern, Brenda Warren, Lou Bennett and Mark Simmons. Absent was Bryan Schulz. The meeting was called to order by Rich Mattern, President of the Board.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Mattern advised that Ramsey County Commissioner Joe Belford will provide an update on the Devils Lake flooding situation. Commissioner Warren moved and Commissioner Simmons seconded to approve the Order of Agenda with the addition as noted. No opposition. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bennett moved and Commissioner Warren seconded to approve the Minutes of April 2, 2007 and the Board of Equalization Minutes of April 10, 2007. No opposition. Motion carried.

The Commission reviewed 2007 Building Permits #100 - 125 along with the Building Department Activity Report dated April 16, 2007.

There were no Commissioner Committee Reports.

The Auditor's Reports for March 2007 were received by the Commission.

The Sanitation Department Report for March 2007 was received by the Commission.

Commissioner Warren moved and Commissioner Bennett seconded to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Bills

Games of Chance for Association of Recovering Motorcyclists Chapter 20 for raffle to be held October 27, 2007, at West Fargo VFW

Site Authorization for Veterans Incorporated at Frontier Bar, 117 Main Avenue, West Fargo, ND, from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008

Resolution Approving Contract and Contractor's Bond in Water and Sewer Improvement District No. 1185

Public Hearing May 7, 2007, at 5:45 PM for rezoning of Eagle Run Plaza 1st Addition from Light Commercial to Planned Unit Development

Reappointment of Jason Gustofson to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a second term through April 2012

Second Addendum to Developer's Agreement for Butler Properties

No opposition. Motion carried.

Ramsey County Commissioner Joe Belford gave an update on the Devils Lake flooding situation and invited Commissioners and Staff to take a tour on May 10, 2007. Captain Michael Reitan also appeared before the Commission.

Edward Hanley of 712 16th Avenue West appeared before the Commission to express his concern for continuing special assessments. City Auditor Jim Brownlee, City Engineer Kevin Bucholz and City Attorney Brian Neugebauer also appeared before the Commission.

A Public Hearing was held on the Application for Retail Liquor/Beer License for Divas & Rockstars (Karaoke & DJ Service) at 1410 9th Street East, Suite 501, West Fargo, ND. There was no public comment and the hearing was closed. The Commissioners were provided with a copy of the background check completed by Detective Derek Cruff. City Attorney Brian Neugebauer appeared before the Commission on the requirement for the business to incorporate. Commissioner Simmons moved and Commissioner Bennett seconded to approve the application. No opposition. Motion carried.

Planning Director Larry Weil appeared before the Commission on the request from Region V Community Development Corporation for a recommendation of approval on a 30 unit senior townhouse style rental housing development at 205 14th Avenue East. The Commission was advised that the Economic Development Advisory Committee recommended to deny the request based on a prior application approval and to honor the commitment to allow Southill Properties to finish their third phase. Attorney James Twomey representing Southill Properties and James Kappel, Executive Director of Region V Community Development Corporation, appeared before the Commission. After discussion, Commissioner Warren moved and Commissioner Bennett seconded to deny the letter of support for Region V Community Development Corporation because the City committed to a project by another entity, and to encourage James Kappel to reapply at an appropriate time. No opposition. Motion carried.

Planning Director Larry Weil appeared before the Commission on the request from Doug Fliss/West Fargo Self Storage for a Conditional Use Permit for expansion of mini-storage at 364 East Main Avenue. Commissioner Warren moved and Commissioner Bennett seconded to approve the Conditional Use Permit subject to conditions listed in the Staff Report. No opposition. Motion carried.

Planning Director Larry Weil appeared before the Commission on Charleswood 24th Addition rezoning from Single Family Dwellings to Planned Unit Development. Ron Morlock appeared before the Commission. Commissioner Warren moved and Commissioner Simmons seconded to place Ordinance No. 797 relating to the rezoning on Second Reading subject to all conditions listed in the Staff Report and to approve the Final Plat of Charleswood 24th Addition. No opposition. Motion carried.

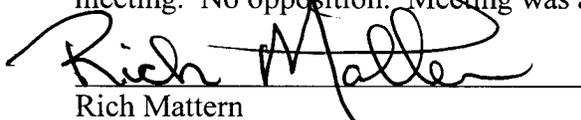
Planning Director Larry Weil appeared before the Commission on the request from Help & Caring Ministry for a Planned Unit Development Amendment for detached garage/storage building for a group home facility located on Lots 1 and 2, Block 1 of Meadowridge 15th Addition. James Morken appeared before the Commission. After discussion, Commissioner Bennett moved and Commissioner Simmons seconded to approve the Planned Unit Development Amendment subject to conditions listed in the Staff Report. No opposition. Motion carried.

City Auditor Jim Brownlee gave an update on legislation for property tax bills.

Commissioner Mattern asked that Staff put the Board of Equalization information provided by City Assessor Wanda Wilcox on the website to provide information to property owners on how their tax dollars are spent.

There was no Correspondence.

Commissioner Warren moved and Commissioner Bennett seconded to adjourn the meeting. No opposition. Meeting was adjourned.



Rich Mattern
President of the Board



James Brownlee
City Auditor