# City of Hastings Planning Commission Memorandum

**To:** Planning Commission Members **From:** Justin Fortney, Associate Planner

**Date:** June 11, 2012

Item: Site Plan Review – Hastings Chrysler Rapid Lube carwash addition #2012-25 –2980

Highway 61.

**Planning Commission Action Requested:** The Planning Commission is asked review the proposed site plan.

**Background Information:** The applicant is proposing to add a carwash onto the Shell Rapid Lube building that is part of the Chrysler dealership. Some of the parking lot will be reconfigured to accommodate this. The proposed use of the carwash will be for owners of newly purchased vehicles from Hastings Chrysler and Ford.

# **Zoning Classification**

The property is zoned C-2 – Highway Auto-Specialized Commerce. Carwashes are a "permitted use" in the C-2 District.

# Landscaping

Since this is a minor addition, landscaping requirements are not required. Impacted landscaping must be replaced. The proposed landscaping is sufficient.

# **Building Setbacks**

Commercial districts do not have prescribed setbacks. At its closed, the carwash will be greater than 40-feet from the property line along Highway 316. The proposed setbacks are adequate.

#### **Building Materials**

The proposed materials are the same as the existing building, painted CMU (concrete masonry unit). With having glass doors, the building would meet the 25% class one requirement of the design guidelines, but the concrete blocks making up the rest of the building would be considered class 3. This would leave the 75% class 2 requirement unfulfilled (CMUs only meet class 2 standards if they have integrated color, rather than are painted). Since this is a small addition, materials similar to existing are sufficient.

The trash enclosure and dumpster will be removed. Trash will be placed in the dumpster at the main dealership building.

# Parking/ Circulation

The proposed parking plans meet the City parking standards. There are 2 methods for determining parking for this use. The most aggressive would require 16 parking spaces (1/200Sq Ft + 2/bay= 16) 28 spaces are provided. Some of the parking spaces surrounding the rapid lube building will be used for displaying new vehicles for sale. The dealership and rapid lube parking lots are not delineated, as the facilities are jointly operated.

The carwash and oil changing bays will be accessed from the south side. Staff recommended that the carwash be entered from the north to allow for a longer stacking distance. The applicant states that the lube bays cannot be turned around due to the design of the building. The applicant believes the opposing access between the building's two uses could create too many traffic conflict points.

# Lighting

The photometric plan has not been submitted yet. The limit for lighting in commercial areas is 1 foot candle at the property line. The applicant is in the process of having the parking lot lighting designed to meet this requirement.

# **Engineering Review**

The Assistant City Engineer has reviewed the plans. Site Plan approval is subject to approval of the Grading, Drainage, Erosion Control, and Stormwater Plans by the Hastings Engineering Department.

# **Recommended Action:**

Approval of the site plan, subject to the following conditions:

- 1) Conformance with the Planning Commission Staff Report and plans dated June 11<sup>th</sup> 2012.
- 2) Adherence to the approved Plans including Site Plan, Landscape Plan, Grading, Drainage, Erosion Control, and Stormwater Plans.
- 3) All disturbed areas on the property shall be stabilized with rooting vegetative cover to eliminate erosion problems.
- 4) Any uncompleted site work (including landscaping) must be escrowed at 125 percent of the estimated value prior to issuance of a certificate of occupancy.
- 5) Approval is subject to a one year Sunset Clause; if significant progress is not made towards construction of the proposal within one year of City Council approval, the approval is null and void.
- 6) A photometric plan must be submitted and approved by staff.

#### **Attachments:**

- Aerial Photograph
- Pictures
- Full Plans









