

Hastings Planning Commission

March 11, 2024 - Regular Meeting Agenda
Hastings City Hall - Council Chambers
7:00 p.m.

The Planning Commission of the City of Hastings, Minnesota met in a regular meeting on Monday, March 11, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Hastings City Council Chambers.

1. Call Meeting to Order

Planning Commissioners Present: Messina, Halberg, LeBrun, McGrath, Peters, Swedin, and Teiken.

Planning Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present:

City Planner Justin Fortney

2. Oath of Office – Chair Messina administered the Oath of Office for Commissioner Teiken.

3. Elect Planning Commission Chair and Vice Chair for 2024 – Motion by Peters seconded by Teiken to elect Messina as Chair and Halberg as Vice Chair. Motion approved 7-0.

4. Approval of Minutes – January 8, 2024 - Regular Meeting

Chair Messina asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes.

Minutes were approved as presented.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

OTHER ACTIONS

5. Storage Werks – Site Plan #2024-10 – Storage Rental Facility – 2489 Spiral Blvd

Fortney reviewed the property location and provided an overview of the request to approve the site plan proposed by Legacy Crossing LLC for a storage rental facility at 2489 Spiral Blvd. Fortney provided the history of the property, reviewed previous Planning Commission and City Council approvals. Fortney indicated the applicant recently developed two City owned industrial park lots with similar self-storage units.

Commissioners posed questions regarding architectural standards, access concerns for emergency responders, snow removal and landscaping. Commissioners discussed specific site work for each phase through the development. Chad Smurawa provided an overview of the work with the intent to have the facility look visually pleasing.

Commissioners asked for additional background information regarding tree inventory and the removal of vegetation. Fortney indicated City staff were not aware that the lots were for sale or that vegetation had been removed. Commissioners expressed concern for access to the site and traffic throughout the area and asked questions in relation to what is

in the Comprehensive Plan. Smurawa responded to the access concerns and shared additional information regarding drainage at the site. Additional concerns were raised regarding outdoor storage at the site. Commissioners discussed the direction this decision would set for similar properties and the potential impact to the North end of the property.

Commissioner Teiken motioned to approve the Site Plan request with additional conditions to ensure no outdoor storage is allowed, and the request to work with City engineers to improve site access, seconded by Commissioner Swedin.

Ayes: Commissioners Halberg, LeBrun, McGrath, Peters, Swedin, and Teiken.

Nays: Messina

Abstain: None

Absent: None

6. **Other Business**

Fortney provided a summary of recent City Council actions and future items for the Planning Commission's review.

7. **Adjourn**

Commissioner Halberg motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 PM. Seconded by Commissioner Peters. Vote: Ayes 7; Nays: 0. Motion approved as presented.

Next Meeting – March 25, 2024

Respectively submitted:

Emily King
Deputy City Clerk