

**APPROVED MINUTES
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
MAY 11, 2010
7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

Planning Commission Vice Chairman Sean Wagner called the Regular Meeting of the Wyoming Planning Commission of May 11, 2010 to order at 7:00 P.M.

CALL OF ROLL:

On a Call of the Roll the following members of the Wyoming Planning Commission were present: Sean Wagner, Judy Coughlin, Mark Lobermeier, and Ken Meyers

Members Absent: Frank Storm.

Also Present: Zoning Administrator Fred Weck, Council Liaison Roger Elmore.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

Vice Chairman Wagner determined a quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

OPEN FORUM:

“An opportunity for members of the public to address the Planning Commission on items not on the current Agenda. Items requiring Planning Commission action maybe deferred to staff for research and future Planning Commission Agendas if appropriate.”

No members of the public spoke.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- 1 **Consider approving the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Wyoming, Minnesota Planning Commission for April 27, 2010.**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER LOBERMEIER, SECONDED BY PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER COUGHLIN, TO APPROVE THE “REGULAR MEETING” MINUTES OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA PLANNING COMMISSION FOR APRIL 27, 2010.

Voting Aye: Coughlin, Meyers, Lobermeier, and Wagner.

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 2 There were no Public Hearings.

NEW BUSINESS

- 3 There was no New Business.

OLD BUSINESS

4 Ordinance Updates

The Planning Commission considered the recommendations and revisions made to the updated Nuisance Ordinance by City Attorney Christine Eid. The Planning Commission found the discussed the attorney's advice regarding public hearings for the amended ordinances and decided by consensus that all of the ordinances should have a public hearing. In order to give the commission time to review the attorney's comments on the Nuisance Ordinance at its next meeting and to provide for proper public notice, it was determined that the public hearing would be held on June 8th.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER COUGHLIN, SECONDED BY PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER MEYERS, FOR STAFF TO MAKE THE CHANGES TO THE NUISANCE ORDINANCE AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CITY ATTORNEY, TO REQUEST THAT THE ATTORNEY CLARIFY THE COMMENT REGARDING RESIDENCY IN THE SEXUAL PREDATOR SECTION OF THE ORDINANCE, AND TO SCHEDULE A JUNE 8th PUBLIC HEARING.

Voting Aye: Coughlin, Meyers, Lobermeier, and Wagner.

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

5 Sign Ordinance Survey

The Planning Commission reviewed the responses to the Sign Ordinance Survey that had been mailed to City of Wyoming businesses and commercial property owners in February of this year. The survey was sent in order to get opinions on the City's recently adopted sign ordinance. Of the 192 surveys mailed, 10 were sent back as "Return to Sender", and 37 were returned with responses (a 20% response rate). In an email to the Planning Commission Chairman Storm offered his opinion that based on the responses that the ordinance should remain as written with no changes.

While reviewing the responses the commissioners discussed:

1. Increasing the allowed size of temporary signs, the consensus was to leave them at a maximum of thirty-two (32) square feet.
2. Consider allowing an administrative variance, it was decided that that would be unwieldy and open for abuse.
3. Allowing fewer restrictions during the Thanksgiving through Christmas season. It was decided that not all businesses have that season as their busy time (such as accountants during tax season, and boat dealerships during the summer) and it could not be applied fairly.
4. Consider the creation of a subcategory of temporary signs, such as incidental or accessory signs. Commissioner Meyers provided staff with copies of the City of Largo, Florida, sign ordinance amendments.
5. Reconsider the prohibition of off-premise signs because of the number of survey responses that did not want them to be prohibited.

Vice Chairman Wagner suggested that considering the length of time that the subject had been discussed tonight that further discussion should take place at the next

meeting.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER MEYERS, SECONDED BY PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER LOBERMEIER, to continue discussion at the next meeting of the planning Commission.

Voting Aye: Coughlin, Meyers, Lobermeier, and Wagner.

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER LOBERMEIER, SECONDED BY PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER MEYERS, TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA PLANNING COMMISSION FOR MAY 11, 2010 AT 8:50 P.M.

Voting Aye: Coughlin, Meyers, Lobermeier, and Wagner.

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None