



BURNSVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

MEETING OF JUNE 27, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT

David Cherner
John Corey
Patrick Julik
Ramraj Singh

MEMBERS ABSENT

Chris Teiken
Steve Manhart

OTHERS PRESENT

Al Brixius
Police Chief Bob Hawkins
Skip Nienhaus

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Ramraj Singh at 6:30 p.m.

1. Adoption of Agenda.

Julik moved and Cherner seconded a motion for adoption of the June 27, 2011 Planning Commission Meeting Agenda.

Ayes: Cherner, Corey, Julik, Singh. Nays: None. Motion passed (4-0).

2. Consider Approval of Minutes for Previous Meeting of June 13, 2011.

Cherner moved and Corey seconded a motion for approval of the June 13, 2011 Minutes.

Ayes: Cherner, Corey, Julik, Singh. Nays: None. Motion passed (4-0).

3. Public Hearing – JPT Industries Inc. – Application for a PUD Amendment to allow additional freestanding and wall signage for a Best Buy store located at 14141 Aldrich Avenue South.

Planning Consultant Al Brixius presented an overview of the application made by JPT Industries Inc.

Tim Palmquist, Project Manager, Best Buy presented information on the project. Current location will be retained as an incubator and training facility.

At 6:57 p.m. Singh invited any interested persons to speak.

No one spoke during the public hearing.

At 6:58 p.m. Singh closed the public hearing.

Julik moved that Planning Commission recommend denial of the second pylon. No second. Discussion. Julik withdrew the motion.

Julik moved and Singh seconded that Planning Commission recommend denial of the PUD Amendment.

Ayes: Julik, Singh. Nays: Cherner, Corey. Motion failed (2-2).

4. Public Hearing – City of Burnsville – Application for an Ordinance Amendment to Title 10, Chapter 30 of the Burnsville City Code concerning changeable copy signs.

Economic Development Commission Chair Ken Slipka and Economic Development Coordinator Skip Nienhaus presented an overview of the ordinance amendment application made by the city. Nienhaus stated that the Commission had been provided with letters from Holiday Companies and the Minnesota Sign Association requesting a lessening of the time duration that staff had received that afternoon.

At 7:42 p.m. Singh invited any interested persons to speak.

The following spoke:

Bill Amberg, attorney, Minnesota Sign Association, stating no evidence exists that changeable copy signs are a traffic hazard.

Spencer LaBatt, IMAGA Sign Company, stated the signs are the most affordable advertising for small business and that the signs reach their full potential at 8 to 10 second intervals.

Greg Rendall, President, Minnesota Sign Association, stated signs do not cause traffic hazards, longer duration time do not allow public to receive full messages.

Daron Van Helden, President, Burnsville Chamber stated signs work, get attention, chamber members who have support a lesser duration. Chamber is supportive of all other EDC recommendations in the ordinance amendment.

At 8:07 p.m. Singh closed the public hearing.

Chair Singh read an email from Commissioner Manhart asking the Planning Commission to Recommend no change in the time duration.

Corey moved and Cherner seconded a motion that Planning Commission recommend City Council adopt the Ordinance Amendment to Title 10, chapter 30 concerning Changes to Changeable Copy Signs.

Ayes: Cherner, Corey, Singh. Nays: Julik None. Motion passed (3-1).

5. Other Business.

- a. June 27, 2011 Planning Commission Meeting Agenda
- b. Planning Commissioner Updates
- c. Joint City Council worksession – July 12, 20-11
- d. Training date – July 20, 2011
- e. Best of the Road – Best Food Town events

6. Adjournment.

Motion by Cherner, seconded by Julik to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

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