

**MINUTES
OF THE JOINT WORK SESSION OF THE
EDINA CITY COUNCIL AND THE EDINA PLANNING COMMISSION
HELD AT CITY HALL
FEBRUARY 17, 2015
5:12 P.M.**

Mayor Hovland called the meeting to order at 5:12 p.m.

Answering rollcall were Members Brindle, Staunton, Stewart and Mayor Hovland. Member Swenson was absent. Planning Commissioners attending the meeting were: Arlene Forrest, Susan Lee, JoAnn Olsen and Michael Schroeder.

Staff attending the meeting included: Lindy Crawford, City Management Fellow; Debra Mangan, City Clerk; Chad Millner, City Engineer; Scott Neal, City Manager; Bill Neuendorf, Economic Development Manager; and Cary Teague, Planning Director. Roger Knutson, City Attorney was also attending

601120 DAY RULE & THE TWO STEP REZONING REQUIREMENT

Planning Director Teague and City Attorney Knutson outlined for the Planning Commission and City Council the challenges experienced as a result of the City's current two-step rezoning requirements that necessitate four public hearings (two before the Planning Commission and City Council each). The notification requirement with four hearings lengthens the time between when an application has been received and its final action before the City Council. Concern exists that under Minnesota Statutes, a developer could receive a de facto approval without the City completing its process if the process exceeds the statutory timeframes for rendering decisions. Various changes were discussed with staff being directed to prepare the necessary code changes that would allow preliminary rezoning requests to be heard by the Planning Commission with a public hearing and the City Council with a public hearing. Final rezoning requests would then go only to the City Council and not require a public hearing. The code changes will be prepared and reviewed by the Planning Commission before coming before the City Council.

2015 PLANNING COMMISSION WORK PLAN REVISION

Mr. Teague outlined a proposed change to the 2015 Planning Commission work plan that would redirect funding for a Small Area Plan for the Cahill and 70th Commercial area from 2015-2016 to 2016-2017. He noted this would allow the funds to be used to complete a Small Area Plan/Density Study in the Southdale area in conjunction with the Engineering Department's study of transportation and utility capacity in the area. Planning Commissioner Michael Schroeder outlined one possible scenario for conducting public engagement to define principles for the area in question. City Council, Planning Commission and staff discussed the possibilities of developing a task force and commencing the small area plan. Council indicated it would take formal action at its regular meeting.

There being no further business, Mayor Hovland adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Minutes approved by Edina City Council, March 3, 2015

Debra Mangan, City Clerk

James B. Hovland, Mayor