

CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS

*NOTICE OF MEETING
PLANNING COMMISSION*



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GRAND RAPIDS**
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Meeting Agenda Full Detail

Thursday, February 4, 2016

4:00 PM

Council Chambers

Planning Commission

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY HALL - 420 N. Pokegama Ave.
Grand Rapids, MN 55744**

Call To Order**Call of Roll**

Setting of Agenda - This is an opportunity to approve the regular agenda as presented or add/delete an agenda item by a majority vote of the Commissioners present.

Approval of Minutes

16-0086 Approve the minutes of the January 7, 2016, 4:00 pm regular meeting.

Attachments: [January 7, 2016 Meeting Minutes](#)

General Business

16-0087 Consider a recommendation to the City Council regarding the vacation of certain portions of two retained public easements within Blocks 20 and 21, Plat of Town of Grand Rapids.

Attachments: [Easement Vacation: Staff Report w/review committee comments](#)

[Easement Vacation: Map and 1996 Vacation Res.](#)

[Easement Vacation: Considerations](#)

Public Input

Individuals may address the Planning Commission about any non public hearing item or any item not included on the Regular Meeting Agenda. Speakers are requested to come to the podium, state their name and address for the record and limit their remarks to three (3) minutes.

Miscellaneous\Updates**Adjourn**

NEXT REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR:
Thursday, March 3, 2016



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Legislation Details (With Text)

File #: 16-0086 **Version:** 1 **Name:** Approve the minutes of the January 7, 2016, 4:00 pm regular meeting.

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Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
2/4/2016	1	Planning Commission	Approved as Presented by Commission	

Approve the minutes of the January 7, 2016, 4:00 pm regular meeting.

Background Information:

See attached draft meeting minutes.

Staff Recommendation:

Approve the minutes of the January 7, 2016, 4:00 pm regular meeting.



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Minutes - Final Planning Commission

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY HALL - 420 N. Pokegama Ave.
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

Thursday, January 7, 2016

4:00 PM

Council Chambers

Call To Order

Call of Roll

- Present** 6 - Chairperson Julie Fedje-Johnston, Commissioner Marn Flicker, Commissioner Charles Burress, Commissioner Lester Kachinske, Commissioner Susan Lynch, and Commissioner Paula Johnson
- Absent** 1 - Commissioner Mark Gothard

Setting of Agenda - This is an opportunity to approve the regular agenda as presented or add/delete an agenda item by a majority vote of the Commissioners present.

Approved As Presented

Approval of Minutes

Approve the minutes of the October 1, 2015, 4:00 pm regular meeting and the December 8, 2015, 4:00 pm special meeting/worksession.

Motion by Commissioner Lynch, second by Commissioner Flicker to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2015 regular meeting. The following voted in favor thereof: Flicker, Burress, Fedje-Johnston, Lynch, Johnson, Kachinske. Opposed: None, passed unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Flicker, Second by Commissioner Kachinske to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2015 Worksession. The following voted in favor thereof: Kachinske, Johnson, Lynch, Fedje-Johnston, Burress, Flicker. Opposed: None, passed unanimously.

General Business

Consider a recommendation to the City Council regarding the vacation of a public utility and fire lane easement, granted to the City of Grand Rapids in May of 1975 through recorded document number 302376.

Oppidan Holdings, LLC., and LN Real Estate, LLC., submitted a valid petition on December 10, 2015 requesting the vacation of a public utility and fire lane easement. The request made by the property owner would remove an unused easement from the property which would allow for future development. There were no concerns or

objections from the staff review committee.

The Commissioners reviewed the considerations.

1. Is the easement needed for traffic purposes?

Why/Why not?

No, the easement is not needed for traffic purposes.

2. Is the easement needed for pedestrian purposes?

Why/Why not?

No, there are sidewalks along SE 2nd Avenue.

3. Is the easement needed for utility purposes?

Why/Why not?

No, the easement is not needed for utility purposes.

4. Would vacating the easement place additional land on the tax rolls?

Why/Why not?

No, however it would allow for future building or expansion.

5. Would vacating the easement facilitate economic development in the City?

Why/Why not?

Yes, it would allow for a larger business to relocate in the City.

Motion by Commissioner Lynch, second by Commissioner Flicker that, based on the findings of fact presented here today, and in the public's best interest, the Planning Commission does hereby forward to the City Council a recommendation to approve the vacation of a public utility and fire lane easement, granted to the City of Grand Rapids in recorded document number 302376 and described as:

A tract of land located in the unplatted part of the SE ¼ of NW ¼, Section 28, Township 55N, Range 25W, Itasca County, Minnesota, more particularly described as follows: A strip of land 30 ft. wide extending from 12th Street SE to the S boundary of the SE ¼ of NW ¼, the center line of the above strip to be a line 678.86 ft. east of and parallel to the easterly right-of-way of Trunk Highway #169

With the considerations as discussed by the planning commission.

The following voted in favor thereof: Kachinske, Johnson, Lynch, Fedje-Johnston, Burress, Flicker. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

Public Input

Miscellaneous\Updates

Chair Fedje- Johnston welcomed Paula Johnson to the Planning Commission.

Compensation/Reimbursement discussion

Commissioners Kachinske and Flicker along with Chair Fedje-Johnston and staff agreed to set up a meeting with City Administrator Pagel to discuss compensation for boards and commissions.

Adjourn

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