

**City of Columbus**  
**Public Hearing – Kaasa IUP Application (PC-13-108)**  
**Motor Sports, Boats & More, LLC**  
**October 2, 2013**

The October 2, 2013 Public Hearing to receive testimony regarding the request of John Kaasa for an IUP for a Residential Zone Business at 9651 152<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NE, Columbus, MN was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Vice Chair Garth Sternberg at the City Hall. Present were Commission members Andy Anderson, Myron Organ, Pam Wolowski, Jesse Preiner, and Jody Krebs; Planner Dean Johnson, and Recording Secretary Karen Boland.

Also in attendance were City Council member Denny Peterson; Kevin Lyzhof, Mark Kragenbring, Randy Swanson, Mark and Jackie Kotchen, Dick Tschida, Judi and Pat Kinsella, John Kaasa, Pat Preiner, and Mary Preiner.

**Sternberg:** And now we will have a Public Hearing for John Kaasa IUP application request, pages 1 through 7 and enclosures. At this time I'd like to ask the recording secretary to read the public notice as it appeared in the newspaper?

Notice was read at this time.

**Sternberg:** Thank you. Will the applicants please come forward? Hi.

**Kaasa:** Hello.

**Sternberg:** Can you... We'll have you state your name, for the record.

**Kaasa:** It's John Craig Kaasa.

**Sternberg:** And your address?

**Kaasa:** Of business?

**Sternberg:** I believe it's actually your address.

**Kaasa:** That would be 4342 Victor Path, Hugo, 55038.

**Sternberg:** Okay. Thank you. Will you please explain what you're asking of us?

**Kaasa:** Well, what I'm asking is just a, a limited use permit, um, for used motor vehicles, to go along with, uh, what I'm going to be doing is pretty much...well, the same thing that the building's been used for, pretty much since it's been built. And that's going to be the sale of motor sports, recreational vehicles, and marine. Um, but along with that, I'd also like to have a limited use permit for our used motor vehicles. Just, when uh, it's going to be a small operation, you know, so in, for example, January through March, recreational vehicles there's not a whole

lot going on, so, I'd like to have the used motor vehicles just as a filler, just to keep business going...

**Sternberg:** Sure.

**Kaasa:** ...in the slow times. Like that. So...

**Sternberg:** Any questions?

**Anderson:** I drove by the location today, and there are boats and various pieces of equipment there right now. Is there another business there already or is that your equipment?

**Kaasa:** No, what that is, that is a service...there's a small-engine business in there right now.

**Anderson:** Yeah.

**Kaasa:** And, uh, he leases part of the building...

**Anderson:** Okay.

**Kaasa:** ...and I lease the other part. So, yeah, that, uh, that's K & B Small Engine Repair. So that's the service over there.

**Anderson:** Okay, and that...you're not associated with that at all?

**Kaasa:** No. I'd just be on the sales end.

**Anderson:** Okay. And you do understand that it says, uh, one of the findings of fact, that you will have no more than six used motor vehicles there at any one time.

**Kaasa:** Yeah.

**Anderson:** Okay.

**Kaasa:** Yeah. I was across the street, doing the same thing at Forest Lake Motor Sports. I was a sales manager there and overseeing operations there. I've been there for 21 years, you know, so I know the neighbors around there, as far as the businesses, and, uh, so, they sold off to corporate Tracker Marine/Bass Pro Shops and they lease the building, so I just moved out, just went on my own, and been doing the same thing.

**Anderson:** Okay. Thank you.

**Krebs:** Mr. Chairman, I have a question. Um, just a quick...is six going to be enough? I mean, could you potentially have more than that that you'd be...I mean, what if you're holding something and it's pending sale, but you have the opportunity of more in?

**Kaasa:** Well, like I say, on that, uh, I think six will actually...

**Krebs:** Will that be sufficient for you? I mean, so you understand the finding of facts and the recommendations? So you're okay with everything in these...?

**Kaasa:** Yup. I'm okay with that.

**Krebs:** Okay. Just want to make sure that we cover enough so that there's not a problem.

**Kaasa:** Yeah. I think that'll be fine since that's not going to be my main, uh, uh, sale, you know. It's, uh, I think, I think six is fine.

**Krebs:** Okay. Okay. And then there's no major repairs? You do minor repairs or oil changes?

**Kaasa:** No. Nope. I'm not going to be doing any of that. I'm just going to be on the sales end of it.

**Krebs:** Okay.

**Kaasa:** You know, I'm going to...any of...small engine, as far as ETBs or so forth, I'm just going to turn that over to, uh, Brian's in the service end of it. So, if you have customers that need a service issue, he would take care of that.

**Krebs:** Okay. Very good. Thank you.

**Kaasa:** It's all going to be, as far as the used motor vehicle, this is all going to be later-model, you know, current stuff. It's not going to be old junk sitting there, you know. So, it's going to be a nice, neat, clean operation.

**Krebs:** Sounds good.

**Sternberg:** Any further questions? Okay, at this time I'd like to open the meeting to the public. Looks like there's no public. Well, at this point I'm going to close the hearing with the right to re-open if it becomes necessary.

Hearing closed at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Karen Boland, Recording Secretary