

City of Columbus
Regular City Council Meeting
November 25, 2013

The November 25, 2013 meeting of the City of Columbus City Council was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Mayor Dave Povolny at the City Hall. Present were Council Members Denny Peterson, Jeff Duraine, & Jessie Messina. City Administrator Elizabeth Mursko; Engineer Larry Bohrer and Deputy City Clerk Emmy Robinson.

Absent: Council Member Krebs.

Also in attendance were: Dan Hair, Rick Robinson, Jesse Preiner, Mary Preiner, Pat Preiner, Myron Organ, and Davey Povolny.

A. CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

1. Call To Order - Regular Meeting - 7:00 P.M.
2. Pledge of Allegiance

B. CONSENT AGENDA

3. Motion - Approval City Council Meeting Minutes on 11/13/2013
4. Motion - Agenda Approval with Additions
5. Motion - Pay Bills as Posted

Motion by Peterson to approve the consent agenda. Second by Duraine. Motion Carried.

C. PRESENTATIONS

6. PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Commissioner Anderson presented for the Planning Commission tonight and started by saying there were three items on their agenda, The Nelson Plat, The Columbus Wilds Plat and a discussion regarding the Metropolitan Council 2040 Household Forecasts.

Nelson Acres Plat application

The Planning Commission recommended approval of this application, the City Administrator explained that this is not on the agenda tonight and will be taken up by the Council at the December 11th, 2013 meeting.

7. Motion- Columbus Wilds Plat (Pages 1-11 & Enclosure) PC13-118

An application for Preliminary and Final Plat was submitted by Daniel Hair for property he owns on the east side of I35 in the Freeway District. The Planning Commission made a motion to forward the application with a recommendation for approval based on the findings of fact and recommendations from the Planner's memo dated November 11, 2013 with changes. A revised memo was included in the agenda packet from the Planner dated November 21, 2013. Mr. Hair approached at this time and confirmed that the undevelopable land; Outlot's A and B are being donated to Rice Creek Watershed and he will retain Outlot C (currently has the house) and he will retain the wetland credits. The Council expressed their desire that the wetland credits be sold in Columbus, Mr. Hair said he would be happy to sell the credits locally.

Motion PLZ 01300 by Peterson to approve the application of Dan Hair for a preliminary/final plat with a recommendation for approval based on the findings of fact from the Planning Commission minutes dated and recommendations from the Planner's memo dated November 21, 2013 and subject to the conditions from the Planner's memo dated November 21, 2013. Second by Messina. Votes as follows: Peterson - aye; Messina - aye; Duraine - aye; Povolny - aye. Motion Carries.

Findings of Fact for the Columbus Wilds Final Plat (PC-13-118) for Daniel Hair 25-32-22-42-0003, 25-32-22-43-0002

1. The combined preliminary and final plat application received on October 23, 2013 was found complete for review.
2. The 120-day combined plat review deadline is February 20, 2014.
3. There are 47.61 gross acres in the proposed plat, owned by Dan Hair and located at 145th Avenue and Hornsby Street in Section 25, Township 32, Range 22 (Property).
4. The City Council waived certain plat submittal requirements.
5. A wetland delineation on the Property has been approved by the Rice Creek Watershed District (RCWD).
6. There are two existing parcels of record on the Property.
7. There is one existing residence and several accessory structures on the Property.
8. There are three existing billboards on the Property.
9. The Property is currently zoned CS Commercial Showroom.
10. Municipal sewer and water are available to the Property.
11. The purpose of the plat is to combine the two existing parcels and re-describe the Property into new lots for future use and sale.
12. The entire easterly plat boundary abuts the former Houle WMA, now owned by RCWD.
13. One commercial lot (4.72 acres) along 145th Avenue and three outlots are proposed.
14. Outlot A (6.89 acres) is primarily wetland, including a 50 feet upland wetland buffer, and will either be retained by the Property owner or donated to RCWD.
15. Outlot B (34.25 acres) is primarily wetland and will be donated to RCWD.
16. Outlot C (1.18 acres) is a 38-foot-wide ingress and egress easement corridor and location for two existing billboards, adjacent to I-35 and Outlot B, which will be retained by the Property owner.
17. A total of 0.57 acres of 145th Avenue right-of-way will be dedicated.
18. There is no development proposed on the Property at this time.
19. Proposed Lot 1 meets all dimensional standards within the CS District and is capable of further resubdivision.
20. Standard drainage and utility easements are located adjacent to all property lines on proposed Lot 1.
21. The Property is not located within a shoreland area. The 100-year flood elevation is contained within the delineated wetlands.
22. Subsequent development within the plat will require stormwater plans, site plans, building permits, and other governmental approvals.
23. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on the Columbus Wilds Preliminary Plat on November 20, 2013.
24. The Columbus Wilds Final Plat is consistent with the Preliminary Plat.

Conditions for the Columbus Wilds Plat Final (PC-13-118) for Daniel Hair 25-32-22-42-0003, 25-32-22-43-0002.

1. Recommendations of the City Engineer.
2. Title review and recommendations of the City Attorney.
3. Plat review recommendations of RCWD.
4. The Final Plat shall be consistent with the approved preliminary plat.
5. Permanent wetland buffer plaques shall be installed on the easterly and southerly lot lines of Lot 1, at intervals and design determined by the City.
6. Drainage and utility easements shall encumber Outlots A and B, unless a different wetland protection or non-development encumbrance is recommended and approved by the City Attorney.
7. Outlot C shall be limited in use as an ingress and egress easement and existing billboard location.
8. Cash in lieu of park land dedication, if required.
9. Future development in the plat is subject to local ordinances and permitting requirements and may be subject to additional review and permitting under the Wetland Conservation Act.

8. MOTION - METROPOLITAN COUNCIL PRELIMINARY FORECASTS LETTER (PAGES 12-13)

A letter dated November 21, 2013 from the Planner to the Metropolitan Council regarding the 2040 Preliminary forecasts with a Columbus 2040 Household Forecasts sheet dated November 20, 2013 was included in the agenda packet. The reason for the letter is to notify the Metropolitan Council of possible future density changes, which results from recent discussions at Planning Commission meetings regarding smaller lot sizes and higher density building in the Freeway District area. The action is approval of the letter.

Motion PLZ 00300 by Duraine to forward the letter to Ms. Lisa Barajas, Sector Representative Metropolitan Council. Second by Peterson. Votes as follows: Peterson - aye; Messina - aye; Duraine - aye; Povolny - aye. Motion Carries.

9. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

No topic was raised during public open forum.

D. STAFF & CONSULTANT REPORTS

10. ENGINEER REPORT

Direction & Motion - Citizen Suggestion Street Light at Howard Lake Dr and KRB

A suggestion was made that the city considers installing a light at this intersection. The Engineer was directed to contact Connexus to obtain costs. Connexus was contacted, 2 choices were offered. The first is a 135 watt LED which would cost \$900 for the installation fee and electricity fee would be \$6.46/month. The second option is a high pressure sodium 250 watt light, the cost of \$600 for installation with a \$10.76/month electricity charge. The return on investment on the LED would be 6 years. Council Member Peterson talked to neighbors in the area and said they are opposed to having the light. The Engineer offered another alternative, Connexus is evaluating a new LED fixture that that would cost less for installation and monthly electric fees, this would not be available until after the first of the year.

The consensus was there is no special reason to light this intersection than any other intersection in the city and there is opposition from the surrounding neighbors. No motion was made to proceed with a light at this intersection.

Update - White Bear Lake vs. DNR Subpoena

This is a lawsuit by the White Bear Lake Association against the DNR regarding groundwater and the falling lake level. At the last City Council meeting the Engineer reported that the City Attorney was able to reduce the number of documents requested by the subpoena to 4 points. The Engineer gathered the documents which included the drilling records, application for the first water appropriation permit and the issued permit. The documents were delivered on November 15th, 2013. An invoice for \$1122 was submitted for the cost to produce the documents. The next step is the Engineer’s deposition which is schedule for December 10th, 2013. This is open to the public to view.

Mayor Dave Povolny attended a meeting regarding the establishment of a ground water management area. The DNR would add 20 employees to run this management. Mayor Dave Povolny suggested people contact their legislators about this.

11. ATTORNEY REPORT

The Attorney was not in attendance tonight.

12. MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORT Council Member Peterson

Council Member Peterson

At a previous meeting Council Member Peterson gave the Council costs for building a bridge to be used during Fall Fest for access to the Columbus City Park. The cost for materials (steel and wood) would be approximately \$900. The Public Works staff will build it and weld it. A \$500 donation was made by the Lions to help with the construction of the bridge. Council Member Peterson’s request is approval of \$500 from the City to proceed with the project.

Motion P&R 01500 by Peterson to appropriate \$500 from the City to combine with the \$500 donation from the Lions for the portable bridge construction project for Fall Fest to facilitate access to Columbus City Park. Second by Duraine. Votes as follows: Peterson - aye; Messina - aye; Duraine - aye; Povolny - aye. Motion Carries.

Council Member Messina

No report.

Council Member Duraine

Rush Line Task Force

The Rush Line Task Force met and they approved a study of transit options on the Rush Line Corridor to use in the hopes of obtaining federal grant money. The county will ask for proposals to examine two alternatives – a light rail transit line to White Bear Lake and a longer bus rapid transit line to Forest Lake – to determine which is better. The study should also help local officials zero in on a more precise route for the corridor.

Once the new transit station is open, bus lines 285 and 275 will be merged, a bus shelter is being discussed for the Running Aces Harness Park Park and Ride.

Forest Lake Cable Commission

The Franchise Agreement was approved by Forest Lake and Scandia. A new person was hired to replace Maris Strautmanis.

Mayor Dave Povolny

Mayor Dave Povolny attended the Groundwater management meeting.

13. DEPUTY CLERK REPORT

No report.

14. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The video produced by LATV and directed by Maris Strautmanis for the EDA was shown at this time. Direction was given by the Council to send Mr. Strautmanis a thank you card for his work producing the video and help directing the Council. Direction was also given to upload the video to the website; it will also be aired on LATV 10.

Treasurer's Report

Receipts: \$111,214.03

Disbursements: \$42,229.90

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

- ▶ Planning Commission Mtg. 12/04/2013 7:00 p.m. Insurance Auto Auctions Inc. will be on the agenda. Mayor Dave Povolny encouraged all council members to attend. There will be no further public testimony on this application as the public hearing was already held and closed, however anything submitted in writing will be inserted into the agenda packet.
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F. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Duraine to adjourn. Second by Messina.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Emilia S. Robinson

Deputy City Clerk