

**CITY OF COLUMBUS  
JOINT CITY COUNCIL & PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
INTERACTIVE TECHNOLOGY MEETING FORMAT  
STATUTES SECTION 13D.021  
02-16-2022**

The 02-16-2022 Regular Planning Commission meeting for the City of Columbus was called to order at 6:01pm by Mayor Jesse Preiner at the City Hall. Present were City Council members Sue Wagamon, Janet Hegland and Commission members Kris King, Barb Bobick, Bob Berens and Chair Ron Hanegraaf and City Associate Planner Ben Gutknecht.

City Council member Rob Busch was absent.

In attendance via interactive technology were City Administrator Elizabeth Mursko, Permit Coordinator Carissa Kranz, Assistant to the City Administrator Jessica Hughes, City Council member Shelly Logren and resident Roxy Johnson.

Also, in attendance in person were Residents Myron and Cindy Angel and Emmy and Rick Robinson.

The meeting was held in an interactive technology meeting format.

**1. CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR MEETING – 6:01PM**

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. MOTION – APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA** *Motion* Hegland to approve agenda as written. Second Bobick. Motion carried with Hanegraaf, Hegland, Bobick, King, Wagamon, Berens, Logren and Preiner voting in favor.

**4. MOTION – APPROVAL OF JANUARY 19, 2022, JOINT MEETING MINUTES** *Motion* Hanegraaf to approve 01-19-2022, Joint City Council and Planning Commission Minutes as written. Second Wagamon. Motion carried with Hanegraaf, Hegland, Bobick, King, Wagamon, Berens, Logren and Preiner voting in favor.

**5. DISCUSSION – RESIDENTIAL ZONE BUSINESS MORATORIUM MEETING – RESEARCH REVIEW** On 01-28-2022 Staff assigned the Planning Commission and Council members homework to research other city's rules regarding businesses that are permitted in the residential district.

The assignment was as follows:

- Research no more than three cities that start with the letters you were assigned and answer the following questions:
  1. How does the community define or categorize businesses located in the residential district?
  2. What control measures does the community implement that you like?

3. What control measures does the community implement that you don't like?
4. Anything else that you would like to share/put on the record.

At this time City Council and Planning Commission members shared their findings from the following communities:

- Village of Yorkville, WS
- Zumbrota, MN
- Plymouth, MN
- Ramsey, MN
- Roseville, MN
- Oak Grove, MN
- Nowthen, MN
- Medina, MN
- Evansville, WS
- Deephaven, MN
- Dayton, MN
- Corcoran, MN
- Andover, MN
- Lino Lakes, MN
- Jordon, MN
- Scandia, MN
- Sauk Centre, MN
- St Paul, MN
- Benton, WA
- Hugo, MN
- Isanti, MN

Each member present referenced their summaries from agenda packet item "2022-02-16\_HANDOUT\_Joint\_Meeting\_Research". Shelly also referenced a previous discussion the group had in 2021 regarding Residential Zoned Businesses and listed the following concerns:

1. IUP/CUP - Producing a better process than issuing IUP or CUPs for RZBs.
2. Workers must be part of the family - Not agreeing with this statement and wondering what it should be reworded as.
3. Sign regulations - Currently very strict regulations and the need for updated regulations.
4. Street parking or Roadway use - Does the RZB affect city streets and in turn cost the city money to make street improvements/repairs?
5. Fire Services – special needs due to type of business or hazardous waste
6. Sights, sounds and odor - Possibly including internet interruptions.
7. Does the RZB have proof of a license from other authority or is it the City's responsibility for the local licensing?
8. Regulating a large number of patrons to RZB property (example: during special events).

Staff will need some time to compile and sort through the research presented to determine the next steps and how to move forward with the group's likes and dislikes. There was additional discussion on whether the group wants to allow, encourage and support Residential Zoned Businesses/Home Occupations and the consensus was that they are in support. However, everyone agreed that there needs to be control measures in place so that the businesses are not impacting neighboring properties, streets/rights-of-way and are "invisible."

6. **PUBLIC OPEN FORUM** Emmy Robinson (18334 Tulane St NE, Columbus, MN) was present and stated she was glad that members were discussing this issue as there are many visible businesses near her property as well as on Notre Dame and Camp 3 Road. Emmy indicated in her opinion that most businesses do not belong in residential neighborhoods.
7. **ASSOCIATE PLANNER'S REPORT** Gutknecht nothing at this time.
8. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT** Mursko nothing at this time.
9. **PLANNING COMMISSION AND COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORT** Berens stated that the Planning Commission is still in need of another member. Preiner shared that the congressional districts did not change for the City of Columbus, and we will still be under the same representatives.
10. **ATTENDANCE FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS** King was scheduled to attend the 02-23-2022 City Council meeting. However, it was agreed that there was no need for the Planning Commission Report to be presented as most members were in attendance tonight.
11. **MOTION TO ADJOURN** *Motion* by Hanegraaf to adjourn, seconded by Hegland. Motion carried with Hanegraaf, Hegland, Bobick, King, Wagamon, Berens, Logren and Preiner voting in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.

*Carissa Kranz*

Respectfully Submitted: Carissa Kranz, Recording Secretary