

City of Columbus
Public Hearing – 7643 Camp 3 Road IUP (PC-18-106) April 4, 2018

The April 4, 2018 Public Hearing to receive testimony regarding a request for a Residential Zone Business Interim Use Permit to allow the operation of a used car dealership was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chair Garth Sternberg at the City Hall. Present were Commission members: James Watson, Pam Wolowski, Jesse Preiner, and Jody Krebs; City Administrator Elizabeth Mursko; Planner Dean Johnson; and Recording Secretary Rochelle Busch.

Also in attendance was City Councilmember Bill Krebs and Dave Povolny; Ian Jorgensen, Tim Houle, and Tom Swenson.

Sternberg: now we are going to have a Public Hearing and discussion for 7643 camp 3 road IUP request pages 1-11. And, at this time, I'd like to ask the recording secretary to read the Notice as published.

Notice was read at this time by the recording secretary.

Sternberg: Thank you. And at this time if the applicant can please come forward. Welcome

Swenson: How ya doing?

Sternberg: Good how are you?

Swenson: Good

Sternberg: Maybe just give us a little background on what it is you're asking.

Swenson: uh, to be able to sell used cars from my property.

Sternberg: This is basically a renewal right?

Swenson: Yeah

Sternberg: I recognize you

Swenson: To do the same thing I've been doing.

Sternberg: Every so many years

Swenson: I forget if it's three or five.

Mursko: I believe the last one was for five.

Krebs: Was this for the same number of cars, that the prior IUP?

Swenson: Nothing is changing

Sternberg: Nothings changing, on the IUP, as far as quantity of cars? That seems familiar. 20 cars

Mursko: So I don't know the number of cars, cause it's your application, so I'm not sure of the number.

Krebs: Have you read all the, um, all the findings of facts and recommendations?

Swenson: Yes I have.

Krebs: ok, and you're in agreement with all of them?

Swenson: yes

Krebs: ok. I do have one question on the um, so you will be doing light um repairs on the cars, but you won't be doing oil changes, and brakes and that kind of stuff? Or you are going to?

Swenson: I change oil on my own cars, that I own personally or my daughters. About it.

Krebs: No customers cars?

Swenson: I don't work on customers cars. I don't do any work like that at all for people. Unless I'm helping out a friend, it's very rare. Or family member.

Krebs: Ok.

Mursko: Under number eight it says that uh, there's a maximum of 20 cars on the property.

Swenson: Which I'm sure I would never exceed.

Sternberg: Any other questions? For the applicant

Woloski: No sir

Sternberg: Any further questions.

Krebs: Well the only reason why I ask that is cause number nine does say, only minor repairs to vehicles have been allowed, oil changes, tires, headlight replacements, that's the only reason why I'm asking. And did you go an talk to the county about permit for disposal of that waste?

Swenson: No, because the only time I really change oil is, for say personal use. Which doesn't amount to very much.

Krebs: So do we change that then? Or do we allow that to stay in there? I mean, as long as it's just his family and just...

Sternberg: Well, he, just because it's in there doesn't mean he can be telling the truth like he doesn't actually work on cars. And I don't know why, we need to be in his business about working on his own crap. I mean, I work on my own cars too, so it's like.

Krebs: Its saying only minor repairs on vehicle, to vehicles, have been allowed as IES, oil changes and tires.

Sternberg: yeah, that's allowed.

Krebs: All I'm asking is, cause he's saying he doesn't do it, were saying we allow it. That's the two different things. We're allowing it, and he says he doesn't,

Sternberg: I guess I'm saying, I don't have an issue if he does do minor repairs on some of the cars that he does.

Swenson: Are we talking minor repairs, or oil changes?

Krebs: It says that in here specifically, it says only minor repairs to vehicles have been allowed. Such as oil changes, tire and headlight replacements.

Sternberg: Does any other, anybody else have an issue?

Woloski: nope

Sternberg: Do we have any other...

Johnson: I'll just make the clarification, that the conditions are identical to the existing permit. If in fact there are oil changes it's up to the applicant to obtain the proper license for disposal. But as you suggest, if this done on a personal basis, none of the rest of us go and get those licenses when we are doing personal vehicles. So, if your question is

Krebs: Because he is licensed

Johnson: He saying he's not doing, do we remove that, that part of the permission, that's up to you. But these conditions were in the existing permit.

Krebs: ok

Johnson: So if he does do oil changes, he needs to be licensed by Anoka County for proper disposal.

Watson: Mr. Chair, Dean, because that is in there, will he be required to go to Anoka County?

Johnson: Not if he, doesn't changing oil as part of the business. No

Watson: Mr. Chair, one question to him. Sir, um the repairs that you do on your own vehicle do you do that in your own garage, or in the shed where the vehicles are stored?

Swenson: Usually in my own garage.

Watson: So, not done in the same building. Thank you

Sternberg: Any other further comments or questions? Anyone? Ok at this time, I'm going to open the hearing to the public. Any one from the public want to speak?

Mursko: Mr. Chair, in your um agenda packet there is a letter, from Dan and Donna Eifert, and they were unable to attend this evening, and so they asked us to put this letter in your packet on their behalf.

Sternberg: OK. So, no one else from the public? I'm going to close the hearing with the right to reopen.

Motion by Watson to recommend to the City Council for approval subject to findings of fact and recommendations of approval. Seconded by Sternberg. Motion carried unanimously.

At this time Chair Sternberg closed the Public Hearing. Hearing closed at 7:11pm
Respectfully submitted:

Rochelle Busch, Recording Secretary