



LE SUEUR PLANNING COMMISSION
Go to Meeting Webinar

MEETING AGENDA
Thursday, April 8, 2021
6:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes – March 11, 2021
4. New Business
 - 4.1. Future of the City Forum
5. Other Business
 - 5.1 City Council Report
6. Miscellaneous
7. Adjournment (*Next meeting 05/13/2021)

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**LE SUEUR PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, March 11, 2021**

A meeting of the Planning Commission was held on Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. virtually via Go to Meeting with the following Planning Commissioners in attendance: John Dieball, Andrea Faches, Colleen Johnson, Jack Roberts, Julie Sheehy, and Dan Ryerson. Commissioners absent: Melissa Huntington. Samantha DiMaggio, Community Development Director, and Leah Mahoney, City Council Liaison, were also in attendance.

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Sheehy to approve the agenda as written. Commissioners Voting in Favor: Roberts, Faches, Ryerson, Sheehy, and Johnson. Commissioners Voting no: None. Motion carried.

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Sheehy, seconded by Commissioner Dieball to approve the minutes from the February 11, 2021 meeting. Commissioners Voting in Favor: Roberts, Faches, Ryerson, Sheehy, and Johnson. Commissioners Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Item 4.1. Public Hearing - Zoning Code Amendment:

A motion was made by Commissioner Faches, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to open the Public Hearing. Commissioners Voting in Favor: Roberts, Faches, Ryerson, Sheehy, and Johnson. Commissioners Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Staff reviewed the proposed Chapter 153 Zoning Code amendments which include sections §153.076 Swimming Pools, §153.049 Fences, and the Impervious Surface Requirements in sections §153.211 General Business (B-2), §153.212 Light Industrial (I-1) and §153.213 General Industrial (I-2). During the public hearing, the Planning Commission heard from business owner John Henry, owner of Le Sueur Mini Storage. Mr. Henry recently purchased this business and is now looking to expand. Unfortunately, Mr. Henry's plans may be affected by the 50% Maximum Impervious Surface and should he choose to move forward, would need to apply for a variance or reduce the size of the expansion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ryerson, seconded by Commissioner Faches to close the Public Hearing. Commissioners Voting in Favor: Roberts, Faches, Ryerson, Sheehy, and Johnson. Commissioners Voting no: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ryerson, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to recommend the City Council approve the modifications to the Zoning Code as proposed with the understanding the Director Kucera would make a formal recommendation to the City Council on how the updates to the Impervious Surface Maximums could potentially impact the sewer rates and sewer capacity. Commissioners Voting in Favor: Roberts, Faches, Ryerson, Sheehy, and Johnson. Commissioners Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Item 5.1. City Council Report: Council Member Mahoney discussed the City Council Annual Retreat, during which the park priorities, upcoming infrastructure projects, and the Mayors Coalition on the Community Center were discussed. She also mentioned the Councils discussion on the Future of the City Forum.

A **motion** by Commissioner Ryerson, seconded by Commissioner Dieball to adjourn the meeting. Commissioners Voting in favor: Sheehy, Johnson, Faches, Roberts, Ryerson, and Dieball. Commissioners Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Samantha DiMaggio, Community Development Director



Planning Commission Item 4.1

TO: Planning Commission

FROM: Samantha DiMaggio, Community Development Director

SUBJECT: Future of the City Forum

DATE: Thursday, April 8, 2021

PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

Continue discussion the Future of the City Forum which was recommended in the 2040 Comprehensive Plan and listed as a goal in the Planning Commission's 2021 Work Plan.

SUMMARY

Staff utilized the 2040 Comprehensive Plan to develop a 2021 Planning Commission Work Plan. The City Council adopted this Work Plan on January 11, 2021.

Strategy 8 – Future of the City Forum:

- Participate in the “Future of the City Forum” or similar event to review the plan on an annual basis and facilitate a community dialogue about what has worked well and what has maybe not worked so well.
 - This evaluation should lead to identifying a need for amendments or updating the “to do list” on an annual or every other year basis.
 - This can occur through regular survey mechanisms or through a process designed to “take the pulse of the community” and celebrate community accomplishments.
 - Schedule a recurring “Future of the City Forum” to occur December of each year after plan adoption.
 - Prepare a report template that can be appended gradually over the year documenting issues with plan implementation, actions completed or new actions that should be added. This report template serves as the working agenda for the annual meeting.

The Planning Commission had an initial discussion on February 11, 2021 and staff would like to continue that discussion. Staff has also put together the attached list of potential questions for the Planning Commission to discuss and consider.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Planning Commission continue its discussion on the Future of the City Forum.

Question 1: Are you:

1. A resident
2. A business owner (and resident)
3. A business owner (and non-resident)
4. A student
5. A non-resident property owner

Question 2: How many years have you lived in Le Sueur?

1. Less than two years
2. Two-five years (2-5)
3. Five-ten years (5-10)
4. Ten-twenty (10-20)
5. Twenty-Thirty (20-30)
6. Over Thirty Years

Question 3: As things stand now, how long do you expect to live in Le Sueur?

1. Less than two years
2. Two-five years (2-5)
3. Six-ten years (6-10)
4. Over Ten years

Question 4: How do you rate the quality of life in Le Sueur:

1. Excellent
2. Good
3. Only fair
4. Poor
5. Don't know

Question 5: What one thing could the City of Le Sueur do to improve the quality of life?

Question 6: What do you like best about living in Le Sueur?

1. Convenient Location
2. Neighborhood/Housing
3. Safe
4. Friendly Community
5. Close to my family
6. Close to my employer
7. Schools
8. Parks/Trails
9. Shopping
10. Quiet and Peaceful

Question 7: What do you think is the most serious issue facing Le Sueur today?

1. High Taxes
2. Rising Crime
3. Affordable Housing
4. Lack of Jobs/Businesses
5. Aging Population
6. Aging Infrastructure
7. Street Repair
8. Utility Rates

Question 8: As a community, do you think Le Sueur is headed in the right direction?

1. Yes
2. No

Question 9: Over the next three years, rank the three most important priorities for the City of Le Sueur (with the most important being ranked #1)?

1. Economic Development (A community that is economically thriving)
2. Affordable Housing (A community where everyone can afford to live)
3. Infrastructure (A community where infrastructure supports its objective)
4. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion (A community that welcomes everyone)
5. Operational Effectiveness (A community with a government that works)
6. Climate Change Impacts (A community that is resilient and sustainable)

Question 10: How has the pandemic affected you? Choose all that apply:

1. Business Loss
2. Mental Health
3. Employment
4. Learning and development of students
5. Illness
6. Other: Please explain