

# City Council/Manager

**May 14, 2019 – 6:30 pm**  
Council Conference Room  
Golden Valley City Hall  
7800 Golden Valley Road

## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The meeting began at 6:30 pm in the Council Conference Room.

**Present:** Mayor Shep Harris, Council Members Joanie Clausen, Larry Fonnest, Gillian Rosenquist and Steve Schmidgall  
**Staff present:** City Manager Cruikshank, City Attorney Cisneros, Physical Development Nevinski, Planning Manager Zimmerman, Senior Planner/Grant Writer Goellner, and Development and Assets Supervisor Eckman

### 1a. Commission Annual Report – Environmental Commission 2018 Annual Report:

Environmental Commission Chair Hill presented the 2018 annual report and the 2019 projects and answered questions from the Council. Development and Assets Supervisor Eckman, City Manager Cruikshank and Physical Development Nevinski answered questions from Council. Council thanked the Commissioners for their service.

### 1b. Commission Annual Report – Human Rights Commission 2018 Annual Report:

Human Rights Commission Chair Harris presented the 2018 annual report and the 2019 projects and answered questions from Council. City Attorney Cisneros answered questions from Council. Council thanked the Commissioners for their service.

### 2. Narrow Lot Discussion

Planning Manager Zimmerman presented the staff report and provided background information on the issues surrounding narrow lots including the City's history of residential development. He reviewed the side yard setbacks, the recorded plats in the City where the lots of record are 65 feet or less and answered questions from Council.

The Council discussed the issues with narrow lots, the heights of new homes, the properties identified in the City that could be split, the side yard setback restrictions, ways to maintain neighborhood character as new homes are built, and possible next steps. City Manager Cruikshank answered questions from Council.

The Council consensus was to move forward cautiously by having staff work with the Planning Commission to study lots less than 50 feet wide, review possible height restrictions, examine ways to bring side yard setbacks into conformance with the City's Building and Fire Codes, and review the building envelopes for width consistency. The Council asked staff to bring the study back for their review and include what the City benefits would be if amendments are made.

**3. Mixed Use Zoning District Update**

Planning Manager Zimmerman presented the staff report including the background of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan process which identified four planning districts in which redevelopment may occur. He said that the areas included Downtown West, the Douglas Drive Corridor, the Golden Valley Road Light Rail Station area, and the I-394 Corridor. He provided information on the I-394 Mixed Use District and said staff is proposing it be changed to the new Mixed Use Zoning District. He also provided language on the Mixed Use Zoning District City Code draft language and possible next steps in the process. Mr. Zimmerman and Senior Planner/Grant Writer Goellner answered questions from Council.

The Council discussed the future Land Use Map, possible redevelopment opportunities, climate impacts, and requirements for the districts.

Mr. Zimmerman said staff would continue to work with the Planning Commission on the draft Code language, bring back a comprehensive draft, and then go forward with the public hearing process to amend the Zoning Code with a new Mixed Use Zoning District.

**4. Council Review of Future Draft Agendas: City Council May 21, City Council June 4 and Council/Manager June 11, 2019**

No changes were submitted for future agendas. The Council discussed possible rotation of attendance at the Market in the Valley and moving the June Council/Manager meeting to Brookview.

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm.

  
Shepard M. Harris, Mayor

  
Kristine A. Luedke, City Clerk



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