

February 6, 2023
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
Springfield, Missouri

The Planning and Zoning Commission met in special session in the City Council Chambers.

Roll Call - Present: Britton Jobe (Chairman), Natalie Broekhoven (Vice-Chair), Bruce Colony, Christopher Lebeck, Eric Pauly, Bill Knuckles, Betty Ridge, Dan Scott, and Helen Gunther. Absent: None. Staff in attendance: Bob Hosmer, Planning Manager, Susan Istenes, Planning Director, Rhonda Lewsader, City Attorney.

MINUTES:

COMMUNICATIONS: Bob Hosmer reported on City Council meeting actions and introduced new members of the Commission.

CONSENT ITEMS:

Request to Acquire 539
946 & 955 East Trafficway Street and 234 North John Q. Hammons Parkway
Applicant: City of Springfield

COMMISSION ACTION: (remove from consent agenda)

Mr. Colony motioned to remove from consent item. Ms. Broekhoven seconded the motion. Ayes: Broekhoven, Colony, Knuckles, Lebeck, Pauly, Gunther, Ridge, and Scott. Nays: Jobe. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

Mr. Hosmer stated that this is a request to acquire property (baseball stadium and parking lots) and is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and staff recommends approval.

Mr. Colony asked what would happen if the stadium were not purchased. Ms. Lewsader noted that the purpose of the commission and its function is to review if it is appropriate for the Master Plan. Further discussion on what permissions and steps/criteria were taken for the approval and purchase of the baseball field/team.

Mr. Hosmer wanted to clarify that he noted as part of the initial review on page 7 of the staff report (Land Acquisition Policy) that Forward SGF should also be part of the applicant responses as well as Vision 20/20.

Further discussion on what needed to be amended.

COMMISSION ACTION: (amend reference)

Mr. Lebeck motioned to amend where appropriate the reference of Vision 20/20 to add Forward SGF (Vision 20/20 – Forward SGF). Mr. Knuckles seconded the motion. Ayes: Jobe, Broekhoven, Colony, Knuckles, Lebeck, Pauly, Gunther, Ridge, and Scott. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

Further discussion regarding the Master Plan and its review every five years and when was the last review done. Mr. Hosmer noted that Forward SGF plan was just adopted last December and will review and amend the Comprehensive Plan on a five-year process to not get behind and being consistent with policies.

Mr. Hosmer noted that the Master Plan and the Comprehensive Plan are referenced as the same (resolution).

More discussion on funds for improvements with the Master Plan.

Mr. Jobe opened the public hearing.

Mr. Jobe closed the public hearing.

COMMISSION ACTION: (final vote)

Mr. Knuckles motioned to approve Request to Acquire 539 (946 & 955 East Trafficway Street and 234 North John Q. Hammons Parkway). Ms. Broekhoven seconded the motion. Ayes: Jobe, Broekhoven, Colony, Knuckles, Lebeck, Pauly, Gunther, Ridge, and Scott. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

OTHER BUSINESS:

ADJOURN: 5:20pm