

COON RAPIDS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 3, 2010

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OPEN MIC/PUBLIC COMMENT

No one appeared.

CALL TO ORDER

The first regular meeting of the Coon Rapids City Council for the month of November was called to order by Mayor Tim Howe at 7:02 p.m. on Wednesday, November 3, 2010, in the Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mayor Tim Howe, Councilmembers Denise Klint, Melissa Larson, Paul Johnson, Joe Sidoti, Jerry Nelson and Scott Schulte

Members Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

1. ADOPT AGENDA

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MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LARSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON, TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 19, 2010, COUNCIL MEETING:

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MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER NELSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SIDOTI, FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 19, 2010, COUNCIL MEETING. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mayor Howe welcomed Boy Scout Troop 413 to the meeting and indicated they were present to earn a Communication Merit Badge. He thanked them for attending this evening's meeting and had the Troop introduce themselves to Council.

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. APPROVE WAIVER OF CHRISTMAS TREE SALES FEE FOR BOY SCOUT TROOP 212
- B. APPROVE COON RAPIDS LIONS CLUB TEMPORARY ON-SALE LIQUOR LICENSE FOR FEBRUARY 19, 2011, WINE TASTING EVENT AT ANOKA-RAMSEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
- C. RECEIVE QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT

- D. RECEIVE MINNESOTA METRO NORTH (MMNT) FY11 BUDGET SUMMARY
  - E. CONS. RESOLUTION 10-109 CALLING FOR REDEMPTION OF THE OUTSTANDING TAXABLE GENERAL OBLIGATION TAX INCREMENT BONDS
  - F. CONS. RESOLUTION 10-110 DECLARING COST TO BE ASSESSED AND ORDERING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR DECEMBER 7, 2010, ON THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR 2010(3) MISCELLANEOUS ASSESSMENTS
  - G. APPROVE PROPOSAL WITH KIMLEY-HORN & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR PLANNING SERVICES FOR THE COON RAPIDS BOULEVARD EXTENSION REALIGNMENT STUDY
  - H. APPROVE PROPOSAL FROM SEH, INC. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR SANITARY SEWER LIFT STATION NO. 3 REPLACEMENT, PROJECT 10-28
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MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHULTE, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LARSON, FOR APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- 4. GREEN BAY PACKAGING, INC., 555 87<sup>TH</sup> LANE NW:
    - A. PUBLIC HEARING, 7:00 P.M.
    - B. CONSIDER RESOLUTION 10-104 VACATING UTILITY EASEMENT(S)
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City Attorney Hiljus presented a memorandum to Council stating on September 21, 2010, Council accepted a petition requesting the vacation of a utility easement submitted by Green Bay Packaging, Inc. for property located at 555 87<sup>th</sup> Lane NW and ordered a public hearing.

In 1996, Green Bay Packaging, Inc. granted the City an easement over portions of their property located at 555 87<sup>th</sup> Lane NW for utilities servicing their new building at that location. Green Bay Packaging is now planning an expansion of that facility and as a result a portion of the existing easement will have to be relocated. The Engineering Department suggests vacating the entire utility easement. Following the new construction of the facility and placement of the utility lines a new legal description can be drafted for the location of the easement executed and recorded against the property.

The Notice of Public Hearing has been published and posted in accordance with City Code.

#### **ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC VISION**

This item relates to the Community Development/Redevelopment section of the City's long term strategic vision in the following way:

By encouraging private business to expand  
Mayor Howe opened and closed the public hearing at 7:10 p.m. since no one appeared to address the

Council.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER SIDOTI, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHULTE, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 10-104, VACATING UTILITY EASEMENT OVER A PORTION OF 555 87<sup>TH</sup> LANE NW. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. PAWN AMERICA CURRENCY EXCHANGE LICENSE, 15 COON RAPIDS BOULEVARD:
    - A. PUBLIC HEARING, 7:00 P.M.
    - B. CONCUR WITH MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE RENEWAL OF THE 2011 CURRENCY EXCHANGE LICENSE FOR PAWN AMERICA MINNESOTA, 15 COON RAPIDS BOULEVARD
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City Clerk Anderson presented a memorandum to Council stating the Minnesota Department of Commerce has forwarded for Council consideration the currency exchange license renewal of Pawn America Minnesota, 15 Coon Rapids Boulevard.

Minnesota Statutes require the governing body to hold a public hearing and render a decision regarding the license renewal within 60 days, or by November 29. The notice of public hearing was published in the Coon Rapids Herald on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. The appropriate fees have been paid.

The Minnesota Department of Commerce conducted a state level background review on the appropriate personnel and the Coon Rapids Police Department conducted a local background check on the business operation. No matters which would impact concurrence with the license were discovered.

Pawn America's fee schedule is attached.

#### **ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC VISION**

This item relates to the Community Development section of the City's long term strategic vision by supporting private business.

Mayor Howe opened and closed the public hearing at 7:12 p.m. since no one appeared to address the Council.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHULTE, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON, TO CONCUR WITH MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE RENEWAL OF THE 2011 CURRENCY EXCHANGE LICENSE FOR PAWN AMERICA MINNESOTA AT 15 COON RAPIDS BOULEVARD.

Councilmember Johnson thanked the Coon Rapids Police Department for conducting a background check on the applicant for the licensure.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. APPROVE REVISED FINAL PLAT FOR GATEWAY COMMERCE CENTER (COOLEY PROPERTY), HANSON BOULEVARD AND HIGHWAY 10, PC 07-43

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Planner Harlicker presented a memorandum to Council stating the applicant is requesting revised final plat approval of Gateway Commerce Center. The applicant is proposing to plat the area along Highway 10 as outlots.

At the February 8, 2008 meeting, the Council approved the final plat for Gateway Commerce Center. On July 7, 2009 the applicant was granted approval of a revision to that plat. The revisions were proposed as part of changes to the PUD. The revision included the following:

- Reduce the size of Lot 1 and enlarge the size of Lot 5
- Adjust the lot lines of Lots 2, 3 and 4 to accommodate the changes to Lots 1 and 5
- The current final plat has the multi-tenant buildings on one lot, the revised plat has each building on its own lot

The proposed revised plat does not change the lot configuration approved on July 7 except for leaving the area along Highway 10 as outlots. Prior to the outlots being developed they will have to be replatted as regular lots and their configuration must be consistent with the plat approved on July 7, 2009.

The conditions listed below are the same conditions of the February 6, 2008 and July 7, 2009 final plat approvals.

Mayor Howe questioned the benefit of approving this final plat and creating outlots. Planner Harlicker stated the tax implications would be that the outlots would be assessed at a lower amount than buildable lots.

Councilmember Sidoti indicated it did not make sense to create additional outlots just for the applicant's property tax savings.

Mayor Howe asked if the outlots were requested by the property owner. Jonathon Adam, Silverstone Realty, addressed the outlot question. He stated the market for land at this time was poor. The parcels along Highway 10 were slated for large retail/commercial uses. He explained the tax value as outlots would greatly benefit the property owner as the parcels were not salable at this time.

Councilmember Klint questioned if the outlots would have to be replatted in the future when the parcels were ready for sale or would they remain outlots. Mr. Adam indicated the outlots would remain commercial/retail property uses but there was no market at this time.

Mayor Howe asked what would be the City's advantage to replatting these parcels. Mr. Adam indicated the tax value of these parcels did not support the land value. The replatting would assist his company in staying operational.

Councilmember Johnson stated the City was offering a huge tax break through this replatting, which was not being offered to the single family property owners. He felt this was not a fair request as the expense had to be picked up by someone and felt the replatting did not benefit the City.

Councilmember Sidoti questioned why the applicant was not completing their litigation on these parcels to reduce the liability on the parcels before making this request. Mr. Adam explained he was in the process of contesting 2008 property taxes and would also be contesting 2009 and 2010 as the property was not saleable. He indicated the action requested would assist with future planning for the site so future litigations were not necessary.

Councilmember Schulte indicated if the parcels were outlots it would devalue the parcels and increase their position within their litigations. He did not feel changing the parcels at this time would assist the City and he would not support the replatting.

Councilmember Klint was not in favor of the replatting either.

City Manager Fulton requested the Council determine several findings to support the denial of the replatting or postpone the issue until the next meeting.

Councilmember Schulte felt it was in the Council's best interest to postpone the issue to the next meeting.

Mayor Howe agreed and requested that staff review this item further to present findings at the next meeting.

Councilmember Sidoti requested the item be postponed to the December 7 Council meeting, as he would be absent on November 16.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHULTE, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LARSON, TO POSTPONE THE REVISED FINAL PLAT FOR GATEWAY COMMERCE CENTER TO THE DECEMBER 7, 2010, COUNCIL MEETING. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7. **CONSIDER INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY ZONING MAP FROM GENERAL COMMERCIAL TO INDUSTRIAL, SOUTHWEST CORNER OF 117<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE AND JAY STREET, PC 10-18**
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Planner Harlicker presented a memorandum to Council stating the city is requesting approval of a zone change from General Commercial to Industrial. The subject property is located at the southwest corner of 117<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Jay Street. The properties are 1818 117<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 11630 Jay Street.

In 2009 the City Council adopted its 2030 Comprehensive Land Use Plan, which guides future land use policies and decisions. The properties proposed for rezoning total 1.2 acres. There is an auto repair business and an undeveloped parcel that is owned by a manufacturing business. On the previous plan these properties had a land use designation of General Commercial; the current plan changed the land use designation to Industrial. The General Commercial designation is primarily a commercial area that tends to service industries, other businesses and residential areas. The Industrial designation is primarily a manufacturing, warehousing and similar industrial uses district.

State statute requires that the zoning of a parcel be consistent with its land use designation. To bring the zoning map into compliance with the new land use map, several areas of the city need to be rezoned. This request is one of the rezonings that are needed so that the zoning map is consistent with the land use map.

The current zoning of General Commercial is consistent with the previous General Commercial land use designation. To make the zoning consistent with the current Industrial land use designation, the zoning of the subject parcels should be changed to Industrial.

The following uses are allowed in the Industrial zoning district:

- The assembly of fabricated metal products and electrical equipment, including communication equipment, phonographs, office machines, household appliances, and electronic components and accessories.
- The manufacture, compounding, processing, packaging or treatment of such products where 95 percent of all of the components and final products have an acute oral or dermal LD50 to mammals of 500 milligrams per kilogram or higher. Examples of such products are, but are not limited to, candy, cosmetics, drugs, perfume, pharmaceuticals, toiletries, and food products, except the rendering or refining of fats or oils.
- The manufacture, compounding, processing, packaging, treatment, or assembly of products and merchandise from the following prepared materials: bone, cellophane, canvas, cloth, cork, feathers, felt, fiber, fur, glass, hair, horn, leather, nonferrous metal, paper, plastics, precious metals or stones, shell, rubber textiles, wood (except planing mill), and yarn.
- The miscellaneous manufacture of jewelry, silverware, optical, photographic, sporting or athletic goods, watches, clocks, toys, musical, electronic or medical instruments, or pens, pencils, or other office or artistic materials.
- Office uses.
- Research, experimental or testing laboratories.
- Service uses, including laundry and dry cleaning, animal hospitals, and kennels, duly licensed under Chapter 6-200, printing, blue-printing, duplicating, mailing and graphic arts.
- Public uses or utilities.
- Wholesale businesses, warehouses, or freight terminals except for storage of bulk petroleum, scrap or waste material as a primary use.
- Self service storage facility.
- Repair, servicing or parts sales businesses, except for businesses related to vehicles.

- Uses which are not permitted uses, but which involve the manufacture, compounding, processing, packaging, treatment or assembly of products and merchandise. Such conditional uses shall not include the storage of bulk petroleum, scrap or waste material.
- Repair, rebuilding or servicing of vehicles, except fuel sales, including the sales of parts in conjunction therewith, but not including a junk yard or salvage business.
- Sales or rental of vehicles licensed for more than 9,000 pounds gross vehicle weight and special mobile equipment as defined in Section 9-121 of the Revised City Code-1982, except for recreational vehicles. Such use may include the sale of parts in conjunction therewith.
- Truck rental.
- Outdoor storage accessory to self service storage.

The proposed rezoning would **not** make the existing repair business or manufacturing business non-conforming.

#### Planning Commission Meeting

At the Planning Commission meeting held on October 21<sup>st</sup> no one spoke at the public hearing. The Commission voted 4:0 to recommend approval of the proposed rezoning.

#### **ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC VISION**

This item relates to the **Community Development and Redevelopment** section of the City's long term strategic vision in that the proposed rezoning will promote a sustainable growing economic base.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

In Planning Case 10-18, the City Council introduce the attached ordinance approving the proposed zone change from General Commercial to Industrial based on the following findings:

1. The proposed rezoning to Industrial is consistent with the land use designation of Industrial.
2. The proposed rezoning is compatible with the adjacent land use designations and land uses.
3. The proposed rezoning to Industrial would not have an adverse impact on the adjacent properties.

Hearing no objections, Mayor Howe declared the ordinance to have been introduced.

8. **CONSIDER INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY ZONING MAP FROM OFFICE AND LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL 2 TO MODERATE DENSITY RESIDENTIAL AND LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL 2, 3237 COON RAPIDS BOULEVARD, PC 10-28**
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Planner Harlicker presented a memorandum to Council stating the city is requesting approval of a

zone change from Office and Low Density Residential 2 to Moderate Density Residential and Low Density Residential 2. The subject property is located at the northwest corner of Coon Rapids Boulevard and Lily Street, 3237 Coon Rapids Boulevard.

In 2009 the City Council adopted its 2030 Comprehensive Land Use Plan, which guides future land use policies and decisions. The property proposed for rezoning totals 23.8 acres. WCCO has a transmittal tower on the property. On the previous plan the property had a land use designation of Office and Low Density Residential; the current plan changed the land use designation to Moderate Density Residential and Low Density Residential. The Office designation provides for the location of office and other commercial uses. The Moderate Density Residential designation is primarily residential with attached housing at a density of four to seven units per acre.

State statute requires that the zoning of a parcel be consistent with its land use designation. To bring the zoning map into compliance with the new land use map, several areas of the city need to be rezoned. This request is one of the rezonings that are needed so that the zoning map is consistent with the land use map.

The current zoning of Office and Low Density Residential 2 is consistent with the previous Office and Low Density Residential land use designation. To make the zoning consistent with the current Moderate Density Residential and Low Density Residential land use designation, the zoning of the subject parcels should be changed to Moderate Density Residential and Low Density Residential 2.

The following uses are allowed in the Moderate Density Residential zoning district:

- Public uses or utilities, except major buildings, substations, towers, or high voltage transmission lines.
- Townhouses.
- Multiple dwellings of seven or fewer units per acre.
- State licensed community residential facilities or day care facilities serving 16 or fewer persons.
- Single-family dwellings when combined with permitted and/or other attached dwellings uses to achieve a density of at least four dwelling units per acre.
- State licensed community residential facilities or day care facilities serving 17 or more persons.
- State licensed community correctional facilities
- Cemeteries and their accessory structures.
- Churches, private schools, nursing and boarding care homes, hospitals, sanitariums, rest, and similar institutions.
- State licensed community residential facilities serving seven or more persons or group family day care facilities serving 15 or more children.
- Feedlots, provided that a feedlot permit is obtained from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.
- Marinas and related uses.
- Mining as regulated under Chapter 11-2000.

- Public buildings and major utility structures
- Private stables on less than five acres.
- Public and boarding stables as regulated under Chapter 6-300.
- Recreational facilities such as country clubs, community recreation buildings, golf courses, archery ranges, or trapshooting ranges.

The proposed rezoning would **not** make the existing transmittal tower non-conforming. It is a conditional use under the current zoning and will remain a conditional use under the proposed zoning.

#### Planning Commission Meeting

At the Planning Commission meeting held on October 21<sup>st</sup>, two residents spoke at the public hearing. They would like to see the entire parcel zoned single family residential. The Commission voted 4:0 to recommend approval of the zone change.

#### **ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC VISION**

This item relates to the **Community Development and Redevelopment** section of the City's long term strategic vision in that the proposed rezoning will promote a sustainable growing economic base.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

In Planning Case 10-28 the City Council introduce the attached ordinance approving the proposed zone change from Office and Low Density Residential 2 to Moderate Density Residential and Low Density Residential 2 based on the following findings:

1. The proposed rezoning to Moderate Density Residential and Low Density Residential 2 is consistent with the land use designation of Moderate Density Residential and Low Density Residential.
2. The proposed rezoning is compatible with the adjacent land use designations and land uses.
3. The proposed rezoning to Moderate Density Residential and Low Density Residential 2 would not have an adverse impact on the adjacent properties.

Hearing no objections, Mayor Howe declared the ordinance to have been introduced.

9. CONSIDER INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY ZONING MAP FROM INDUSTRIAL TO MODERATE DENSITY RESIDENTIAL, 10732 HANSON BOULEVARD, PC 10-29
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Planner Harlicker presented a memorandum to Council stating the city is requesting approval of a

zone change from Industrial to Moderate Density Residential for property located at the northwest corner of Hanson Boulevard and 108<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

In 2009 the City Council adopted its 2030 Comprehensive Land Use Plan, which guides future land use policies and decisions. The property proposed for rezoning totals 56,326 square feet. There is a vacant office building on the property. On the previous plan the property had a land use designation of Industrial; the current plan changed the land use designation to Moderate Density Residential. The Industrial designation is primarily a manufacturing, warehousing and similar industrial uses district. The Moderate Density Residential designation is primarily residential with attached housing at a density of four to seven units per acre.

State statute requires that the zoning of a parcel be consistent with its land use designation. To bring the zoning map into compliance with the new land use map, several areas of the city need to be rezoned. This request is one of the rezonings that are needed so that the zoning map is consistent with the land use map.

The current zoning of Industrial is consistent with the previous Industrial land use designation. To make the zoning consistent with the current Moderate Density Residential land use designation, the zoning of the subject parcels should be changed to Moderate Density Residential.

The following uses are allowed in the Moderate Density Residential zoning district:

- Public uses or utilities, except major buildings, substations, towers, or high voltage transmission lines.
- Townhouses.
- Multiple dwellings of seven or fewer units per acre.
- State licensed community residential facilities or day care facilities serving 16 or fewer persons.
- Single-family dwellings when combined with permitted and/or other attached dwellings uses to achieve a density of at least four dwelling units per acre.
- State licensed community residential facilities or day care facilities serving 17 or more persons.
- State licensed community correctional facilities
- Cemeteries and their accessory structures.
- Churches, private schools, nursing and boarding care homes, hospitals, sanitariums, rest, and similar institutions.
- State licensed community residential facilities serving seven or more persons or group family day care facilities serving 15 or more children.
- Feedlots, provided that a feedlot permit is obtained from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.
- Marinas and related uses.
- Mining as regulated under Chapter 11-2000.
- Public buildings and major utility structures
- Private stables on less than five acres.

- Public and boarding stables as regulated under Chapter 6-300.
- Recreational facilities such as country clubs, community recreation buildings, golf courses, archery ranges, or trapshooting ranges.

The proposed rezoning would make the existing office building non-conforming.

#### Planning Commission Meeting

At the Planning Commission meeting held on October 21<sup>st</sup>, two residents spoke at the public hearing. They were concerned about the possible impacts of redevelopment; one thought the property should be single family residential. The Commission voted 4:0 to recommend approval of the zone change.

#### **ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC VISION**

This item relates to the **Community Development and Redevelopment** section of the City's long term strategic vision in that the proposed rezoning will promote a sustainable growing economic base.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

In Planning Case 10-29, the City Council introduce the attached ordinance approving the proposed zone change from Industrial to Moderate Density Residential based on the following findings:

1. The proposed rezoning to Moderate Density Residential is consistent with the land use designation of Moderate Density Residential.
2. The proposed rezoning is compatible with the adjacent land use designations and land uses.
3. The proposed rezoning to Moderate Density Residential would not have an adverse impact on the adjacent properties.

Hearing no objections, Mayor Howe declared the ordinance to have been introduced.

10. **CONSIDER INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE; ALLOWING INDOOR RECREATION AS A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT IN PORT WELLNESS, PC 10-31**
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Planner Harlicker presented a memorandum to Council stating the City is proposing an ordinance amendment to amend the Section 11-2803 to allow indoor recreation as a conditional use in Port Wellness

On September 16<sup>th</sup> the Planning Commission recommended approval of a zone change to include the bowling alley, located at 11707 Round Lake Boulevard, in Port Wellness. The Commission was concerned that the bowling alley, which for zoning purposes would be included in the definition of indoor recreation, would become a non-conforming use. The City Code does not currently allow indoor recreational uses in Port Wellness. Indoor recreation is a conditional use in Ports Evergreen

and Riverwalk.

The Commission included in its recommendation to Council the condition that the City Code be amended to allow indoor recreation as a conditional use in Port Wellness. The Commission thought that indoor recreation fit in well with the concept of promoting healthy activities in Port Wellness and was an appropriate use for the Port. Health and fitness centers, which are similar to indoor recreation, are an allowed use.

#### Planning Commission Meeting

At the Planning Commission meeting held on October 21<sup>st</sup>, no one spoke at the public hearing. The Commission voted 4:0 to recommend approval of the code amendment.

#### **ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC VISION**

This item relates to the **Community Development and Redevelopment** section of the City's long term strategic vision in that the proposed rezoning will promote a sustainable growing economic base.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

In Planning Case 10-31 the City Council introduce the attached ordinance approving the proposed ordinance amendment to amend the Section 11-2803 to allow indoor recreation as a conditional use in Port Wellness.

Hearing no objections, Mayor Howe declared the ordinance to have been introduced.

#### 11. OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS A. DOG PARK LOCATIONS

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Public Services Director Gatlin presented stated at the October 5, 2010 Council meeting, Council discussed the subject of dog parks under "Other Council Business." Councilmember Johnson suggested staff explore the feasibility of creating a new dog park at Erlandson Park adjacent to Egret Boulevard immediately west of the railroad tracks. Mayor Howe also asked for a status report on the proposed County dog park to be located adjacent to the Anoka County compost site.

Councilmember Johnson suggested that staff explore the feasibility of using a portion of the Crescent Ponds Park dedication fee of approximately \$160,000 to fund a new dog park. As staff understands, this dog park would replace the existing dog park at Trackside Park. Councilmember Johnson felt that some of the existing amenities including an off-street parking lot at the Erlandson Park location would make this site more desirable than the current location. Also, there are no homes adjacent to this location so the dog park would not disturb the neighborhood.

Staff will review this request as part of the 2011 Park Capital Improvement Program. In our preliminary investigation, staff has concerns that the Erlandson Park site was intended to be a natural area with only parking for adjacent trail users. To introduce a dog park would change the character of the park. Also, this site does not have adjacent water or any existing fencing. Staff will explore the cost to develop this site as a dog park and present the information to the Parks and Recreation Commission in 2011.

Staff has also previously considered locating a dog park at Woodcrest Park. This site currently has a paved off-street parking area, a small shelter, an open area adjacent to a wooded area, available water, and existing fencing around two of the four sides of the site. This site could be developed as a dog park much more economically than the Erlandson Park site with limited potential disturbance to the neighborhood. The dog park would be located at the west end of 103<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and could only potentially impact one or two homes. The dog park could be located far enough into the park property so disturbance to neighbors would be minimal. Staff will explore this site for consideration for a future dog park as well as the Erlandson Park site.

Mayor Howe raised the question about the status of the proposed County dog park on the compost site adjacent to Bunker Hills Regional Park. Staff contacted Anoka County Parks staff to discuss the status of this park. We learned that Anoka County plans to construct the dog park on the compost site in 2012 or 2013. County staff proposes to use operational budget funds to construct the dog park. Improvements would include fencing, site grading and landscaping, a parking area, and possible provision of water. County staff suggested that funding to pave the parking lot could present funding problems. Current County budgeted funds do not provide for paving of the parking lot. City Code requires paving of a parking lot for a facility of this type. County staff has suggested that the City could possibly consider contributing financially to the project to offset the cost of providing paving. The other option would be for the City to consider waiving its paving requirement and allowing the parking lot to be a graveled surface. This issue will be explored further with the County as they develop final plans for the park. At this point the County plans to move forward with the project in either 2012 or 2013 subject to the availability of operational funds. If for some reason the County Parks Department operational budget is significantly reduced, this project could possibly not move forward.

### **BUDGET IMPACT**

This report has briefly discussed the budget impact for both the dog park projects. When more detailed budget estimates are available for both projects, they will be presented to the Parks and Recreational Commission and City Council.

### **ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC VISION**

This item aligns with the Open Space/Recreation section of the 2030 Vision by developing and implementing park improvements that revitalizes the City's Comprehensive Park System.

Councilmember Johnson added the Park and Rec would continue to address this issue. He suggested

the County be contacted to develop a dog park as well. City Manager Fulton stated the County does have long-term plans to put in a dog park near the compost site in cooperation with Coon Rapids and the Andover. He added that Woodcrest Park was another potential location for a future dog park.

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**B. WILD TURKEY POPULATION**

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Police Chief Snell presented a memorandum to Council noting Councilmember Klint raised concern about the increasing wild turkey population in the City and how to address it.

Councilmember Klint noted that several constituents have spoken to her about wild turkeys in the City and how they should be handled. Attached is information from the Department of Natural Resources on how to prevent conflicts with wild turkeys, including not feeding them, keeping bird feeder areas clean, covering windows and other reflective objects, and not being intimidated by them.

Staff has not received calls regarding wild turkey concerns but will share this information with any callers. Should incidents increase staff can review this further. All complaints should be forwarded to City staff.

**ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC VISION**

This item relates to the Quality of Life section of the 2030 Strategic Vision by addressing wildlife nuisance concerns.

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**C. ILLEGALLY PLACED CAMPAIGN SIGNS**

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Community Development Director Nevinski presented a memorandum to Council stating Councilmember Schulte raised concern about the number of campaign signs being placed in the right-of-way and on public property.

City code 11-2106(2)(b) explicitly states that temporary signs are not allowed in the right-of way. Each candidate who files for City and County office is given copies of the sign regulations from the jurisdictions in which they will be running. City staff is monitoring and removing all temporary signs, regardless of content, from public property and right of way.

Mayor Howe thanked City staff and community service officers for removing signs around the City. He suggested that future candidates be given further information on proper sign locations.

Councilmember Schulte thanked City staff as well.

Councilmember Sidoti felt the issue was pretty simple, if you did not ask for permission to place the sign, it was illegally posted.

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MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHULTE, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:43 P.M. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Tim Howe, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Joan A. Anderson, City Clerk