

City of Farmington
City Council Special Work Session Minutes
Monday, June 17, 2024

The City Council met in a Special Work Session on Monday, June 17, 2024, at Farmington City Hall, 430 3rd Street, Farmington, Minnesota.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hoyt called the Work Session to order at 5 pm.

Members Present: Mayor Joshua Hoyt
Councilmembers Holly Bernatz, Katie Bernhjelm, Nick Lien, and Steve Wilson

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Lynn Gorski, City Administrator
Julie Flaten, Asst City Administrator/HR Director
Deanna Kuennen, Community & Economic Development Director
Tony Wippler, Planning Manager
Kellee Omlid, Parks & Recreation Director
John Powell, Public Works Director
Kari Kubicek, Regional Funding Manager
Shirley Buecksler, City Clerk

Also Present: Planning Commissioners:
Chair Dirk Rotty, Commissioners LeeAnn Lehto and Krista Tesky
Rita Trapp, Vice President, HKGi
Jake Cordes, Resident

2. APPROVE AGENDA

The agenda was approved, as presented.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

3.1 Draft Updated Land Use Plan – 2040 Comprehensive Plan Update

Planning Manager Wippler presented. Council held a Joint Work Session with the Planning Commission on March 4, 2024 to discuss the status of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan Amendment, including the land use maps. At that work session, it was made clear that additional land should be designated and guided for commercial and industrial uses.

Staff and HKGi have worked to update the land use maps. A couple areas to note that have been changed since the March work session are:

- The northwest area of the city off of Flagstaff Avenue - additional land guidance was provided in this area for Mixed-Use Commercial/Industrial, Low Medium Density Residential, Medium Density Residential, High Density Residential and Commercial.
- The downtown area was expanded to the east and south.
- Additional commercial provided in the Fairhill development north of 190th Street West.

The land use maps will ultimately be used to update the various infrastructure system plans.

Council and the Planning Commission asked questions and received answers.

4. COUNCIL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Councilmember Bernhjelm sat in on the Airlake Airport Advisory Commission meeting and suggested Farmington join these meetings when discussion is applicable to Farmington.

Councilmember Wilson said Joshua Threet, President of the Farmington Fire Relief Association, is doing a great job.

5. CITY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

Administrator Gorski met with ISD 192 Superintendent Jason Berg and Farmington School Board Chair Hannah Simmons, and they would like to schedule a joint meeting with the City Council. Gorski sent an email to Council today with some possible dates for this meeting.


The Office of Cannabis Management is moving forward with licensing by the end of July. Staff is recommending approval of a moratorium to prohibit license approval to sell cannabis until January 1, 2025. The moratorium will provide time to develop policies and zoning regulations prior to approval. The moratorium will be on the July 1, 2024 Council meeting to provide public comment and approval by City Council.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilmember Lien and seconded by Councilmember Bernatz to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

Motion carried: 5 ayes / 0 nays

Respectfully submitted,


Shirley R. Buecksler
City Clerk