

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

June 6, 2023
Conference Room #119
6:00P.M.

Present: Commissioners: Mayor Pro-Tem Robert Coughlin, Betsy Artz, Ron Draayer, Maurice Groce, Clarkston Morgan, Jessica Ann Tyson, and Mayor Stephen Kepley.

Staff present: Deputy City Administrator Shay Gallagher, Economic Development Planner Lisa Golder, City Clerk Dan Kasunic, Engineering & Inspections Director Jim Kirkwood, Police Chief Bryan Litwin, Fire Chief Brent Looman, Parks & Recreation Director Val Romeo, Fire Department Administrative Assistant Nancy Shane, Deputy DPW Director Jim Wolford, and Sabo Representative Anna Kendall.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

A. RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED MASTER PLAN AMENDMENT FOR 2180-2186 44TH STREET.

Economic Development Planner Golder reviewed the amendment stating the building is currently an office but is zoned for commercial. The owner is requesting a change to high-density residential and is restricted to no more than sixteen condominiums. She stated there are several steps involved to have this change happen including a public hearing at the Planning Commission. This also will set a time element of setting the public hearing within forty-two days. A discussion ensued with Commissioner Tyson informing the committee she has been a renter of office space in the building for fifteen years and her concern along with Commissioner Artz that currently there has been an on-going problem with heat, air conditioning and unreliable Wi-Fi and if those problem were to continue if made into condos. Continued discussion on other topics that because the owner did not attend the meeting could not be answered. It was noted that a demolition permit had been pulled and begun, but no other work is currently allowed.

Motion by Artz, seconded by Morgan, to recommend to the City Commission to approve the distribution of the proposed Master Plan amendment for 2180-2186 44th Street, SE for a public hearing and to determine whether the City Commission will assert its right to approve or reject the Master Plan amendment.

Motion Carried.

The proposed closed session was withdrawn, no action taken.

Mayor Kepley requested Parks & Recreation Director Romeo to speak on the incidents at Veteran's Park. She explained there were three separate incidents that happened at Veteran's Park. She stated Kelloggsville School students were released at noon on their last day of school. On that day a fight began with two female students and a gathering ensued and someone yelled "gun", the Police were called. Students were using soft pellet or gel guns that make a popping noise, that sound similar to a gun, the Police were called a second time. Students who were gathered under a shelter, that had been reserved for a family function, when requested to leave refused, and the shot with an air gun on a Parks and Recreation employee, the Police were called a third time, who cleared the park. She noted these kinds of problems have been going on for at least eight days straight with employees being threatened continually. A person attending the park recorded the last interaction with the students and was upset pertaining to the action of the officers, who she noted had been professional in all interactions with the public. A discussion ensued on possible solutions.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 P.M.

Dan Kasunic
City Clerk

Robert Coughlin
Mayor Pro-Tem