

PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

DATE: September 14, 2020

TIME: 4:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Buelow; Commissioners Ballard, Olson, Paddock, Hall, Marks and Boettcher

ABSENT: Commissioners Shorridge and Hahn

STAFF PRESENT: City Planner Carlos Espinosa

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Chairman Buelow.

Public Hearing – City of Winona Sugarloaf Land Disturbance Activity Permit Application

Chairman Buelow opened the public hearing and called on the petitioner.

The petitioner, John Howard (representing the City of Winona) summarized the proposed invasive species removal and prairie restoration surrounding the top of Sugar Loaf.

Commissioner Hall asked if neighboring and nearby property owners would be notified of the proposed times for the prescribed burns. Mr. Howard responded affirmatively.

Next, Chairman Buelow asked if there was anyone else in the audience who would like to speak. There being no one, Chairman Buelow closed the public hearing.

Next, Commissioner Olson made a motion to approve the permit. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ballard and upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing – City of Winona Garvin Heights Land Disturbance Activity Permit Application

Chairman Buelow opened the public hearing and called on the petitioner.

The petitioner, John Howard (representing the City of Winona) summarized the proposed oak savannah restoration activities proposed northwest of the Garvin Heights Overlook parking lot. Mr. Howard noted that in addition to returning the area to its natural setting, reduction of the tree canopy will help prevent the re-establishment of buckthorn.

Next, Chairman Buelow asked if there was anyone else in the audience who would like to speak. There being no one, Chairman Buelow closed the public hearing.

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Next, Commissioner Boettcher made a motion to approve the permit. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Olson and upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Final Review of 2021 Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

City staff presented the item and noted the CIP is a relatively fluid document until final adoption by Council at year end. Staff noted that the version of the CIP in front of the Commission is the one that recently went to Council.

Commissioner Paddock stated that he was disappointed to see so many Park and Recreation projects cut from the CIP.

Commissioner Olson expressed his concerns about the Broadway project and reducing the number of lanes from 4 to 3.

Upon vote, the Commission approved Resolution 20-4 by a vote of 5-2 with Commissioners Olson and Paddock voting against.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.



Carlos Espinosa
City Planner