

**ELYSIAN PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 14, 2021**

(THERE WAS NOT A QUORUM AVAILABLE FOR THE SEPTEMBER 7, 2021 PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MEETING SO A SPECIAL MEETING WAS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 14, 2021.)

The Elysian City Planning and Zoning Commission met in special session Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at City Hall at 6:00 pm.

Present were: Chairperson Rick Galewski (arrived at 6:09 pm); Commissioners Kristina Droog, Dan Engebretson, Jeremy Henninger, and Tom McBroom; Zoning Administrator Lorri Kopischke. Absent: None.

On motion by Henninger, seconded by Engebretson, all voting in favor, to approve the agenda as presented.

On motion by Droog, seconded by Engebretson, all voting in favor, to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2021 Regular Meeting as presented.

It was noted that the public hearing scheduled for this meeting to consider a request from Henninger Properties for a conditional use permit to construct (2) two multi-family (4-plex) apartments on the property known as PID# 16.426.0030 has been withdrawn by the applicant.

Commissioner Galewski arrived at 6:09 pm.

The Commissioners discussed on street parking on the narrower streets in the city. Several of the streets are signed as “No Parking” on one side of the street.

The Commission acknowledged a letter received to comment on this agenda item as follows:

“Planning & Zoning Commissioners

Subject: City Street Parking

These comments pertain to the above agenda items for tonight’s meeting.

‘No Parking’ signs were installed recently on the north side of Maple Avenue between First and Third Streets. While we appreciate this attempt to control unrestricted parking in the neighborhood, there are still important concerns which deserve attention by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

The curb-to-curb width of Maple Avenue is 17 feet, 10 inches. Access by emergency vehicles and snowplows require an unimpeded roadway. Traffic on this street regularly includes boats and pontoons which require most of the roadway for safe passage. Users of the five existing driveways on the south side of Maple Avenue deserve good sight lines when entering or exiting Maple Avenue.

The best and easiest solution to the above issues would be to not allow parking on either side of Maple Avenue. This could be accomplished by adding “Both Sides” to the existing signs.

Thank you for your consideration. David J Rager and Kathleen V Anttila – 207 SW Maple Avenue.”

Commissioners requested a map of the City streets be provided with the widths of the streets marked, commercial businesses highlighted, and any current parking restrictions noted. They will also tour streets prior to the next meeting to identify difficult passage areas.

Commissioners considered a food truck licensing requirement. There was consensus to recommend not regulating food trucks in the city at this time and leave the licensing to County and State officials.

Planning and Zoning Training sponsored by Minnesota Valley Council of Governments will be Tuesday, September 28, 2021 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm at the Village in Waterville.

There was no other business to come before the Commission.

On motion by Droog, seconded by Henninger, all voting in favor, meeting adjourned at 6:41 pm.

Attest:

Rick Galewski, Chairperson

Lorri Kopischke, Zoning Administrator