

The Planning Commission Meeting was called to order by Acting Chair Katy Ross at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Meeting Room, 100 Village Center Drive Suite 150, City of North Oaks. Also present were Commissioners Dick Hara, Nancy Reid, Bob Turkington, and Kara Ries. Commissioners Joyce Yoshimura-Rank and Bill Campbell were absent. City Administrator Mike Robertson, Administrative Assistant Linda Hanson and Videographer Maureen Anderson were also present.

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Nancy Reid moved to approve the Agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dick Hara and passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Reid moved to approve the minutes from the Planning Commission meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hara and passed unanimously.

New Business

1. Public Hearing-Proposed Ordinance Regulating Therapeutic Massage

A proposed Ordinance Regulating Therapeutic Massage and Establishments was introduced by Chair Ross.

Chair Ross opened the Public Hearing at 7:03 PM. There were no comments on the Amendment. Chair Ross closed the Public Hearing at 7:03 PM.

Commissioner Hara stated that the proposed ordinance was very well done and thorough. He did have one comment. Under 111.50 License Requirements, Part D, number 5 and 6, he would like to see the words within the last five years (#5) and within the last ten years (#6) removed from the two items. The Ordinance would then read that anyone convicted of a felony or any sexually oriented crime or anyone registered as a predatory offender would not be granted a license in North Oaks.

Commissioner Reid suggested that in section 113.20, Part C, the word *licensed* be added to the wording. Commissioner Ries stated that in this section the applicant would not be licensed but would be coming to the City to obtain a license. Commissioner Ross said that even if a massage therapist had a license from another City, they would still need a North Oaks license and a completed background check. It was suggested that the language be broadened in the definition to include both the applicant from the establishment and the massage therapist as both would need a City license.

A question came up as to if the background check should include the person's social security number. Administrator Robertson stated that the police do the background check and only need the driver's license number and the date of birth. His concern was that social security numbers are private data and he would be worried about keeping them private in a land use file rather than an employee file so he would rather not collect them.

Chair Ross asked that the word *the* be removed from 113.70 part J to be consistent in the wording of the document. Under section 113.40 it was suggested that the massage therapist as well as the establishment offering massage have their licenses either displayed prominently or readily available.

Commissioner Turkington asked if the establishments should be allowed to operate seven days a week. Commissioner Reid stated that she agreed with permitting seven days as many people want services on the weekends when they're not working.

Commissioner Hara made the motion to recommend that the City Council pass the Ordinance to allow therapeutic massage in the City of North Oaks as amended. Commissioner Ries seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Next Meeting

The next Planning Commission Meeting is Thursday April 30th, 2015, at 7 p.m. at the Community Meeting Room, 100 Village Center Drive. A Joint Meeting with the City Council is scheduled for 6:15 PM on the same date.

Administrator Robertson stated that at the next meeting the revisions to the ISTS Ordinance will be presented. He also stated that Building Official Greg Schmit is resigning from the position as Septic Inspector. He will remain the Building Inspector. Robertson will introduce the person recommended for the new Septic Inspector at the April meeting as well.

Adjournment

On motion made by Commissioner Reid, seconded by Commissioner Ries and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Attest:

Respectfully submitted,

Acting Chair Katy Ross

Linda Hanson
Recording Secretary