

CITY OF HASTINGS
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
January 2, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Hatfield with the following Commissioners present: Levi Bolthouse, Scott Darling, David Hatfield, Nichole Lyke, Tom Maurer, Sarah Moyer-Cale, and Dave Tossava. Absent: Chelsey Foster, Jacquie McLean.

Call to Order

Also present: No staff or consultant present.

New Commissioners Bolthouse and Darling took the oath of office.

Oath of Office

It was MOVED by Lyke and SECONDED by Darling to approve the agenda as presented. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Approval of the Agenda

It was MOVED by Tossava and SECONDED by Maurer that the proposed minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 4, 2023 be approved. All members present voting yes; motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes

It was MOVED by Tossava and SECONDED by Maurer that the proposed minutes of the Workshop Meeting of December 4, 2023 be approved. All members present voting yes; motion carried.

None.

Informative Items

A public hearing was held to review and consider a site plan and special use permit for Chris Nelson of N6 Towing for a vehicle repair and open-air businesses consisting of motor vehicle sales and towing recovery business located at 1633 and 1745 South Hanover Street, Hastings, MI 49058. Mr. Nelson spoke on behalf of the application. Chairperson Hatfield invited comment from the public; no members of the public spoke regarding the application. Discussion was held.

Public Hearing:
1633 and 1745
South Hanover –
special land use
and site plan

MOTION by Tossava and SECONDED by Maurer to approve the special land use and site plan application with the following notations and conditions:

Administrative review and approval of the following:

- Submittal of a revised site plan demonstrating the building setbacks and building height including setbacks of outdoor display and storage areas
- Verification of the parking requirements and demonstrated compliance with all parking requirements including parking surface material
- Demonstrated compliance with all landscape requirements
- Stormwater review and approval by DPS
- Fire department review and approval
- Compliance with all other local ordinances

These items were additionally noted for the approval:

- Existing sidewalk approved as it is currently constructed
- The only zoning standard that was explicitly waived was to allow the 8ft high steel wall for the impound area. No other standards were waived by the commission.
- No additional site lighting is being proposed
- Both driveways are allowed to remain

It was MOVED by Tossava and SECONDED by Lyke to elect David Hatfield as Chairperson, Tom Maurer as Vice-Chair, and Sarah Moyer-Cale as Secretary. All members present voting yes; motion carried.

New Business:
Election of Officers

Discussion of the annual report was tabled until the next meeting.

Annual Report

Moyer-Cale reported that the JPA had met and distributed the draft minutes. The JPC also met to elect officers and set their meeting schedule for 2024.

Old Business
JPA/JPC Update

No changes.

Work Task List

No changes.

Tracking Terms and Conditions

No public comment was received.

Public Comment

None.

Staff Comments

The Commissioners welcomed Bolthouse and Darling to the Planning Commission. Chairperson Hatfield wished to express gratitude to Lois Bowers for her many years of service to the Planning Commission.

Commission Comments

It was MOVED by Lyke and SECONDED by Maurer to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Moyer-Cale,
Secretary