

Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
Hillsdale City Hall
Council Chambers
July 17, 2024
5:30 pm

I. Call to Order

Meeting opened at 5:30 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call.

II. Members Present

- A. Members Present: Commissioner Roma Rogers, Vice Chair Kerry Laycock, Chairman Eric Moore, Commissioner Matt Kniffen, Commissioner William Morrisey, Commissioner Elias McConnell
- B. Public Present: Zoning Administrator Alan Beeker
- C. Members Absent: Secretary Jacob Bruns

III. Public Comment

No public comment.

IV. Consent Agenda and Minutes

Motion to approve the Consent agenda as presented made by Vice Chair Laycock seconded by Commission Morrisey motion approved unanimously.

V. Public Hearing

- A. Capital Improvement Plan – The ordinance has been reviewed by the Planning Commission. At the June meeting, the Commission set a public hearing for the July meeting.
 - There was no public present so the Chair bypassed the public comment period.

Vice Chair Laycock moved to recommend to Council for adoption. Commissioner McConnell supported, motion passed unanimously.

VI. Old Business

Sec. 26-9 – Special condition signs.

- The Commission had a lengthy discussion regarding billboards and lighted signage
- Commissioner McConnell helped the Commission understand the terminology used in digital sign descriptions
- Commissioner Kniffen would still like to eliminate billboards from the ordinance
- Commissioners McConnell and Kniffen would like to increase the limitation area for billboards along M-99, north of Fayette St. to the city limits.

- Vice Chair Laycock was opposed to that
- Chair Moore asked if the Commission was fixing something that was not an issue.
- Vice Chair reminded the PC of the responsibility and purpose of the Commission. He is concerned with amending the ordinance to only narrow the control of billboards, attacking something that does not have a clear mandate.
- Commissioner Morrissey suggested that a Commissioner ask Council for some guidance.

VII. New Business

No new business.

VIII. Zoning Administrator Report

- Gave a brief overview and discussion of the Keefer House Hotel project.

IX. Commissioners' Comments

- No commissioner comments.

X. Public Comment

No public comment.

XI. Adjournment

Commissioner Laycock moved to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Morrissey seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

XII. Next meeting: August 21, 2024 at 5:30 pm.