

**WILLMAR PLANNING COMMISSION  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
333 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET SW, CONFERENCE ROOM 1  
MINUTES**

1. The Willmar Planning Commission met on Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:30pm at the City Hall

**Member Present:** Chair Jonathan Marchand, Yvon Fils-Aime, Steve Dresler, Stacy Holwerda, and Christopher Buzzeo.

**Members Absent:** Stephanie Carlson, Kelsey Vosika and Jasmine Miller.

**Others Present:** Director Justice Walker, City Planner Guilherme Motta.

2. Chair Marchand called for order at 6:33pm. He started with the review of minutes from March 1<sup>st</sup>. Commissioner Holwerda motioned to approve, and Commissioner Fils-Aime seconded. All members present voted aye to approve. The motion was approved.

**3. MISCELLANY:**

Director Walker introduced the proposal to change the zoning ordinance, creating a new zoning called GB-2, according to the map shown to the commissioners. A draft of the proposed change was presented to the commissioners with a table of uses. Staff emphasized the purpose of this change would be to clean up General Business district to emphasize large box retail south of Willmar Ave.

Director Walker introduced the proposal to allow Bee Keeping in the city. A draft of the proposed ordinance was presented to the commissioners. They had some questions about people who may be allergic, a buffer from common public spaces, establishing grounds for denial, and looking for a threshold that prevent honey processing and commercial sales and traffic. It was decided that a new draft would be presented for further consideration.

Director Walker introduced the proposal to for an ordinance to allow birds. A draft of the proposed ordinance was presented to the commissioners. They asked about the number and type of fowls that would be permitted. Director Walker clarified that the limit would be no more than 12 fowls, chickens, ducks or quails. Commissioner Dresler asked about waste management and that these issues should be clarified by the sanitary department. It was decided that a new draft would be presented for further consideration.

Director Walker introduced the proposal to change the zoning ordinance, Section Section 4, parking minimum. A draft of the proposed change was presented to the commissioners.

**4. ADJOURN**

Commissioner Dresler motioned to adjourn at 7:20. Seconded by Commissioner Fils-Aime The motion carried. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes presented by City Planner Guilherme Motta