



# CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS

NOTICE OF MEETING  
PLANNING COMMISSION

## Minutes - Final Planning Commission

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**CITY HALL - 420 N. Pokegama Ave.**  
**Grand Rapids, MN 55744**

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Thursday, January 5, 2017

4:00 PM

Council Chambers

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### Call To Order

### Call of Roll

- Present** 4 - Commissioner Julie Fedje-Johnston, Commissioner Charles Burrell, Commissioner Susan Lynch, and Commissioner Tasha Connelly
- Absent** 3 - Commissioner Mark Gothard, Chairperson Lester Kachinske, and Commissioner Paula Johnson

**Setting of Agenda - This is an opportunity to approve the regular agenda as presented or add/delete an agenda item by a majority vote of the Commissioners present.**

**Approved As Presented**

### Approval of Minutes

Approve the minutes of the October 20, 2016, 4:00 pm special meeting.

**Approved as Presented by Commission**

### General Business

Consider a recommendation to the City Council regarding the vacation of 10 ft. of Sixth Street N. right-of-way adjacent to Block 20, Grand Rapids First Division.

*Ms. Marla Beaty submitted a valid petition on December 1, 2016 requesting the vacation of public right-of-way. The right-of-way vacation request, if approved, would allow Ms. Beaty's lot to gain an additional 10 ft. of width on the north edge of her property, which she in turn, would sell or deed the south 10 ft. of her property to the neighbor to the south, which currently has two buildings encroaching onto Ms. Beaty's property. The proposed 10 ft. vacation, and land transfer, would allow her lot to maintain the minimum 75 ft. width required for the LB (Limited Business) zoning district of which it is located in, help bring the neighboring property closer to compliance with lot dimension requirements & building setbacks, and additionally, help to provide clear title to both properties in the event of a sale.*

*The Engineering Department supports the petitioned vacation, contingent on the City retaining utility easement over the entire area to be vacated. This easement would allow for the maintenance of any public or private utilities (natural gas, telephone, etc.) currently located within the area to be vacated. There were no concerns or*

*objections regarding the portion of right-of-way vacation, as proposed, from the remaining members of the staff review committee which consists of: Public Works Department, Engineering Department, Community Development Department, Fire Department, Police Department, and the Grand Rapids Public Utilities Commission.*

**Motion by Commissioner Lynch, second by Commissioner Connelly that, based on the findings of fact presented here today, and in the public's best interest, the Planning Commission does hereby forward to the City Council a recommendation to approve the vacation of public right-of-way described as;**

**S. 10 ft. of 6th Street N. ADJ to Lot 24, Block 20, Grand Rapids First Division, Itasca County, Minnesota**

**Contingent on the following stipulation:**

- **That a utility easement be retained over the full width of the vacated portion of described right-of-way.**

**With the following considerations**

- 1. Is the street right-of-way needed for traffic purposes?**  
**No, it does not affect the road.**
- 2. Is the street right-of-way needed for pedestrian purposes?**  
**No, there is a sidewalk to the north.**
- 3. Is the street right-of-way needed for utility purposes?**  
**There will be a utility easement retained over the area.**
- 4. Would vacating the street right-of-way place additional land on the tax rolls?**  
**Yes, a small amount.**
- 5. Would vacating the street right-of-way facilitate economic development in the City?**  
**Yes, it would make the property more saleable.**

**The following voted in favor thereof: Burress, Connelly, Fedje-Johnston, Lynch. Opposed: None, passed unanimously.**

**Public Input**

**Miscellaneous\Updates**

**Adjourn**

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