

# Adopted Minutes Special Council Meeting March 8, 2016

Mayor Slavik called a Special Meeting of the Plymouth City Council to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Medicine Lake Room of City Hall, 3400 Plymouth Boulevard, on March 8, 2016.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Slavik, Councilmembers Carroll, Prom, Wosje, Johnson, and Beard.

ABSENT: Councilmember Willis.

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Callister, Administrative Services Director Fischer, Public Works Director Cote, Fire Chief Copp, Public Safety Director Goldstein, Economic Development Manager Parr, Community Development Director Juetten, Police Captain Reed, Park and Recreation Director Evans, Administrative Intern Hansen, City Attorney Knutson, and City Clerk Engdahl.

## Group Home Licensure

Community Development Director Juetten and Public Safety Director Goldstein led the Council in a discussion regarding group home licensure, which has arisen due to a group home located at 2650 Alvarado Lane North, that is operated by Genesis. This facility has been operating at this address since 2014. Police Captain Reed added that Genesis has six facilities such as this one in Minnesota. They provide independent skilled services to higher functioning adults in a single-family neighborhood setting. The needs are more geared towards mental versus physical for individuals who are 18 and over. The Plymouth site currently has four clients and one adult supervisor who doesn't reside on site. There are two ways to operate a group home in Plymouth:

- The organization holding the State license owns the property, such as Hammer Residences that have properties in Plymouth.
- The State licenses organizations that can operate skilled homes that aren't for a specific property.

The City's options are:

- Take no action but work with the adjacent neighborhood with their concerns and Genesis.
- Inform Genesis they need to vacate the use which is in violation of the City's Zoning Ordinance.
- Amend the Zoning Ordinance allowing such uses with conditions.

The majority of the Council agreed this situation is very troublesome for the adjacent neighborhood as there have been numerous situations where the residents haven't felt safe.

However, displacing the residents at this group home may not be in the City's best interest. Therefore, the Council recommended that the staff immediately begin the process to amend the Zoning Ordinance to accomplish the following objectives:

- Outline an inspection and "strike" process for violations.
- Define what the definition of a "health" check versus "nuisance" check is.
- Require staffing ratios depending on the number of residents.
- Limit the number of group homes and allow the Public Safety Department to use their discretion in resolving property complaints.

### **2016 Council Goals and Legislative Priorities**

The Council briefly discussed the proposed 2016 Council goals and legislative priorities that would be approved at the Regular Council meeting this evening.

### **Set Future Study Sessions**

The Council added an update on the Public Works Maintenance Facility project on the March 22, 2016 study session agenda. The Council also scheduled a study session on May 10, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. to receive an update on the universal playground and miracle playfield at Zachary playfields.

### **Adjournment**

Mayor Slavik adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

  
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Sandra R. Engdahl, City Clerk