



**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STACY IN THE COUNTY OF CHISAGO IN THE STATE OF MINNESOTA PURSUANT TO DUE CALL AND NOTICE THEREOF**

**SPECIAL MEETING – JANUARY 24, 2024 7:00 p.m.  
33155 HEMINGWAY AVE, STACY MN**

**Call to Order**

Chair J. Ness called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

**Attendance**

**Present:** Jim Ness, Telise Schroeder, Dick Stiers, Susie Brooks (Non-Voting Alternate), Jim Willeck, Michele McLane, and Jeff Johnson (Non-Voting Alternate)

**Absent:** none

**Others Present:** Angie Comstock, Tanya Smolke, Mark Koran, Rick Keller, Mike Willcoxon, and a couple members of the public were also present

**Agenda**

The purpose of this meeting is to review the new comprehensive plan along with the former township’s ordinances and how they relate to those of the city. J. Ness informed T. Schroeder that she was elected co-chair at the previous meeting, and she accepted.

**Cannabis Moratorium**

Mark Koran was asked to speak on cannabis and reported the following:

- Lawmakers are currently working on making the rules that become law and licenses will not be issued until late 2025
- Every city has to allow a cannabis shop for every 12,500 residents, which would fall back on the county in the City of Stacy’s case with a smaller population. Cities can require setbacks from schools and daycares.
- There will be fourteen different types of cannabis licenses including growing, retail, etc.

**Comprehensive Plan**

The commission is happy with the comprehensive plan and mission statement. They reviewed the charts and graphics throughout. Edit suggestions were made to some of the verbiage. The employed section should further be defined as those employed within the former township with the city data added. J. Ness explained the

difference between averages and median numbers and the commission decided to put focus the latter. Household income will be represented with a snapshot, versus trend, as J. Johnson explained that could drive businesses. It was decided that this data was best represented by numbers, versus percentages, to highlight growth within the city. J. Ness would like historical data added if it is available. J. Willeck would like definitions of groups to make sure they are comparable before combining. Solar and utilities will remain two separate categories. J. Ness would like to inquire about combining open water and not open water under wetlands. J. Willeck would like to see the road function classification move forward and table 6-1 on page 68 could be removed.

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**Station on 17 IUP**

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Chair J. Ness asked that the clerk direct the applicant to utilize the IUP application from the former township, as the city has yet to create one.

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**Adjourned at 9:30 p.m.**

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Chair J. Ness declared the meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

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Tanya Smolke, City Clerk