

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Chairperson Gregg Jorgenson called the meeting of the City Planning Commission to order on Tuesday March 2, 2021, at 5:00 PM in the Council Chambers Room #310 on the third floor of the City & County Government Center. Members present were Tanner Aiken, Greg Fargen, Jacob Mills, Jason Meusburger, Lee Ann Pierce, Eric Rasmussen and Jorgenson. Absent were Ashley Biggar and James Drew. Also present were Community Development Director Mike Struck, City Planner Ryan Miller, City Engineer Jackie Lanning, James Drew, Gaylor Woods - 1335 5th Street, Kathy Larsen – 1347 5th Street, Ms. Squires, Patty Dexter, Tyler Samuelson, Matt Kurtenbach, BMU Engineering Supervisor Chad Bachman, Brookings School District Superintendent Klint Willert, BATA Director Brenda Schwitzer and others.

Item #4d – Amendment to the Future Land Use Map.

(Pierce/Mills) Motion to approve the amendment to the Future Land Use Map. All present voted aye.

MOTION CARRIED.

OFFICIAL SUMMARY

Item #4d – Miller explained that there is a parcel near 22nd Avenue South and 26th Street South (just north of the softball complex) that the school district owns. This land is currently zoned Agricultural in a Medium Density Residential land use area according to the future land use map. The future land use classification would support rezoning from A to residential zoning districts only. Because of this, the applicant is requesting an amendment to the future land use map. The school would like to possibly build a bus storage and maintenance facility that will be utilized by Brookings School District and Brookings Area Transit Authority. Options to consider for amending this parcel on the future land use map include Civic and Urban Medium Intensity land use classifications. A Civic land use classification would support a rezoning to any zoning district that would allow this type of use, however, the comprehensive plan suggests this type of use only in industrial areas. The Urban Medium Intensity land use classification would support a rezoning to a B-2 District, which would permit a public transportation facility.

After City staff reviewed the requests, staff recommends amending the future land use classification from Medium Density Residential to Medium Urban Intensity.

The school district feels that this is a wise way to utilize tax payer dollars and improve the transportation system in Brookings. Schwitzer also feels that this is a positive for the community.