

Council Chamber  
Henry L. Brown Municipal Bldg.  
One Grand Street  
Coldwater, Michigan



February 10, 2021  
5:30 p.m.  
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## CITY COUNCIL & PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES SPECIAL JOINT MEETING

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### CALL MEETING TO ORDER

### ROLL CALL

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Kramer called the meeting to order with the following Councilmembers present: Councilmembers Emily Rissman and Travis Machan, representing the 1<sup>st</sup> Ward; Councilmembers Chad Johnson and Jim Knaack, representing the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward; Councilmembers Michael Beckwith and John Petzko, representing the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward; Councilmembers Randall Hazelbaker and Scott Houtz, representing the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward. The Mayor indicated he was located in Venice, FL, and all Councilmembers indicated they were located inside the City of Coldwater during this electronic meeting. There were no email comments received before 3:30 p.m. prior to the meeting.

**PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Aloha Miller, Jeff Budd, Aaron Garn, Michael Beckwith and Chris Stevens all indicated they were located inside the City of Coldwater; Mayor Kramer and Dave Rumsey both indicated they were in Venice, Florida. Commissioners also indicated there were no public comment emails received as of 3:30 p.m. prior to the meeting.

**Planning Commission Action:** Motion by Commissioner Rumsey, seconded by Councilmember Beckwith, to excuse the absence of Commissioners Salwa Alsuraimi and Jessika Cole, as

presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Commissioners: Aaron Garn, Dave Rumsey, Mayor Kramer, Michael Beckwith, Chris Stevens, Jeff Budd and Chairman Miller.

Nays: Commissioners: None.

Motion carried.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Keith Baker, Megan Angell, Tom Eldridge, Dean Walrack, Sheila Puffenburger, Lisa Miller, Susan Heath, Shauna Chávez, plus three others.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

1. Discussion regarding vision for the west side of the City of Coldwater, including 600 W. Chicago Street.

### **Discussion Points:**

Each Councilmember and Planning Commissioner spoke and reached a consensus as follows:

- Among the City's last greenspaces left undeveloped, 600 W. Chicago Street should not be developed into a large apartment complex.
- Presentation and discussion suggestions included park system, trails, soccer field or green space expansion; a marina, with parking, pavilion and concessions; garden or arboretum; band shell or amphitheater; ice arena or event center.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Noting no other business to come before Council, Mayor Kramer adjourned the regular meeting at 6:15 p.m.



Susan E. Heath

City Clerk, CMC, MiPMC