



**CITY OF NEWPORT  
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
NEWPORT CITY HALL  
September 14, 2021**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Anthony Mahmood called the Planning Commission Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on September 14, 2021.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present (5): Chairman Anthony Mahmood, Commissioner Brandon Leyde, Commissioner Maria Bonilla, Commissioner Tami Fuelling, and Commissioner Michael Kermes.

Not Present (0): None.

**3. MEETING MINUTES**

**A. August 10, 2021**

Commissioner Leyde motioned to approve the Planning Commission Meeting Minutes from August 10, 2021. Seconded by Chair Mahmood. Approved 5-0.

**4. SOUTH SAINT PAUL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

City Planner Nathan Fuerst wanted to make the Planning Commission aware that the city received a request for comment from South St. Paul as they are looking at an amendment to their comprehensive plan. Planner Fuerst presented the Commission with a short presentation on comprehensive planning. South St. Paul is currently reviewing a proposal to increase their density from 60 to 75 units per acre in specific areas and are required to notify any affected jurisdictions. Staff investigated and found there will not be any noticeable impact on Newport.

**5. RESIDENTIAL PARKING ORDINANCE**

City Planner Harry Davis stated there have been comments and complaints regarding the number of vehicles parked on residential properties. The Council has discussed potential changes to the residential parking ordinance and has directed staff to research neighboring communities. There is currently a draft ordinance, but there are two questions that the Planning Commission should discuss, and any feedback will be presented back to Council. The questions are should the City allow the storage of trade vehicles on residential private property, and what should be the definition for a commercial vehicle. Assistant to the City Administrator Travis Brierley stated the discussion started with the City Council, but since this is a zoning code, it would need to come back to the Planning Commission for a public hearing. The Commission discussed the pros and cons to the draft residential parking ordinance. The Commission discussed that it is hard to limit the number of vehicles you can park on private property because some residents have large or multi-generational families. Planner Davis stated they considered how to make exceptions, but it gets tricky when you would have to define “family”. Assistant Brierley stated the zoning code will never be perfect, but the goal is to make the code as reasonable as possible. The Commission would like to discuss again before a public hearing and Assistant Brierley recommended a joint meeting with Council.

The Commission discussed how we can define a commercial vehicle. Assistant Brierley stated currently the weight of a commercial vehicle is 6,000 pounds or over 20 feet in length but noted some personal trucks weigh more than 6,000 pounds. The commission recommended defining a commercial vehicle when you meet three out of four criteria items which include weight, logo, length, and DOT number.

**6. COMMISSION REPORTS**

None.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Leyde motioned to adjourn the Planning Commission Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Bonilla. Approved 5-0.

The Planning Commission meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m. on September 14, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Jill Thiesfeld,  
Administrative Assistant II

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Anthony Mahmood, Chairman