

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MIDLAND CITY PLANNING COMMISSION,
TO TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2021 7:00 P.M.

This meeting will be held electronically due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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MEETING AGENDA:

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Approval of the Minutes

a. Regular Meeting – January 26, 2021

4. Public Hearings

Public Hearing Process

1. Staff presentation and overview of petition
2. Petitioner presentation
3. Public comments in support of the petition
4. Public comments in opposition to the petition
5. Opportunity for petitioner rebuttal and final comments
6. Closing of public hearing
7. Deliberation and possible decision by Planning Commission

5. Old Business

6. Public Comments (unrelated to items on the agenda)

7. New Business

a. 2021-2025 Parks & Recreation Plan Overview & City Modern Update

5. Communications

6. Report of the Chairperson

7. Report of the Planning Director

8. Items for Next Agenda – March 9, 2021

- #### **a. Site Plan No. 405 - request by Lapham Associates for site plan review and approval of an 11,076 sq. ft. Early Explorers Child Care and Learning Center located at 300 Joseph Drive.**

9. Adjournment

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
MIDLAND CITY PLANNING COMMISSION,
ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2021 7:00 P.M.**

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1. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chairman Mayville

2. **Roll Call**

PRESENT: Mayville (Midland), Bain(Midland), Heying (Midland), Sajbel (Midland), Broderick (Midland), and Koehlinger (Midland)

ABSENT: Pnacek, Rodgers

OTHERS PRESENT: Grant Murschel, Director of Planning & Community Development; Shane Bjorge, Assistant City Engineer; Peter Schwarz, Director of Water Services; Karen Murphy, Public Services Director; and no others.

3. **Approval of Minutes**

Heying moved to approve the minutes, Sajbel seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 12, 2021.

Yeas: Mayville, Heying, Sajbel, Broderick, Koehlinger, and Bain

Nays: None

Motion carries 6-0

4. **Public Hearings** –

a. **Capital Improvement Plan 2021-2027** – Staff presentation and public hearing

Murschel gave an overview of the Capitol Improvement Plan dated 2021-2027.

Shane Bjorge (Assistant City Engineer), Peter Schwarz (Director of Water Services) and Karen Murphy (Public Services Director) all spoke about their specific departments roles in the proposed plan.

Heying made a motion to approve the Capital Improvement Plan 2021-2027 as presented to the City Council, seconded by Bain.

Vote on the motion:

Yeas: Mayville, Heying, Sajbel, Broderick, Koehlinger, and Bain

Nays: None

Motion carries 6-0

5. **Old Business** – none

6. **Public Comments** (unrelated to items on the agenda) – none

7. **New Business** –

8. **Communications** – none

9. **Report of the Chairperson** – none

10. **Report of the Planning Director** –

Mr Murschel spoke about the upcoming 2020 Annual Report. At the next meeting there will also be some discussion over the survey questions to be sent out in regard to the Master Plan Process.

Mr. Murschel also spoke about the Buttles Street Road Diet that was approved by Council at their last meeting.

11. Items for Next Agenda – February 9, 2021

- a. 2020 Planning Commission Annual Report

12. Adjournment

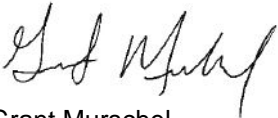
It was moved by Sajbel and seconded by Broderick to adjourn at 8:08 p.m.

Yeas: Mayville, Heying, Sajbel, Broderick, Koehlinger, and Bain

Nays: None

Motion carries 6-0

Respectfully submitted,



Grant Murschel

Director of Planning & Community Development

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MEMORANDUM

To: Midland City Planning Commission
From: Grant Murschel
Director of Planning & Community Development
Date: February 19, 2021
Re: February 2021 Update

The City Modern comprehensive master planning process officially began in January 2021 when the Planning Commission approved the request to transmit the Notice of Intent to Plan during the January 12 meeting. Also during this meeting, staff updated the Planning Commission on other work taking place to develop the project in terms of specific focus areas of the plan, communication methods and the initial public input opportunities.

Since this meeting, staff has been working to build the City Modern website and to develop initial public input surveys. Limited staff resources has delayed this process and admittedly the project is not as advanced as planned at this date. However, recent changes in some other flood-related projects has freed up more staff time to dedicate to City Modern.

The focus areas of the City Modern project include the following:

- Neighborhoods & Livability
- Transportation & Mobility
- Sustainability & Resiliency

These areas provide a wealth of overlap into other areas that the City has traditionally focused on. One of these areas is parks and recreation. The City's parks and recreation activities involve the management of over 2,700 acres of publically owned parkland and a multitude of recreational programming offerings.

The combination of parks and recreation offerings is the city contributes greatly to the overall livability of the city. The location of the parks within the city also bolsters the desirability of individual neighborhoods. It is because of these clear connections that staff has worked to align the content within the parks and recreation plans of the city with the broader master planning process.

2021-2025 Parks and Recreation Plan Update

One of the other major planning documents that the City of Midland has is its Parks & Recreation Plan. This 5-year planning document guides physical improvements and programming within the parks system of the City. It is a plan that is authored via the collaborative work of city staff, a park consultant, and the City Parks & Recreation Commission. The content of the plan is developed using input from the public as well as City Council. Ultimately, City Council approves this plan.

Following months of public input opportunities and a final public hearing at the City Council level, the 2021-2025 Parks and Recreation Plan was approved by City Council on January 11, 2021.

During the February 23 meeting, Director Public Services, Karen Murphy, will be presenting an overview of the content within the 2021-2025 Parks & Recreation Plan.

A copy of the full plan can be found on the City's website here: <https://cityofmidlandmi.gov/991/Parks-Master-Plan>

Initial Public Input Opportunities

Staff is working on finalizing the initial opportunities for public comment. More information on these opportunities will be presented during the meeting on February 23.

No action is needed by the Planning Commission following the Parks & Recreation Plan update and the City Modern process update. The information provided is simply inform the Commission and to provide a means to provide feedback on City Modern.