

**City of Falcon Heights
Planning Commission Minutes
May 24, 2016**

PRESENT: Commissioners Alexander, Bellemare, Schafer, Larkin, Murphy, Williams, Staff Liaison Moretto, Council Liaison Harris

ABSENT:

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Chair Larkin.

The minutes of the April 26nd, 2016 meeting of the Planning Commission were approved.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Ordinance No. 16-01 Removing Building Heights as Conditional Use

A public hearing was held to discuss and decided on an approval of O16-01. Chair Larkin called the hearing to order and requested Staff Liaison Moretto brief the Commission on the topic and read the ordinance. The Chair called for those who wished to speak to step to the podium and state their name and address for the record. Being that there was none in attendance the Chair closed the hearing after three invitations to speak.

The Chair asked for comments from the Commissioners. Commissioner Alexander was concerned about digital relay devices and other transmission and receiver devices possibly being installed on roofs and other places. The Commissioner was concerned that this ordinance did not address the lack of height restrictions for these devices or restrictions on their placement. In addition, there was a request to include more information on the definitions for utilities. Other Commissioners commented on the issue and it was decided that a request for staff to look into this issue be included as an attachment to the ordinance.

A motion was made by Commission Schafer and a second by Commissioner Bellemare that the Council APPROVE Ordinance No. 16-01 and that the Commission continue to look into the question of antennas in Falcon Heights. Motion was passed unanimously.

AGENDA:

INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Commissioner Murphy presented his concerns regarding the methods that are used to notify residents of a public hearing. The commissioner's position was that notice should go to all residents and not just the owners. There was vigorous debate on the issue and the Chair and staff recommended the issue be discussed at the City Council Retreat that would take place in the coming weeks.

Community Forum: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Moretto
Community Development Coordinator

John Larkin
Chair – Planning Commission