

CITY OF MARINE ON ST. CROIX
PLANNING COMMISSION
EMERGENCY MEETING

Thursday, April 9, 2020 – 9 am
Virtual meeting via Zoom

Present: Chair Mrosla, commissioners Henry, Smitten, Spisak, Sanderson, Brenner, Hagstrom, Councilman Bill Miller

Chair Mrosla called the meeting to order at 9:01 am, and explained that the purpose of the meeting was to delay the April 28 public hearing on the Short-Term Rental Ordinance, due to limits on public gathering related to the Covid-19 pandemic. To protect the planning process, the council was planning to extend the moratorium by 60 days at its next meeting, and the city attorney had drafted a resolution to do so.

Commissioner Smitten asked whether the commission needed to reset the date immediately, and what the commission could do to assure homeowners that this would be at the top of the commission's list once people can reconvene.

Commissioner Spisak noted that the commission would have to have the meeting by the end of July, and give proper public notice. If public gatherings were not safe by then, it's possible that online platforms will be more robust and able to handle a large public meeting by then.

Commissioner Sanderson asked whether the council considered lengths other than 60 days, and Councilman Miller explained that the length was based on the opinion of the city attorney under current circumstances.

Spisak moved and Smitten seconded to postpone the April 28 public hearing for short-term rentals, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, to a date to be set at a future time.

Roll call vote.

Mrosla - Aye

Brenner - Aye

Spisak - Aye

Henry - Aye

Smitten – Aye

Hagstrom - Aye

Sanderson – Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Spisak moved and Smitten seconded to adjourn.

Roll call vote.

Mrosla - Aye

Brenner - Aye

Spisak - Aye

Henry - Aye

Smitten – Aye

Hagstrom - Aye

Sanderson - Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

PLANNING COMMISSION TERMS –Ron Brenner, Scott Spisak, Ed Sanderson – 12/31/2020; Gerry Mrosla, Kristina Smitten – 12/31/2021; Anna Hagstrom, Jennifer Henry – 12/31/2022

Meeting adjourned at 9:16 am.

Minutes taken by Suzanne Dammann, Assistant City Clerk