WISCONSIN RAPIDS

REPORT OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Date of Meeting: July 20, 2023

Report #1

The Planning Commission met at 6:00 p.m. on July 20, 2023, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. It was also streamed live on the City of Wisconsin Rapids Facebook page and broadcast live on Charter Cable Channel 985 and Solarus HD Cable Channel 3. Members present included Chairperson Shane Blaser, and Commissioners Ryan Austin, Jeff Marutz and Thad Kubisiak (via Zoom). Ben Goodreau, Eric Daven, and Lee Thao were absent. Also present were Alderpersons Tom Rayome, Dean Veneman, Matt Zacher, Dennis Polach, Jake Cattanach, Jay Bemke, and Patrick Delaney; Members of the public in attendance included Dominique O-Neill, Tom Mews, Jerry Bach, Brad Nurmela, and Caitlin Shuda; Scott Harrington and Sonja Kruesel of Vandewalle and Associates attended via Zoom.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Presentation and possible action regarding the Papermill Recovery and Redevelopment Plan by the Community Development Department.

    Community Development Director Kyle Kearns provided a history and summary of the project. He then summarized the three main sections of the plan including the economic opportunities report, site reuse report, and three-phased implementation plan. He emphasized that the City has limited control over any potential projects and timeline due to the fact that the site is under private ownership, but that this plan enables the City to be proactive with any potential opportunities as they arise. He then provided an opportunity for questions and answers.

    Motion by Commissioner Austin to approve the Papermill Recovery and Redevelopment Plan; second by Commissioner Marutz.

    Motion carried (4 – 0)

2. Adjourn

    Motion by Mayor Blaser to adjourn the meeting; second by Commissioner Austin.

    Motion carried (4 – 0)

    Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Carrie Edmondson, Associate Planner