

**REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL FROM**  
**ZONING & PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE MINNEAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL  
October 26, 2017

A regular meeting of the committee was convened at 9:30 am on this date.

Members Present: Lisa Bender (Chair), Andrew Johnson (Vice-Chair), Kevin Reich, Barbara Johnson, Abdi Warsame, and Lisa Goodman (Quorum - 4)

Chair Bender modified the agenda by moving item #4, Regulation of off-premise advertising signs and billboards ordinance, off Consent to Discussion.

Matters listed below are hereby submitted with the following recommendations; to-wit:

1. Certificate of Appropriateness appeal: Security Warehouse/5th Avenue Lofts Association, 424 Washington Ave N ([2017-01273](#))

Considering an appeal submitted by Lee S. Dean, on behalf of the Security Warehouse/5th Avenue Lofts Association, regarding the decision of the Heritage Preservation Commission approving a certificate of appropriateness (PLAN4918) to allow an alteration of an existing structure for an entrance to enclosed parking, landscaping and retaining walls for the property located at 424 Washington Ave N, subject to conditions.

Staff presentation by Shanna Sether, Community Planning & Economic Development.

Bender moved to continue to meeting of Nov 9, 2017. On voice vote, the motion passed.

2. Alley vacation: Balance Properties III, LLC, the north 120 feet of the alley in Block 7, Excelsior Addition, bounded by the Midtown Greenway on the north, W Lake St on the south, Garfield Ave S on the west, and Harriet Ave on the east. ([2017-01323](#))

1. Approving an application submitted by Balance Properties III, LLC to vacate the north 120 feet of the alley in Block 7, Excelsior Addition, bounded by the Midtown Greenway on the north, W Lake St on the south, Garfield Ave S on the west, and Harriet Ave on the east, subject to the retention of easements for Xcel Energy and CenturyLink.

2. Passage of Resolution approving Vacation 1664.

Bender moved to approve. On voice vote, the motion passed.

3. Vacation Resolution Correction: Hennepin County, 1101 3rd Ave S ([2017-01324](#))
  1. Approving an application submitted by Hennepin County to vacate portions of 4th St S between 11th St S and E Grant St and a portion of E Grant St between 12th St S and 4th Ave S.
  2. Passage of Resolution correcting 85R-107.

Bender moved to approve. On voice vote, the motion passed.

4. Regulation of off-premise advertising signs and billboards ordinance ([2016-00831](#))

Passage of Ordinance amending Title 20, Chapter 544 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Zoning Code, Off-Premise Advertising Signs and Billboards, amending regulations for off-premise advertising signs and billboards.

Staff presentation by David Frank and Steve Poor, Community Planning & Economic Development. Erik Nilssen, City Attorney's Office, clarified Council Member's legal and procedural questions.

Warsame moved to approve. On roll call, the motion failed.

Aye: Reich, B. Johnson, and Warsame (3)

Nay: Bender, A. Johnson, and Goodman (3)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

A. Johnson moved to refer to staff. On roll call, the motion passed.

Aye: Bender, A. Johnson, Reich, and Goodman (4)

Nay: B. Johnson, and Warsame (2)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

With no further business to transact, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 am.

Reported by Diana Armstrong, Council Committee Coordinator