

Planning Commission Meeting Agenda

Wednesday August 5, 2026 - 6:00 PM
Cologne Community Center, 1211 Village Parkway

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 - c. Zoning Map Review prior to Public Hearing**
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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Chair Shambour called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with Commissioners Franz, Naegely, Olson, and Read present. Also present was City Administrator Michelle Morrison and Cindy Nash, City Planner.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ADOPT AGENDA

Commissioner Olson made a motion to adopt the agenda, second by Commissioner Read. Motion carried unanimously.

4. PLANNING COMMISSION NEW BUSINESS

a. Approve June 3rd, 2026 Planning Commission Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Read to approve the June 3rd Planning Commission Minutes, second by Commissioner Franz. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Discussion re: Accessory Structures Ordinance

Ms. Nash reviewed an alternative ordinance to the proposed 2023 Ordinance Amending the City Ordinance Related to Accessory Structures and Impervious Surface. The alternative removes the large accessory structures tables, addresses Impervious Surface issues with driveways, allows for an administrative site plan review for

structures over 200 square feet and addresses size limitations in Residential Zoning Districts.

After discussion Commissioner Shambour made a motion to approve the alternative Ordinance amending the zoning ordinance related to accessory structures and impervious surface. Second by Commissioner Read. Motion carried unanimously.

Next steps involve a Public Hearing at an upcoming Planning commission meeting.

c. Discussion re: Uses in Zoning Districts

Ms. Nash reviewed the red-lined markup of Ordinance 153 with the commissioners which provides clarity on permitted uses in the commercial district. The consensus was that the commissioners all agreed to the changes.

5. ADJOURN

Discussion was had regarding what items to put on agenda for the August 5th meeting. It was agreed that noise rules in surrounding communities from Memorial Day to Labor Day would be discussed. Motion by Commissioner Read to adjourn at 6:55 PM, second by Commissioner Naegely. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:

Michelle M Morrison, City Administrator

Bernie Shambour, Chairperson

MEMORANDUM

TO: Planning Commission Members
FROM: Michelle Morrison, City Administrator
SUBJECT: OUTSIDE MUSIC ORDINANCE DISCUSSION
DATE: 7/31/2026

Our current ordinance regarding outdoor music reads year-round that no Outdoor music is allowed between 10 pm - 7 AM. You wanted to have discussion around changing that to extending outdoor music hours on Fri and Saturday to 11 pm Labor Day through Memorial Day.

I reached out to several cities and the information I received back is below:

Mayer: Same as Cologne, no extended hours during the summer.

Chaska: Same as Cologne, no extended hours during the summer.

New Germany: Not addressed other than: "It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to engage in any disorderly conduct, riot, quarrel or tumultuous assembly, with intent to injure or disturb the good order and public peace of the city within the corporate limits thereof, either upon the public grounds or within any public or private buildings or dwellings."

Waconia: Outdoor Music not addressed. "Any person participating in any party or other gathering that causes the unreasonable disturbing of the peace, quiet, or repose of another person in such a manner as to be plainly audible at the boundary of the real property, building, structure, or residence from which the noise originates, or at a distance of fifty (50) feet from the source of the noise"

Carver: Closest ordinance around outdoor sidewalk cafe license includes: "Any amplified outdoor music, intercom, audio speakers, or other such noise generating devices must meet applicable city and state noise regulations;"

I would just add that as you have this discussion about changing the ordinance, the only time there was an issue with noise was back in 2018 with Pounders and the issue was isolated to the only residential property in that area which had 2 young children and bedtime was difficult. The new owner in that home has been there since 2020 and I have never had a noise complaint.