The West Fargo City Commission met on Monday, March 2, 2020, at 5:30 pm. Those present were Bernie Dardis, Brad Olson, Mark Simmons, Eric Gjerdevig, and Mike Thorstad. The President of the Board Bernie Dardis called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Simmons moved and Commissioner Gjerdevig seconded to approve the Order of Agenda as presented with the addition of Consent Agenda item 'f.' No opposition. Motion carried.

Commissioner Olson moved and Commissioner Simmons seconded to approve the minutes of February 18, 2020 as presented. No opposition. Motion carried.

The Commission reviewed the Building Department Activity Report and Monthly Comparison Report dated March 2, 2020 and Building Permits #50-62. Commissioner Gjerdevig moved and Commissioner Olson seconded to approve the Building Permits as presented. No opposition. Motion carried.

Commissioner Olson moved and Commissioner Gjerdevig seconded to approve the following items from the Consent Agenda:

a. Bills
b. Gaming Site Authorization for the West Fargo Hockey Association. Games to be conducted: Bingo, Raffles, Pull Tab Jar, Pull Tab Dispensing Device, Electronic Pull Tab Device, Club Special, Tip Board, Seal Board, Punchboard, Prize Board, Sports Pools, Twenty-One, Poker, Paddlewheels with Tickets, Paddlewheel Table from 3/2/2020 to 6/30/2020 at Hooligans, 509 32nd Avenue West
c. Games of Chance for the West Fargo Packer Backers. Games to be conducted: Raffle from 3/2/2020 to 5/28/2020 at the Silver Dollar, 221 Sheyenne Street
d. 2019 Stormwater Program Annual Report
e. Schedule the West Fargo Board of Equalization Meeting on Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.
f. Recommendation for the West Fargo Planning & Zoning Commission

No opposition. Motion carried.

Planning & Zoning Director Tim Solberg appeared before the Commission for a 5:30 p.m. Public Hearing and First Reading on The Ranch at the Wilds First Addition and Rezoning from A: Agricultural to PUD: Planned Unit Development. The Public Hearing was opened. Houston Engineering appeared to address any questions. There was no other Public Comment. The Public Hearing was closed. After discussion, Commissioner Simmons moved and Commissioner Thorstad seconded to approve the First Reading on The Ranch at the Wilds First Addition with the eight conditions listed in the staff report. No opposition. Motion carried.
Planning & Zoning Director Tim Solberg appeared before the Commission for a 5:30 p.m. Public Hearing and First Reading on the Zoning Ordinance Amendment to Section 4-460. The Public Hearing was opened. There was no Public Comment. The Public Hearing was closed. After discussion, Commissioner Simmons moved and Commissioner Gjerdevig seconded to approve the First Reading of Zoning Ordinance Amendment to Section 4-460. Commissioners Dardis and Thorstad abstained. The majority having voted in favor, the motion carried.

Planning & Zoning Director Tim Solberg appeared before the Commission for a 5:30 p.m. Public Hearing and Second Reading on the Rezoning from R-R: Rural Residential District to PUD: Planned Unit Development at 225 40th Avenue West. The Public Hearing was opened. There was no Public Comment. The Public Hearing was closed. After discussion, Commissioner Simmons moved and Commissioner Olson seconded to approve the Second Reading of the rezoning. No opposition. Motion carried.

Emergency Manager Pierre Freeman appeared before the Commission for the approval of the Emergency Declaration for Spring Flooding. Commissioner Simmons moved and Commissioner Gjerdevig seconded to approve the declaration. No opposition. Motion carried.

West Fargo Fire Chief Dan Fuller appeared before the Commission to present the 2019 West Fargo Fire Department Annual Report. No action was requested of the Commission.

Communications Director Melissa Richard appeared before the Commission to provide a complete count committee update for the 2020 Census. No action was requested of the Commission.

City Attorney John Shockley appeared before the Commission to Review Encroachment Agreement for Harper Heights LP. After discussion, Commissioner Simmons moved and Commissioner Gjerdevig seconded to approve the Encroachment Agreement as presented. Commissioner Dardis voted in opposition. The majority having voted in favor, the motion carried.

City Attorney John Shockley appeared before the Commission for a Resolution Providing for Redemption of the Sales Tax Revenue Bonds of 2012. After discussion, Commissioner Olson moved and Commissioner Thorstad seconded to move forward to calling the bonds for redemption. No opposition. Motion carried.

Planning & Zoning Director Tim Solberg appeared before the Commission to Review the Agreements for 906 19th Avenue North. After discussion, Commissioner Simmons moved and Commissioner Olson seconded to approve the agreements as presented. Commissioner Dardis voted in opposition. The majority having voted in favor, the motion carried.
Transportation Engineer Andrew Wruke appeared before the Commission to Review Plans & Specifications for Sewer, Water, Storm, and Street Improvement District No. 1329. After discussion, Commissioner Olson moved and Commissioner Gjerdevig seconded to approve the plans and specifications as presented and advertising for bids in April. No opposition. Motion carried.

Planner Malachi Petersen appeared before the Commission for a Second Reading and Final Plat Approval for the Rezoning of The Wilds 18th Addition. After discussion, Commissioner Simmons moved and Commissioner Thorstad seconded to approve the Second Reading and final plat as presented. No opposition. Motion carried.

Planner Malachi Petersen appeared before the Commission to Review tenant Renaissance Zone applications for Restad Industrial Park. Five applications were presented. After discussion, Commissioner Simmons moved and Commissioner Olson seconded to approve the application for Guardian Logistic LLC. No opposition. Motion carried. Commissioner Olson moved and Commissioner Gjerdevig seconded to approve the application for Northland Freight Brokers Inc. No opposition. Motion carried. Commissioner Simmons moved and Commissioner Gjerdevig seconded to approve the application for Northland Trailer Leasing Inc. No opposition. Motion carried. Commissioner Gjerdevig moved and Commissioner Simmons seconded to approve the application for OLR Transportation Inc. No opposition. Motion carried. Commissioner Olson moved and Commissioner Gjerdevig seconded to approve the application for Halo Commodity Company LLC. No opposition. Motion carried.

There were no construction updates.

There was no City Administrator’s Report.

There were no non-agenda items.

There was no correspondence.

Commissioner Simmons moved and Commissioner Olson seconded to adjourn the meeting. No opposition. Meeting adjourned.

 Bernie Dardis, Commission President  
Tina Fisk, City Administrator