



**Variance Board Regular Meeting  
City Council Chambers, 2660 Civic Center Drive  
Minutes – Wednesday, May 1, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.**

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Schaffhausen called to order the regular meeting of the Variance Board meeting at approximately 5:30 p.m. and reviewed the role and purpose of the Variance Board.

**2. Roll Call & Introductions**

At the request of Chair Schaffhausen, City Planner Thomas Paschke called the Roll.

**Members Present:** Chair Schaffhausen, Vice Chair Bjorum, and Member Aspnes.

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** City Planner Thomas Paschke and Senior Planner Bryan Lloyd.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION**

**Member Bjorum moved, seconded by Member Aspnes to approve the agenda as presented.**

**Ayes: 3**

**Nays: 0**

**Motion carried.**

**4. Review of Minutes: April 3, 2024**

**MOTION**

**Member Aspnes moved, seconded by Member Bjorum to approve the April 3, 2024 meeting minutes.**

**Ayes: 3**

**Nays: 0**

**Motion carried.**

**5. Public Hearing**

Chair Schaffhausen reviewed protocol for Public Hearings and public comment and opened the Public Hearing at approximately 5:35 p.m.

**a. PLANNING FILE 24-008**

**Request to allow a 10-foot garage extension to place overhead garage doors 11 feet in front of the dwelling and to encroach into the front yard setback by 1.5 feet on a residential property.**

Senior Planner Lloyd reviewed the variance request for this property, as detailed in the staff report dated May 1, 2024.

Commissioner Aspnes asked how deep the dropped ceiling is from the back door to the front of the house.

Ms. Lloyd thought it was approximately eight feet deep.

Commissioner Aspnes asked what the overall depth of the garage is.

Mr. Lloyd thought it was twenty to twenty-two feet, approximately a third of the depth of the existing garage.

Commissioner Aspnes asked if the current owner is currently parking in the garage.

Mr. Lloyd explained from his discussion with the property owner, sometimes vehicles are parked inside the garage, but he was not sure about the regularity of that. He did not think parking in the garage should be limited to smaller vehicles.

Commissioner Aspnes thought in general, what she read in the Roseville information the City does not generally like the look of the houses where the garage hangs out far in front of it. She also did not think it was particularly attractive that the garage is the first thing seen when looking at the property. She wondered if there were any comments from neighbors and do the neighbors know about this proposal.

Ms. Lloyd explained staff did the normal public notification and there were no comments.

Chair Schaffhausen invited the applicant to come forward with any additional information.

Mr. Samarakoon, property owner, explained the garage is approximately nineteen feet deep and the overhang is about half of that so his family can use about half of the garage. He explained his family has a medium size SUV which is parked on the left side of the garage, the right side of the garage has a deeper overhang, and a smaller vehicle is parked on that side of the garage. He explained with the addition to the garage his family will be able to park both vehicles in the garage without any issues.

Chair Schaffhausen closed the public hearing at 5:45 p.m.

Commissioner Bjorum explained what has been presented does not allow the property owner to utilize the property in a meaningful way.

#### **MOTION**

**Member Bjorum moved, seconded by Member Aspnes, adoption of Variance Board Resolution No. 167 (Attachment 4), entitled “A Resolution Approving**

**Variations to Dimensional Standards and Design Standards Pertaining to a  
Garage Addition at 1949 Simpson Street (PF24-008).”**

**Ayes: 3  
Nays: 0  
Motion carried.**

**6. Adjourn**

**MOTION**

**Member Bjorum, seconded by Member Aspnes, to adjourn the meeting at 5:48  
p.m.**

**Ayes: 3  
Nays: 0  
Motion carried.**