

BEFORE THE MUNICIPAL COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA

Robert W. Johnson	Chairman
Robert J. Ford	Vice-Chairman
Arthur R. Swan	Member
Norman Anderson	Ex-Officio Member
Kenneth Brundell	Ex-Officio Member

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR)	FINDINGS OF FACT,
ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN LANDS TO THE)	CONCLUSIONS OF LAW
CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, MINNESOTA)	AND ORDER

A petition of freeholders requesting the annexation to the City of Alexandria of certain real estate situated in the County of Douglas, State of Minnesota, said real estate being described in the attached order, came duly on for hearing before the Minnesota Municipal Commission on the 21st day of October, 1969, at which time all members and ex-officio members of the Minnesota Municipal Commission were present, with the exception of Robert W. Johnson. The City of Alexandria appearing by and through its mayor, Marvin E. Hansen, and its city attorney, Morris A. Grover. The Townships of Alexandria, Hudson, LaGrand and Lake Mary made no appearances. The County of Douglas made no appearance. None of the owners of the property herein described, except the City of Alexandria, appeared at the hearing.

It appeared that a petition was filed with the City of Alexandria for the annexation of the real estate herein described, said petition having been executed by freeholders of the area to be annexed.

It appeared that copies of the petition were duly filed with the County Board of Douglas County, Minnesota, the town Boards of Alexandria Township, LaGrand Township, Lake Mary Township, and

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Hudson Township, all townships being in the State of Minnesota, and the Minnesota Municipal Commission.

It appeared that the notice of hearing had been duly published and further that notice of the hearing had been sent to all parties in interest.

Evidence was offered and received for the annexation at said hearing, and the Commission viewed the premises. No evidence was offered against the annexation of the property.

After due and careful consideration of the evidence offered and received, together with all the records, files and proceedings had and taken herein, and being duly advised in the premises, the Municipal Commission of the State of Minnesota now makes and files the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

I.

That due, timely and adequate notice of the petition and the hearing hereon, was published, served and filed.

II.

That the property described in said petition abuts the legal boundaries of the City of Alexandria, Minnesota, and is not included in any other municipality.

III.

That the petition for annexation of said property was signed by the majority of the owners of the property included in said petition.

IV.

That the City of Alexandria has indicated approval of such annexation and said City of Alexandria, by and through its common

council, has passed and filed with the Minnesota Municipal Commission a resolution approving such annexation.

V.

That the population of the area to be annexed is 60.

VI.

That the area to be annexed is approximately 1,468.70 acres.

VII.

That the area to be annexed is urban or suburban in character and suited for municipal government.

VIII.

That the taxes in the area to be annexed will increase but that the increase will be commensurate with the municipal services provided by the City of Alexandria, Minnesota.

IX.

That there is a present need in the area to be annexed for all municipal services, including water, sewer and police protection.

X.

That the area to be annexed constitutes a small geographical portion of Hudson, Lake Mary and LaGrand Townships, and that the area to be annexed constitutes a larger portion of Alexandria Township. However, the annexation of these portions of Lake Mary, LaGrand, Hudson and Alexandria Townships to the City of Alexandria will not impair the ability of these townships to function.

XI.

That the Townships in which the area to be annexed lies have no plans for the installation of water or sewage systems.

XII.

That the City of Alexandria has expanded and will continue to expand with respect to population and construction, and requires

space to accommodate this expansion.

XIII.

That the City limits of the City of Alexandria to the north, the Soo Line Railroad right-of-way to the east, a township road to the west, and Interstate Highway #94 to the south, all being boundaries of the area to be annexed, are logical geographic boundaries, and these boundaries coincide with the orderly expansion of the City limits of the City of Alexandria.

XIV.

Because of the existing growth in the City limits of the City of Alexandria lying immediately north of the area to be annexed, and because of the proximity of the area to be annexed to the Interstate #94, the area is a logical area for commercial and industrial expansion, and therefore said area requires municipal planning and zoning for the proper use and development of said area.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

I.

The Minnesota Municipal Commission duly acquired, and now has, jurisdiction of the within proceedings.

II.

The area to be annexed herein is so conditioned and so located as to be properly subjected to municipal government by the City of Alexandria, Minnesota, and is urban or suburban in character.

III.

That the interests of the City of Alexandria and the area to be annexed would be served best by the annexation of said area to

the City of Alexandria, Minnesota.

IV.

That the municipal form of government and the corresponding municipal services are required in the area to be annexed for the preservation and protection of public health, welfare and safety in the area to be annexed and in the City of Alexandria, Minnesota.

V.

The township form of government is not adequate to meet the problems found to exist in the area to be annexed.

VI.

The City of Alexandria can meet the problems existing in the area to be annexed, can remedy them and provide any and all governmental services presently required and which may become necessary in the future in the area to be annexed.

VII.

That the City of Alexandria can properly provide for the orderly planning and regulation of growth and development in the area to be annexed.

VIII.

An Order should be issued by the Minnesota Municipal Commission ordering the annexation of the land described herein to the City of Alexandria, Minnesota. Let an Order for such an annexation be entered and filed accordingly.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED: That the following described real estate lying in the Townships of Alexandria, Hudson, LaGrand and Lake

Mary, all in Douglas County, Minnesota, be and the same hereby is annexed to the City of Alexandria, Minnesota, the same as if it had originally been made a part thereof:

The West Half of the Southwest Quarter ($W\frac{1}{2}SW\frac{1}{4}$)
Section 25, Township 128 North, Range 38 West, and

All that part of Section 36, Township 128 North,
Range 38 West, lying North of Interstate Highway No.
94, and

Section 31, Township 128 North, Range 37 West, and

That portion of Section 32, Township 128 North,
Range 37 West, lying West of the West Right-of-way
line of the Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste
Marie Railroad, and

All that portion of Section 1, Township 127 North,
Range 38 West, lying North of Interstate Highway
No. 94, and

All that part of Section 6, Township 127 North,
Range 37 West, lying North of Interstate Highway
No. 94, and

All that part of Section 5, Township 127 North,
Range 37 West, lying West of the westerly Right-
of-way line of the Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault
Ste. Marie Railroad and lying North of Interstate
Highway No. 94.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: That the annexation shall not be effective with respect to the property owned by the State of Minnesota until consented to by the Executive Council of the State of Minnesota.

The ad valorem real estate taxes levied in 1968 by the Townships of Alexandria, Hudson, LaGrand and Lake Mary on the property herein ordered annexed which are due and payable as of the date of this Order shall be the property of the City of Alexandria, but such taxes levied for the retirement of the bonded indebtedness of the townships shall be paid to the townships until such time as the same is paid. All other property and obligations

of the townships shall remain the property and obligations of said townships. However, all real estate taxes on the property herein ordered annexed which are delinquent prior to the date of this order shall be payable to the townships.

Dated this 14th day of November, 1969

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