

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

MINUTES:

December 3, 2019

In Attendance

Council Chairman Erskine Oglesby, Jr. called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the John P. Franklin, Sr. City Council Building. A quorum was present, including Council Vice-Chairman Chip Henderson and Council members Carol Berz, Anthony Byrd, Demetrus Coonrod, Russell Gilbert, and Ken Smith. City Attorney Phil Noblett and Council Support Specialist Keren Campbell were also present. Councilman Jerry Mitchell was not present at this meeting. Councilman Darrin Ledford, Committee Chair, arrived after the call to order and assumed chairmanship of the meeting after the approval of the minutes.

Others in Attendance

Regional Planning: John Bridger, Executive Director; Economic and Community Development: Charles Young, Chief Electrical Inspector; Mayor's Office: Jermaine Freeman, Civic Engagement Coordinator

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Vice-Chairman Henderson and seconded by Councilman Smith, the minutes of the last meeting (November 12, 2019) were approved as published.

Ordinances (First Reading) - Agenda Item 6B

Mr. Bridger gave the Council a briefing on this item. Upon no questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Next Week's Agenda: December 10, 2019

Ordinances (First Reading) - Agenda Item 6A

This item had been discussed at previous open meetings. Upon no questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Ordinances (First Reading) - Agenda Item 6B

Councilman Gilbert inquired about the site plan, to which Mr. Bridger addressed. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Ordinances (First Reading) - Agenda Item 6C

Councilman Gilbert had questioned the addition, location site plan and contact information for the Applicant, all of which Mr. Bridger addressed. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Ordinances (First Reading) - Agenda Item 6D

Mr. Bridger and Mr. Young briefed the Council on this item. Councilwoman Berz inquired about the site plan and wanted to make sure that what was promised was being done and given. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Ordinances (First Reading) - Agenda Item 6E

This item had been discussed at previous open meetings. Upon no questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Ordinances (First Reading) - Agenda Item 6F

Mr. Bridger updated the Council on this item. A discussion ensued, with Mr. Noblett and Mr. Freeman joining the discussion. They responded to questions from the Council on the following topics:

- Height Reduction (Councilman Oglesby)
- Uniqueness of Area (Councilman Oglesby)
- Height of Buildings in Downtown Area (Councilman Oglesby)
- Possible amendment need (Councilman Oglesby)
- Location (Councilman Gilbert)
- Opportunity Zone (Councilman Gilbert)
- Benefits (Councilman Gilbert)
- Specific Changes (Councilman Henderson)
- Process for additional height (Councilman Ledford)
- Changes and Restrictions (Councilman Ledford)
- Ordinance Version (Councilman Ledford)
- Compromise (Councilwoman Berz)

Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Ordinances (First Reading) - Agenda Item 6G & 6H

Mr. Bridger briefed the Council on these items. Upon no questions or comments, the issues were closed.

Ordinances (First Reading) - Agenda Item 6I

Mr. Bridger briefed the Council on this item. Councilwoman Coonrod expressed rezoning concerns and the need for an alternate version for this ordinance.

Councilwoman Coonrod moved to add the Alternate Version to next week's Agenda. Councilman Byrd seconded. The motion carried.

Upon no further questions or comment on this STVR (Short-Term Vacation Rental) ordinance. s, the issue was closed.

Resolutions - Agenda Item 7D & 7E

Mr. Bridger updated the Council on these resolutions. Upon no questions or comments, the issues were closed.

Steep Slopes & Floodplains Update

Mr. Bridger updated the Council on their tour of steep slopes on December 17, 2019. He also responded to Councilman Gilbert's inquiry about the locations of the four sites on the tour. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Councilman Ledford adjourned the meeting at 5:08 p.m.