

Zoning Planning Development Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 4th, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM

Committee Members Attending: Nick Morganelli (Chair), Andrew Surprise, Matthew Emmershly

Committee Members Absent: None

Others in Attendance: Councilors Babinski, Harris, Burns, and City Planner Jay Vinskey

ITEM 1

- Councilor Morganelli asked if any individuals present were recording or live streaming the meeting on social media by video or audio device.
 - MassLive Reporter was Recording

ITEM 2

Approval of Minutes from previous meeting.

- Councilor Surprise Motion to Approve
- Councilor Emmershly 2nd
- 3-0



Agenda

3. 3/15/18 Upon motion of Councilor Bums, (and Flaherty): That the City Council be requested to investigate and recommend Zoning Ordinances for short-term residential rentals.

ITEM 3

- Short Term Rental / AirBnB ordinance discussion
- State law regarding this issue goes into effect in July 2019
- Written by Jay Vinskey and Shanna Reed
 - Modeled after Cambridge ordinance
- Reviewed proposed ordinance language
 - Proposed language change of at least 7 days to maximum of 31 day in Section 4-32-3 item c.
 - Should be referred to Planning Board and L&O
 - Sanitary Health Inspection advised annually
 - Properties will be registered with City of Westfield
 - Any references to other state and municipal ordinances and regulations should cite specific laws, ordinances and regulations.
 - Enforcement of ordinance and regulations
 - Penalty for offenses, and fine structure
- Councilor Surprise Motion to refer to L&O and Legal with Recommended changes
- Councilor Emmershly 2nd
- 3-0

4. 6/21/18 Upon motion of Councilor Figy: A petition for a Zone Change at 798 Airport Industrial Park Road from Business B to Industrial A submitted by Oleksak Revocable Trust.

ITEM 4

- Morganelli: Item has timed out
- Councilor Surprise Motion to remove without action
- Councilor Emmershly 2nd
- 3-0

5. 5/17 /18 Resolution relative to Retail sales of recreational marijuana local option excise tax.

ITEM 5

- Morganelli: Item was already approved via L&O and Council
- Councilor Surprise Motion to Remove with No Action.
- Councilor Emmershly 2nd
- 3-0

6. 1/3/19 Motion of Councilor Emmershly and Allie, Bean, Babinski, Beltrandi, Burns, Figy, Flaherty, Harris, Morganelli, Onyski, Paul, Surprise: Comprehensive review of all City zoning laws and regulations by reviewing all zones, by right and special permit uses, enforcement, and permitting process (including checklists and overlay maps).

ITEM 6

- Update from Councilor Surprise
 - Spoke with Community Development Dir. PJ Miller
PJ Miller advised a masterplan needed to be redone if Westfield is doing a wholesale review of Zoning.
Last Masterplan was completed in 1969.
 - Joe Michell
Will get together with PJ Miller to come up with some ideas.
 - Health Dir. Joe Rouse
Waiting to hear back from Dir. Rouse.
- Morganelli
 - Need to address issues on Northside with Water
 - Emmershly: need to discuss possibility of creating separate zoning for Northside
 - Babinski: need to look at inconsistencies in Zoning, regulation language needs to be unified across all municipal ordinances.
 - Clarity needed all
- Councilor Surprise Keep in Committee
- Councilor Emmershly 2nd
- 3-0

Councilor Surprise Motion to Adjourn

Councilor Emmershly 2nd

3-0

Adjourned 7:58PM