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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING Tuesday, October 26, 2004

PRESENT: Aids. Becker, Birschel, Kopischke, Krol, Subotich, Sullivan, Treis -7

EXCUSED: Ald. Krill

ALSO

PRESENT: N. Welch, Community Dev. Dir.; A. Kesner, City Atty.; Ald. Grimm, 4th Dist.

Ald. Kopischke as Chair called the meeting to order at 8:24 p.m.

Land Combination – 2500 N. Mayfair Road

The committee reviewed a request by Stephen Smith for a Land Combination in the AA Business District at 2500 N. Mayfair Road. Ms. Welch said this is a "housekeeping" item that joins a narrow parcel at Mayfair Mall to the property to the north. The change does not affect future development in any way.

Moved by Ald. Treis, seconded by Ald. Subotich to recommend to Council approval of the Land Combination. Ayes: 7

Zoning Code Amendment – Tattooing/Body Piercing Facilities

The committee reviewed a request by Heather A. Thompson and David M. Lee for an amendment to the zoning code to allow tattooing/body piercing facilities as a Conditional Use in the AA Business District. Ms. Welch indicated that it is necessary to set a public hearing date in order to proceed with the prescribed process. The matter would return to this committee following the public hearing.

Moved by Ald. Sullivan, seconded by Ald. Treis to recommend to Council adoption of a resolution setting a public hearing date and introduction of a zoning code amendment ordinance. Ayes: 7

Communication with TV Stations regarding Helicopter Coverage of Football Games and Special Events

Ald. Grimm reported that concerns were raised by residents in his district last Wednesday night in connection with helicopter coverage of a football game at Hart Park. Neighbors were very annoyed with the noise from two low-flying helicopters that continued for a period of more than two hours. When contacted the next morning, all the local TV stations denied being the source or said their helicopter was only there for a few minutes. Ald. Grimm felt it would be appropriate to send a letter to all the stations to remind them to be more considerate of the residents affected by their coverage.

Ald. Becker said that the FAA should receive a copy of any letter that is sent, since they govern air space. Ald. Sullivan concurred, suggesting a copy to the congressional representative also. Ald. Krol said that the question of energy conservation might also be raised.

Mr. Kesner confirmed that the city doesn't have much, if any, power to formally regulate this type of activity. The city has used its zoning power in connection with regulating take-off and landing of emergency helicopters at the county grounds. He said that he has looked into industry standards, and he mentioned that helicopters are used for extended periods of time to cover car races at State Fair Park, but they hover at a much higher altitude. He said this committee could take some action or the Common Council could pass a resolution with copies to the FAA or FCC, the agencies that cover air travel and licensing of TV stations.

Moved by Ald. Sullivan, seconded by Ald. Becker to direct the City Attorney, in consultation with Ald. Grimm, to draft a letter to local TV stations requesting moderation in their use of helicopters when covering local football games and other special events, with copies of such letter sent to the FAA and FCC –

Ald. Treis favored first informing the TV stations of the problem and seeking their input in resolving it before involving other agencies. The Chair said that calls or letters to the stations from individual residents might have more impact than a letter from the city.

With consent of the second, Ald. Sullivan amended the motion by removing copies to the FAA and FCC and clarifying that the letter should be from this committee –

Mr. Kesner said that he would try to make a draft available by next week's Council meeting.

Vote on the motion as amended, Ayes: 7

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

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Carla A. Ledesma, City Clerk
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