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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING Tuesday, July 28, 2009

PRESENT: Alds. Birschel, Dennik, Hanson, Herzog, McBride, Nikcevich, Meaux (8:36 p.m.) -7

ABSENT: Ald. Stepaniak

ALSO

PRESENT: A. Kesner, City Attorney; T. Szudy, Planner; J. Archambo, City Administrator

Ald. Herzog as Chair called the meeting to order at 8:30 p.m. -6

Ordinance – Rezoning of Portion of 1530 Church Street

The committee reviewed the proposed ordinance rezoning a portion of 1530 Church Street from BB Two Family Residence District to Village Trade District. Ms. Szudy reported that this small parcel was added to the fire station site, and this action will place uniform zoning on the entire site.

Moved by Ald. McBride, seconded by Ald. Herzog to recommend to Council adoption of the ordinance. Ayes: 6

Public Launch Sites into Public Waterways

City Attorney Kesner reported that Alds. Ewerdt and Hanson requested review of ordinances and policies related to the launch and use of non-motorized watercraft on navigable waters within Wauwatosa. He found that Milwaukee County ordinances do not prohibit use of non-motorized and non-trailerated watercraft on rivers under county control except from golf courses. A Wauwatosa ordinance, however, prohibits launching or landing any boat from any park or parkway without written permission of the park director. The City ordinance does not prohibit launching from other lands. If the committee so desires, deleting the current ordinance prohibition would allow launching and use of non-motorized watercraft on any navigable waters in Wauwatosa. The matter of establishing launch sites would be a separate issue.

Moved by Ald. Hanson, seconded by Ald. McBride to recommend to Council introduction of an ordinance to delete Section 7.65.060 of the Code prohibiting the launching or landing of any boat from any park or parkway. Ayes: 6

Proposed Ordinance – Economic Development Advisory Committee

City Attorney Kesner reported that the ordinance creating an Economic Development Advisory Committee was introduced to Council with the amendments approved at this committee's previous meeting. This is the first step recommended by the economic development advisory committee and the Ryan Horton/USC report.

Moved by Ald. Dennik, seconded by Ald. Hanson to recommend to Council adoption of the ordinance –

Ald. Nikceovich was concerned about establishing a committee without having proper staffing in place as recommended by the Horton study. She favored using the \$95,000 that is on hold for economic development to begin creating a job description and search for that individual.

(Ald. Meaux present. -7)

The Chair questioned the applicability of agenda item in terms of discussing staffing. Mr. Kesner advised that it is technically germane but perhaps should move forward as a separate item.

Moved by Ald. Nikceovich, seconded by Ald. Birschel to amend the motion to include introduction of an ordinance for the creation of the position of Economic Development Manager --

Ald. Dennik disagreed with hiring staff now without having a sense of direction. He noted that the money will still be encumbered next year when we will have more information on what to staff and what we can pay. Ald. Nikceovich reiterated her concern about the need for staffing to support both the economic development committee and this committee given that there are many loose ends and misunderstandings. She advocated beginning to outline and define staffing issues.

Ald. McBride felt that an advisory committee is appropriate but was concerned about taking a piecemeal approach. He noted that there is now nothing in place for economic development and said that he would like to see this move forward in a more organized way so that a structure is in place sometime this fall. He would support the introduction of an ordinance to create the staff position since we know that will be needed, but he was uncertain about his ultimate stand on adoption of the ordinance.

Referring to the \$95,000 in available economic development funding, Mr. Kesner said that the committee could consider moving to free that up for the purpose of hiring a limited term employee to staff the committee until a more permanent position is created.

Ald. Meaux commented on the need to move forward and felt it would be helpful to get some input from the new committee during the budgeting process, which begins very soon. Creating a position and job description would get the ball rolling and does not commit us to filling the position in 2009.

Roll call vote on the amendment, Ayes: 4; Noes: 3 (Dennik, Hanson, Herzog)

Vote on the motion as amended, Ayes: 7

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Carla A. Ledesma, City Clerk
Wauwatosa, Wisconsin

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