

PUBLIC HEARING

March 17, 2014

The March 17, 2014 Public Hearing was called to order at 7:15 p.m. in Council Chambers by Rick Roberts, President. City Council members present were Bill Thornton, Bob Blocksom, Kyle McColly, Rick Roberts, Tom Shumaker, Don Spiegel, and Scot Swinehart.

Others present included: Scott Washburn, Mayor; Mark Ellis, Law Director; Carolyn Frederick, City Auditor; Richard Borer; Mark Droll; Morris Lear; Nick Vaughn; Alissa Paolella, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The purpose of this public hearing was to allow public input on a request to rezone three residential properties located along the south side of Kroger Drive from Limited Manufacturing (LM) to Residential 2 (R2).

Mr. Richard Borer inquired as to why this zoning amendment is taking place at this time as these properties have had a Limited Manufacturing (LM) zoning designation for many years. It was noted that the error in the zoning designation was recently discovered when Mrs. Rachael Schryer listed her home for sale.

There being no further business, the President declared the hearing adjourned.

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Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

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Rick Roberts, President

CITY COUNCIL

March 17, 2014

The March 17, 2014 City Council meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers by Rick Roberts, President. A moment of silence was observed followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. City Council members present were Bill Thornton, Bob Blocksom, Kyle McColly, Rick Roberts, Tom Shumaker, Don Spiegel, and Scot Swinehart.

Others present included: Scott Washburn, Mayor; Mark Ellis, Law Director; Carolyn Frederick, City Auditor; Mark Droll; Morris Lear; Nick Vaughn; Alissa Paoella, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the March 3, 2014 City Council meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the March 3, 2014 Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the March 3, 2014 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the March 3, 2014 Planning Commission meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

Mrs. Carolyn Frederick, City Auditor, distributed letters to the members of City Council announcing her retirement from the City effective May 31, 2014. Mrs. Frederick has served a total of fourteen years as the City Auditor. City Council members and Mayor Washburn expressed their appreciation to Mrs. Frederick for her service to the City.

A motion was made by Mr. Swinehart, seconded by Mr. Shumaker, to accept, with regret, the retirement of Mrs. Carolyn Frederick, City Auditor, effective May 31, 2014. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning the request to rezone three residential properties located along the south side of Kroger Drive from Limited Manufacturing (LM) to Residential 2 (R2), as reviewed in the Public Hearing held prior to this meeting. An Ordinance will be prepared to address this zoning amendment.

Mr. Spiegel reported that the Tree Commission meetings will be held at 2:00 p.m. beginning with the April 21, 2014 meeting, and the City's Arbor Day Program will be held on Friday, April 25, 2014 in Stepping Stones Park beginning at 9:30 a.m. Mr. Spiegel also noted that the Service Committee has accepted the retirement of Mr. Dave Yeater, Sanitation employee, effective June 13, 2014.

Mayor Washburn stated that with the upcoming retirement of Mrs. Carolyn Frederick that he is recommending Mr. Mark Droll to replace Mrs. Frederick. Mr. Droll addressed City Council and provided a summary of his background and qualifications. Mr. Mark Ellis explained that legislation will have to be prepared for Mr. Droll to begin working with Mrs. Frederick, and that the City's payroll Ordinance will need to be amended. Mayor Washburn indicated that he has negotiated a beginning salary of \$45,000.00 with Mr. Droll.

Mayor Washburn reported that with the recent unfortunate passing of Mrs. Tammy Clifford, who was a member of the City's Civil Service Commission, that Mr. Morris Lear has been asked to fill this seat.

A motion was made by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Shumaker, to approve the appointment of Mr. Morris Lear to the Civil Service Commission. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

It was noted that the 2013 year end reports from the Fire Department and Police Department were received by the members of City Council.

The Health and Wellness Fair sponsored jointly by the City and the County for their employees will be held in the Master's Building on the fairgrounds on Wednesday, March 19, 2014.

Mayor Washburn reported that he and Mr. Ellis attended the auction of Mr. Harold John's property, where the Pleasantview Garden Apartments were previously located on Fernwood Drive, in effort to protect the City's interest as the City was owed approximately \$60,000.00 for razing the apartments, mowing grass and weed cutting. The property sold to an individual for \$45,500.00 and the City will receive approximately \$30,000.00 from the sale.

Mayor Washburn inquired as to if there was any objections to the City property located in the 100 block of East Hicks Street being used as a community garden with the youth from Wyandot County Job and Family Services to plant and maintain the garden. No objections were voiced.

There being no further business, the President declared the meeting adjourned.

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Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

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Rick Roberts, President