

PLANNING COMMISSION – CITY OF HOUGHTON
CITY CENTER – COUNCIL CHAMBER
MARCH 23, 2010

PRESENT: Chairman Mike Butvilas, Mayor Robert Backon, Rachel Lankton, Kristine Bradof, Jay Green, and Mike Needham.

ABSENT: City Manager Scott MacInnes, Vice Chair Tom Merz, and Gary Lubinski.

Also present: Deputy Clerk Ann Vollrath, Ann West, Margot Hutchins, and Ray Sharp of the Bike Committee.

REGULAR
MEETING:

Chairman Mike Butvilas called to order a Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission.

APPROVAL OF
PREVIOUS
MINUTES:

A motion was made by Lankton and seconded by Green to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2010 meeting as presented.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried.

REVIEW AND
APPROVAL
OF AGENDA:

No changes were made to the Agenda.

OPPORTUNITY
FOR PUBLIC
TO ADDRESS
COMMISSION:

No one addressed the Commission.

PUBLIC HEARING: Chairman Mike Butvilas called to order a Public Hearing to discuss proposed Ordinance 2010-215.

This is the Planning Commission ordinance which is now in final form.

A motion was made by Lankton and seconded by Backon to adjourn the public hearing.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried.

Chairman Mike Butvilas called to order a Public Hearing to discuss proposed Ordinance 2010-216.

This is an ordinance to add the definition of a bicycle parking space. The members of the bike committee said they are happy with the language.

A motion was made by Lankton and seconded by Backon to adjourn the public hearing.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried.

Chairman Mike Butvilas called to order a Public Hearing to discuss proposed Ordinance 2010-217.

This ordinance requires bicycle parking spaces for new development in all areas except R-1 and downtown. Jay Green said that the requirement for one bike parking space per occupant in multiple family, etc might be excessive. The commission members agreed that indoor storage and garages count for bike parking spaces and this may help developers to include garages in new development.

Appendix F with the recommended bike racks was discussed. The commission looked at a picture of the proposed bike rack the city will install downtown. Ray Sharp said the grant he is working on could help with the purchase of bike racks.

A motion was made by Lankton and seconded by Green to adjourn the public hearing.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried

Chairman Mike Butvilas called to order a Public Hearing to discuss proposed Ordinance 2010-218.

This proposed ordinance will make a change to the site plan review process requiring that developers show where their bike storage is on their plans.

A motion was made by Lankton and seconded Green to adjourn the public hearing

Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made by Lankton and seconded by Needham to send proposed Ordinance 2010-215 to the City Council.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried

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Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried

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Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried

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Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried

The next Planning Commission Regular Meeting will be held Tuesday, April 27, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

A motion to adjourn was made by Lankton

Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried.

Gary Lubinski
Secretary