

**COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2020
6:00 P.M.**

Mayor Ryan Daniel – Present
Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle – Present
Attorney Marcia McNagny – Present

Council Members

Walter Crowder – Present
Jennifer Reffitt – Present
Jennifer Romano – Present
Tad Varga – Present
Daniel Weigold – Present

The Columbia City Common Council met in regular session with all members present, Mayor Daniel presiding.

MINUTES Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to approve an overview of the June 9, 2020 meeting minutes as presented, Jennifer Reffitt seconded the motion, all voted aye.

SWEARING IN OF OFFICER CHRISTIAN BAKER Rosie Coyle performed the swearing in ceremony for Police Officer Christian Baker.

AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE – ORDINANCE 2020-19 – REAL ESTATE EQUITIES Motion was made by Tad Varga to read Ordinance 2020-19 by title only, Jennifer Romano seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2020-19 an ordinance amending the zoning classification of certain property from the “R-3” Multi-Family Residential District to the “GB” General Business District.

Motion was made by Dan Weigold to approve Ordinance 2020-19 as second and final reading, Tad Varga seconded the motion, all voted aye.

AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE – ORDINANCE 2020-20 – ORIZON REAL ESTATE Motion was made by Walt Crowder to read Ordinance 2020-19 by title only, Jennifer Reffitt seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Ordinance 2020-20 an ordinance amending the zoning classification of certain property from the “R-2” Two-Family Residential District to the “R-3” Multi-Family Residential District.

Nathan Bilger, Planning Director, was present to further explain the rezone. He advised he provide the proposed plat to the Council members that hopefully addressed some of the questions.

Brooks Langeloh was present to explain the project and the opportunity to build more homes.

Jennifer Romano inquired about the sizes of the homes. Mr. Langeloh advised they really would not know until the homes were beginning to be built. He shared they wanted to leave

opportunity in case someone wanted something smaller but assumed most homes would be 1300-1400 square foot.

Mayor Daniel questioned if there would be any multi-family buildings. Mr. Langeloh advised they would all be single family units; they had talked about putting in 2 multi-family units like what they put in on Ellsworth Street but those were actually considered single family attached units. Mayor Daniel questioned if there were plans for single family attached units. Mr. Langeloh advised there was and plan to use Lots 1 and 30 for those units.

Jennifer Romano questioned how soon they expect something to start happening there. Mr. Langeloh advised they hope to start yet this year.

Motion was made by Jennifer Reffitt to approve Ordinance 2020-20 on second and final reading, Tad Varga seconded the motion, all voted aye.

COMPLIANCE WITH STATEMENT OF BENEFITS – ADMC/BR REAL ESTATE – PERSONAL PROPERTY Motion was made by Tad Varga to find ADMC in compliance and grant another year of abatement, Jennifer Romano seconded the motion, all voted aye.

COMPLIANCE WITH STATEMENT OF BENEFITS – PRECISION PLASTICS – PERSONAL PROPERTY 2014 Motion was made by Walt Crowder to find Precision Plastics in compliance with their personal property abatement and grant another year of abatement, Jennifer Reffitt seconded the motion, all voted aye.

COMPLIANCE WITH STATEMENT OF BENEFITS – PRECISION PLASTICS – PERSONAL PROPERTY 2017 Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to find Precision Plastics in compliance with their 2017 abatement and grant another year of abatement, Jennifer Reffitt seconded the motion, all voted aye.

COMPLIANCE WITH STATEMENT OF BENEFITS – HOLIDAY INN – VIDHI2 Motion was made by Tad Varga to find Vidhi2 in compliance and grant another year of abatement, Walt Crowder seconded the motion, all voted aye.

COMPLIANCE WITH STATEMENT OF BENEFITS – KC JONES PLATING Rosie Coyle noted this one was tabled last meeting due to the negative numbers. Mayor Daniel shared they have employed a lot from work release but also know their business has been up and down. He advised he could not explain why they were down 10 employees.

Walt Crowder confirmed they were halfway through their abatement. Mayor Daniel advised that was correct. Walt Crowder confirmed if Council did not approve the request, they would lose 50% of the original request for tax abatement. Mayor Daniel advised that was correct and would be paying 100% of the additional assessed valuation for this year.

Jennifer Reffitt questioned Dale Buuck if he was able to speak with them. Mr. Buuck advised he was not able to make contact. Tad Varga felt if they were given an opportunity to explain there would not be a problem.

Mayor Daniel advised Council could table, approve or deny abatement for a year. He shared he was a little disappointed if individuals have reached out to them but there has been no response. Jennifer Romano felt it was a very small thing to come to a meeting to answer some questions when it comes to tax payer money. Council agreed.

Mr. Buuck advised if Council wanted to table this to give them one last chance, he would do his due diligence to make contact with someone.

Motion was made by Tad Varga to table until the next meeting, Jennifer Reffitt seconded the motion, all voted aye.

COMPLIANCE WITH STATEMENT OF BENEFITS – OAKVIEW TOOL – PERSONAL PROPERTY 2015 There was question on the salary amount and the number of employees.

Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to table until the next meeting, Tad Varga seconded the motion, all voted aye.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS **Chip Hill** – Pickles Cafe will be opening July 7. **Scott Leatherman** – Board of Works approved hiring replacements for retiring Officers Chapman and Insley.

MAYOR REPORT Mayor Daniel reported they continue to work on US 30 Coalition things. He advised he was doing employee evaluations and noted the employee appreciation luncheon was July 2 at the Morsches Park Pavilion.

MAIN STREET TREES Dan Weigold questioned if there was an opportunity to check into the trees planted along Main Street. Mayor Daniel advised he talked with Theresa about the trees. He shared when the Tree Board hires an Arborist they then suggest locations for the trees. He advised he inquired about the root structure of the trees along Main Street and was informed the roots would go down instead of out. He advised he asked for them to keep an eye on the trees that were planted on Earl Avenue.

Mayor Daniel advised the wind storms have certainly brought questions to our attention and were working to tighten up the ordinances and make crystal clear to people what the responsibilities were. He shared most people do not realize that a street tree, even though in the City right of way, is the property owners responsibility. He advised he has asked the Tree Board to not do as much planting in the next year and focus more on pruning.

Dan Weigold suggested including trees along the alleys as there were some questions whether trees were in the alley or on the property.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle