

Ordinances & Rules Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2023

Chairwoman Harris called the meeting to order at 12:11 a.m. on Tuesday, February 22, 2023.

Present: Councillors Dunn, Harris, McLaughlin and O'Brien.

Absent: LeBlanc.

Councillor O'Brien moved approval of the minutes from 2/6/2023. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

First agenda item: Request for Zone Change Amendment regarding farm stand/recreation districts
Councillor McLaughlin moved to table the matter until the Mayor was able to attend the meeting later this evening. The motion was approved by a voice vote. The Mayor walked in as this matter was being tabled and Councillor McLaughlin moved to take it off the table. The matter was approved by a voice vote. Councillor McLaughlin moved to suspend the rules to hear from all off committee members. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Mayor McCarthy read her communication and explained the need for the amendment. Councillor McLaughlin moved to send the matter to the Law Department to opine and have proper language set for the amendment. On the motion Councillor Dunn asked if it excludes other agricultural uses at the farm stand. Mayor did not believe so and will make sure the Law Department looks into it. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillor McLaughlin moved to table the matter. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Second agenda item: Minor Modification to SP at 840 Winter for ARE-Winter Street Property, LLC

Attorney Michael Connors, representing the petitioner, spoke on the modification. Sara Ebob from VHB was also present and spoke on the matter and used a map to locate the pad and other modifications. Three items in the modification include two concrete pads for diesel fuel and a pad for the CO2 tanks. This is specific for a potential tenant. Attorney Connors stated if this gets approved then he would be back for a fuel storage license. Councillor Dunn spoke on the matter. Councillor Dunn moved approval of the modification. On the motion Councillor O'Brien asked if the Ward Councillor had any issues with this. He did not have any issues. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Third agenda item: Time extension for SP at 850-910-920-930-940 Winter Street for Marcus Partners.

Attorney Connors, representing the petitioner, spoke on the extension. This special permit has phases. Building A has been built. This extension is for Building B. They need to extend the commencement of the project out a year. Councillor McLaughlin moved approval of the extension. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Fourth agenda item: Adoption of Compensation Ordinance Amendment for Non-union Employees

Councillor McLaughlin moved approval for a second reading on the amendment. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Fifth agenda item: Adoption of Compensation Ordinance Amendment for vacation provisions for certain non-union employees

Councillor McLaughlin moved approval for a second reading on the amendment. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Sixth agenda item: Marijuana Special Permit application for CalVerde, Inc.

Attorney Jack Mula, representing the petitioner, spoke on the matter. He handed out a map of bus stops in the area of the petitioner's business. This was asked to provide during the public hearing. Councillor O'Brien was interested in other data including drop off times and pick up times.

Attorney Mula stated he asked the school for the drop off times of these bus routes and the school would not provide drop off times. Councillor O'Brien moved to table the matter. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Councillor McLaughlin reiterated that the Committee is still waiting for the law opinion to come back regarding how the committee proceeds with handling special permit marijuana applications with having the number of applicants exceed the number of approved permits available.

Councillor McLaughlin asked the Clerk to check in with the law department on this request.

Councillor McLaughlin made a request that was approved by a voice vote to ask the Law Department to draft the language for the ordinance amendment for single family zoning as it relates to the opinion sent by Solicitor Cervone.

Councillor McLaughlin moved to adjourn. The motion was approved on a voice vote and Chairwoman Harris declared the meeting adjourned at 12:36 a.m. on Tuesday, February 22, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,
Kara Wilson, Assistant City Clerk
February 28, 2023