



***Waltham City Council
Ordinances and Rules Committee
Minutes***

Monday, July 31, 2017

***Hoover Committee Room
City Hall, 610 Main Street
Waltham, Massachusetts***

The Clerk called the meeting to order at 12:00 AM.

Present: Logan, Marchese, O'Brien, McLaughlin

Absent: Rourke

Councillor McLaughlin nominated Councillor Logan to serve as Chairman Pro-tem.

Councillor Logan was elected Chairman Pro-tem.

Councillor Marchese moved approval of the July 19, 2017 minutes. The minutes were approved.

New matters:

155 Bear Hill Road Special Permit FAR

Councillor Marchese moved to hear from Attorney Michael Connors. The motion was approved. Attorney Connors indicated he was still waiting for responses from the Engineering Department to his revised plans. Councillor Marchese moved to send the Special Permit to the City's Environmental Specialist for review. The motion was adopted. Councillor Marchese moved to send the Special Permit to the Law Department for review. The motion was approved. Councillor Marchese moved to lay the matter on the table. The motion was approved.

Linden Plaza Fuel Storage

Councillor McLaughlin said he still wanted to see the full traffic report for the related special permit. Councillor McLaughlin moved to lay the matter on the table. The motion was adopted.

Apartment Complex Moratorium

Councillor Logan relinquished the Chair. Councillor McLaughlin assumed the Chair. Councillor Logan said this appears to be a severe measure and moved to lay the matter on the table. The motion was approved.

Zoning Amendment Small Recreation Facilities (Recommitted)

Councillor Logan moved to make technical amendments to the ordinance in response to comments from the Law Department. The motion was adopted. Councillor Logan moved to recommend that the amended ordinance be given a second reading by the full Council. The motion was approved.

Councillor Logan took the Chair.

Special Permit Modification 81 Wyman Street

Councillor Marchese moved to hear from Attorney Michael Connors. Attorney Connors went over the modification to the parking lot and that the Traffic Department had reviewed it and found it acceptable. Councillors Darcy and Fowler spoke in favor of the modification. Councillor Marchese moved to recommend that the full Council approve the modification. The motion was approved.

Tabled matters:

Special Permit 185 Willow St. (FAR)

Councillor Marchese moved to send the parking lot plan to the Traffic Department for review. The motion was approved. Councillor Marchese moved to lay the matter on the table. The motion was approved.

Councillor Marchese moved to take the resolution regarding zoning opinions from the table. The motion was approved. Councillor Marchese moved to hear from the Inspector of Buildings and the First Assistant City Solicitor. The motion was approved. Councillor Logan asked why the Building Department is not offering opinions to people and indicated it is harmful to business. Attorney Azadi indicated that the Building Department has no authority to do this and the Building Inspector said it was specifically allowed in the ordinances in Newton where he worked previously. Councillor Logan indicated he wanted to look at this more closely. Councillor Marchese moved to lay the matter on the table. The motion was approved.

Councillor Marchese moved to adjourn. The Committee adjourned at 12:45 AM.