

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WEST BRANCH PLANNING COMMISSION HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL, 121 NORTH FOURTH STREET, ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023.

Chairperson Cori Lucynski called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Bob David, Yvonne DeRoso, Josh Erickson, Kara Fachting, Mike Jackson, Cori Lucynski, and Rusty Showalter.

Absent: None

Others officers in attendance: Acting secretary/zoning administrator, John Dantzer

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

At 6:02, Chairperson Lucynski opened the public hearing to take comment on ordinance 23-02 which would amend the zoning of several parcels through out the City.

No one wished to speak on the subject.

MOTION BY FACHTING, SECOND BY JACKSON, TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Yes — David, DeRoso, Erickson, Fachting, Jackson, Lucynski, Showalter

No – None

Absent –None

Motion carried

MOTION BY DEROSO, SECOND BY SHOWALTER, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD OCTOBER 10, 2023.

Yes — David, DeRoso, Erickson, Fachting, Jackson, Lucynski, Showalter

No – None

Absent –None

Motion carried

MOTION BY SHOWALTER, SECOND BY FACHTING, TO RECOMMEND TO CITY COUNCIL THE APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 23-02 WHICH WOULD REZONE PARCEL # 052-462-009-00 FROM CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT TO MIXED-USE DISTRICT AND THE REZONING OF PARCEL #'S 052-108-003-00, 052-108-04-00, 052-108-005-00, AND 052-108-006-00 FROM SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO MIXED-USE DISTRICT BECAUSE THE ZONING IS CONSISTENT WITH THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE MASTERPLAN, IS CONSISTENT WITH THE SURROUNDING USES, DOES NOT POSE AN IMPACT ON THE SURROUNDING PROPERTIES, DOES NOT CREATE A DETERRENT TO THE IMPROVEMENT OR DEVELOPMENT OF

ADJACENT PROPERTIES, WILL NOT CREATE A SPECIAL PRIVILEGE TO AN INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY OWNER, AND WILL POSE NO IMPACT TO THE CITY'S INFRASTRUCTURE OR PROGRAMS.

Yes — David, DeRoso, Erickson, Fachting, Jackson, Lucynski, Showalter

No – None

Absent –None

Motion carried

Chairperson Lucynski spoke on the Veteran's Banners.

Member DeRoso gave an update on the MDOT work that took place in Ogemaw Township and noted they are planning a ribbon cutting for the pathway that connects the Township to the City.

Member Jackson spoke on the passing of June Longstreet and commended her many years of service to the City and the Planning Commission.

Member Fachting gave an update on the cleanup of the old bicycle factory and commended the Ogemaw football team for their great year.

Member Showalter echoed the sentiments of Member Jackson and spoke on the passing of June Longstreet as well.

Secretary/Zoning Administrator Dantzer discussed concerns with the expansion of electric vehicle charging stations and noted the Commission may want to look into updating the zoning ordinance to deal with them. It was discussed that this was something that would be looked at moving forward.

Chairperson Lucynski closed the meeting at 6:28 pm.