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MINUTES  
VILLAGE OF HINSDALE  
ZONING AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
TUESDAY JANUARY 25, 2010  
MEMORIAL HALL  
7:30 p.m.**

**Present:** Trustee LaPlaca, Trustee Angelo, Trustee Schultz

**Absent:** Chairman Williams

**Also Present:** David Cook, Village Manager Robert McGinnis, Acting Community Development Director; Brad Bloom, Chief of Police; Mike Kelly, Fire Chief; and Ken Florey, Village Attorney

Bob Schultz called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**Minutes – January 25, 2010**

Trustee LaPlaca moved to approve the minutes as submitted for the January 25, 2010 meeting. Trustee Angelo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Monthly Reports – November and December 2009**

**Police and Fire Departments**

Acting Chairman Schultz asked staff if they had any additional information to add to the reports and if the Committee members had any questions. No discussion took place on these items.

**Community Development**

Acting Chairman Schultz asked staff if they had any additional information to add to the reports and if the Committee members had any questions. No discussion took place on this item.

**Request for Board Action**

**Recommend Approval of an Ordinance Vacating the West Half of Public Alley Right-of-Way Adjacent to and East of 625 S. Monroe**

Trustee LaPlaca questioned if the applicant was purchasing this property from the Village. Acting Chairman Schultz stated this was correct and several other portions of this particular alley have been sold so it is no longer a functioning alley. Trustee LaPlaca motioned to recommend Approval of an Ordinance Vacating the West Half of Public Alley Right-of-Way Adjacent to and East of 625 S. Monroe. Trustee Angelo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Recommend Approval of an Ordinance Amending both the Municipal Code and the Zoning Code to list generators as a permitted encroachment in the required interior and corner side yard in the R-1, R-2, R-3 and R-4 Single Family Zoning Districts\***

Trustee LaPlaca questioned the wording of the text amendment and if the findings of the Plan Commission were considered in the draft ordinance. Mr. Florey stated the ordinance was drafted based on the findings of the Plan Commission. Discussion took place between the ZPS Committee certain sections of the draft ordinance such as the amnesty program and specifications of the generator. Trustee LaPlaca questioned if a maximum size should also be included in this ordinance. Mr. McGinnis stated a larger generator could actually be less noisy depending on the screening and insulation used. He also discussed the sizing of lots in the Village will prohibit the installation of larger generators in most cases. Acting Chairman Schultz questioned how the db level will be calculated. Mr. Cochlan stated the Village should not measure noise levels and should refer to the manufacturer numbers because of the possibility of inaccurate readings due to outside noise factors. He also stated the maximum db level should be raised from the current level of 68, which is roughly the sound of a normal conversation because most of the generator manufacturers will be eliminated. Mr. McGinnis stated a majority of the surrounding communities have a maximum DB rating of 68. The ZPS Committee continued to discuss the maximum amount of db rating that should be placed in the draft ordinance. Trustee LaPlaca motioned to recommend approval of an ordinance amending both the Municipal and the Zoning Code to list generators as a permitted encroachment in the required interior and corner side yard in the R-1, R-2, R-3 and R-4 Single Family Zoning Districts with a condition that the db level be researched and discussed at the next Village Board meeting. Trustee Angelo seconded. He expressed his concerns with this text amendment and felt the Zoning Rewrite Committee should have discussed this item as well. The motion passed with the following 2-1 vote: Ayes: Acting Chairman Schultz, Trustee LaPlaca. Nays: Trustee Angelo.

**Recommend Approval of an Ordinance Approving a Major Adjustment to a Planned Development and Site Plans and Exterior Appearance Plans for the Expansion of the Existing Hospital Located at 120 N. Oak Street.\***

Trustee LaPlaca motioned to recommend Approval of an Ordinance Approving a Major Adjustment to a Planned Development and Site Plans and Exterior Appearance Plans for the Expansion of the Existing Hospital Located at 120 N. Oak Street. Trustee Angelo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Recommend Approval of an Ordinance Amending Section 7-105 (Special Uses) and 12-206 (Definitions) of the Hinsdale Zoning Code to allow Helistops as Special Uses in the Health Services District\***

Trustee Angelo questioned the time savings that could be expected from the installation of a helistop. Dr. Waldman, Hinsdale Hospital representative, stated every helicopter transfer will be different depending on the patient but a rough ballpark estimate would be 10 to 15 minutes of savings could be expected.

Trustee Angelo requested certain safety specifications regarding the helicopters that will be serving the Hinsdale Hospital. Mr. George stated he was unable to confirm if certain safety items would be installed in each helicopter that would be coming to the Hospital but at a minimum they would have all equipment required by federal regulations. Trustee Angelo questioned how many pilots would be

in each helicopter and if 2 pilots is required or recommended and if they will be using night vision goggles. Mr. George stated only one pilot will be in each helicopter and it will be required for all pilots to use night vision goggles at the beginning of each year. Trustee Angelo questioned how many accidents in Illinois have occurred at a helistop. Mr. George stated in 40 years at 140 helistops throughout Illinois one fatal accident has occurred when a security guard walked into the rotor of the helicopter. Trustee Angelo questioned outside of Illinois how many accidents have occurred and presented several facts he researched. Mr. George stated he could not comment on these statistics Trustee Angelo presented. He discussed the several factors and strict safety standards that are needed for a heliport design in Illinois. Trustee Angelo questioned if Wisconsin has stricter regulations than Illinois. Mr. George Stated Wisconsin refers to the Federal regulations that are less strict.

Trustee LaPlaca questioned if one of the conditions should be a timeframe where the Village revisits the issue again to look at the number of times used and the safety of the helistop. Acting Director Schultz stated he could not support this because the hospital will spend \$500,000 on the helistop now with the possibility the Village could revoke the special use in two years. General discussion continued over the possible alternatives to reviewing the special use permit.

Mr. George responded to some of the Trustee's questions and addressed issues of safety. He stated most of the examples of accidents that were given by Trustee Angelo were from helicopters landing on site at an emergency and that safety was the number one concern of the hospital.

Lois Madric, Village resident, gave her support to the hospital project because it serves the residents of the Village and surrounding communities. She addressed the safety concerns of the helistop and stated the dangers of transporting a patient by a vehicle on the road could be much more dangerous.

David Crane, CEO of the Hinsdale Hospital, discussed the time savings that could be seen from the installation of the helistop at the hospital. He stated there are a number of variables to determine the time it takes to transfer a patient to the current Spinning Wheel helistop so giving an exact number is difficult.

Frank Fachini, Hinsdale Hospital Physician, provided statistical information regarding ambulance accidents and fatalities and the number of ambulance transfers that take place on a typical day.

Trustee LaPlaca motioned to Recommend Approval of an Ordinance Amending Section 7-105 (Special Uses) and 12-206 (Definitions) of the Hinsdale Zoning Code to allow Helistops as Special Uses in the Health Services District with the condition that a period of time be placed for the Village to discuss the special use permit that was granted for the helistop. Acting Director Schultz seconded. Trustee Angelo expressed his concerns with safety and felt that the current Spinning Wheel helistop location was an appropriate location. The motion passed with the following 2-1 vote: Ayes: Acting Director Schultz, Trustee LaPlaca. Nays: Trustee Angelo.

**Recommend Approval of an Ordinance Approving a Special Use Permit for a Helistop at the Property Located at 120 N. Oak Street\***

Trustee LaPlaca motioned to Recommend Approval of an Ordinance Approving a Special Use Permit for a Helistop at the Property Located at 120 N. Oak Street with the condition that a period of time be placed for the Village to discuss the special use permit that was granted for the helistop. Acting

Chairman Schultz seconded. The motion passed with the following 2-1 vote: Ayes: Acting Director Schultz, Trustee LaPlaca. Nays: Trustee Angelo.

## **Discussion Items**

### **Discussion on Parking Meter Holiday Schedule**

Chief Bloom stated that President Cauley requested that the ZPS Committee review the holidays that parking meters and permits are enforced following a complaint he received from a resident. In 2006 the Village Board, with the support of the Chamber of Commerce amended the Federal holidays that parking meters and permits are enforced by eliminating the lesser observed holidays of MLK Birthday, President's Day and Veteran's Day because parking demand was still high and needed to be regulated. Chief Bloom explained that parking enforcement and fees are used to manage parking supply and regulate demand. Chief Bloom indicated that the Village created an error in not placing barricade sign warning parkers that the meters are in force a practice that has been used in the past to avoid confusion. Chief Bloom stated that the meters do list the exempt holidays.

After a brief discussion the Committee chose not to modify the parking holiday schedule.

## **Request for Board Action**

### **Recommend Approval of an Ordinance Approving a Special Use Permit, Site Plans and Exterior Appearance Plans for the Installation of a Cellular Antenna on the Property Located at 15 Spinning Wheel Road**

Trustee LaPlaca stated the Plan Commission has reviewed a number of these requests and as long as this request is consistent with past requests for cellular antennas she was in support. Trustee LaPlaca motioned to recommend approval of an ordinance approving a Special Use Permit, Site Plan and Exterior Appearance Plans for the Installation of a Cellular Antenna on the Property Located at 15 Spinning Wheel Road. Trustee Angelo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the Committee, Trustee LaPlaca motioned to adjourn. Trustee Angelo seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert McGinnis  
Acting Director of Community Development