

City of Hartford Planning Commission
Regular Meeting, Hartford City Hall
October 9th, 2023 Minutes

Called to Order: 7:30p.m. by T. Kling

Members Present: J. Fuller, J. Kling, T. Kling, A. Morales, & N. Spoula

Members Absent: S. Ackerman

Also Present: Linnea Rader, Interim City Manager

Approval of the Agenda: Motion made by N. Spoula, seconded by A. Morales, to approve the October 9th, 2023 agenda as written. All present in favor, motion carried.

*Motion made by J. Kling, seconded by A. Morales, to close the regular meeting and open the Public Hearing. All present in favor, motion carried.

Public Hearing: on Proposed Amendment to Ordinance #134 Sections 151.290; 151.291; 151.292; and 151.293 Planning Commission and add New Zoning sections 151.294; 151.295; 151.296; 151.297; 151.298; 151.299; and 151.300 Compliance with the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, 2008 PA 33. & Proposed Amendment to Ordinance no.134 Section 151.305; and 151.306; Authorize the City Commission to Serve as the Zoning Board of Appeals
Note: No public attendees present.

T. Kling addressed the members, asking if anyone had questions or concerns regarding the proposed amendments. J. Fuller had questions regarding verbiage in a couple of areas, and once reviewed, all agreed that there should be slight updates made. Linnea confirmed by checking how stated in the Michigan Planning Enabling Act. and made notes she will forward to Roxanne. T. Kling read through each Ordinance one final time, and all agreed the updates are good as proposed with the slight adjustments we agreed on.

*Motion made by J. Kling, seconded by J. Fuller, to close the Public Hearing and reopen the regular meeting. All present in favor, motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes: Motion made by N. Spoula, seconded by A. Morales, to approve the September 11th, 2023 meeting minutes as written. All present in favor, motion carried.

Public Comments Not on the Agenda: Linnea Rader, Interim City Manager, Updates:

*Linnea commented that it's been a very busy couple of weeks.

*Advertising for a new City Manager has been posted, by radio, in newspaper, and on website. Have had 20 applicants so far.

*Things are going well in the city; projects are moving along re: Pfas project going very well; along river-sewer line in the works.

*Clark & Linden streets project almost done. Looks great.

*Deputy City Clerk & Administrative Assistant has been hired and will start on Oct. 23rd.

*New full-time police officer almost ready to start pending completion of background check.

*Ordinance Officer - The Police Department will be enforcing any blight issues now. Quadrants will be set up, along with frequency of monitoring to balance it out.

*7 West Main – Center of building (hair salon fire) to be demolished soon, owner's choice.

*106 Center St. property demolition due to fire - re: Blight Elimination grant, bid came in over but the City Council approved payment.

*215 Shepherd – demolition has been approved. J. Fuller mentioned that there's an old cistern on the property.

*Public Works – still pending

*No new businesses – have been discussing on how to entice people to come in – working with Market Van Buren as of May.

*Safe Built – all building officials (inspectors, electrical, plumbing) will be under this now. There's an admin fee and they do the rest. Payments & applications will still be handled by the City. The fee scale will be changing. There hasn't been any increase in building permit fees in 23 years.

Old Business:

Discuss & Consider Recommendation to Council on Proposed Amendment to Ordinance #134 Sections 151.290; 151.291; 151.292; and 151.293 Planning Commission and add New Zoning sections 151.294; 151.295; 151.296; 151.297; 151.298; 151.299; and 151.300 Compliance with the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, 2008 PA 33.

*Motion made N. Spoula, seconded by J. Fuller, to recommend the Proposed Amendment to Ordinance #134 as stated above, along with the updates we added, to the Council for review and final approval. All present in favor, motion carried.

Discuss & Consider Recommendation to Council on Proposed Amendment to Ordinance no.134 Section 151.305; and 151.306; Authorize the City Commission to Serve as the Zoning Board of Appeals.

*Motion made by J. Kling, seconded by A. Morales, to recommend the Proposed Amendment as stated above to the Council for review and final approval. All present in favor, motion carried.

New Business:

***Discuss & Consider Amendments to Marihuana Ordinances**

We looked over & thoroughly discussed the current ordinance and print outs Linnea had provided. Per attorney, under "Freedom of Speech" we must amend the ordinance verbiage. We aren't allowed to tell these businesses they can't have "cannabis" on their signs. T. Kling went over the charts and we discussed the types of businesses and the current zoning. We made some adjustments which Linnea noted & will forward the information. Further discussion to follow as needed.

Other business: None

Adjournment:

Motion made by J. Kling, seconded by A. Morales, to adjourn the meeting. All present in favor, motion carried.
Meeting adjourned by T. Kling at 9:08 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by: Jenine Kling, Secretary