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Subject: FW: ZBA Zoning Change
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Good Afternoon Katie,

At yesterday's Council meeting, there was a motion made and supported to send the attached proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to the Planning Commission for a public hearing to be held.

If you have any questions or need anything further, please let me know.

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Good afternoon,

The City discussed its desire to add two specific alternates in the event a person is absent or unable to vote, but the zoning ordinance has not been amended to reflect the alternates. The two individuals are the supervisor and assessor (both elected officials but not paid employees of the city). Zoning amendments obviously take some time and require a public hearing, but I believe that if this is what the council wants to do, you can get a proposed amendment to the planning commission for its March meeting, then we can get everything published and have the public hearing by the PC April meeting. The recommendation can go to Council for their meeting the following day and they can vote on it on April 15th. This would give the City plenty of time to appoint alternates. I

As I told Grand Hotel's attorney: There are currently 5 members of the ZBA, being the public body less Anneke Myers who serves on the planning commission (the mayor is not a voting member of the ZBA). Again, this would just be to fill Richard Chambers' seat, as he would recuse himself. I would hope that there would be no issue with having one of the alternates available at the June meeting. I do want to be clear, we cannot guarantee the full 5 members of the ZBA, just like we cannot guarantee every voting member of any public body. That is not a requirement. That being said, this amendment was something that the Council was discussing and we are happy to push your hearing and meeting out if you would like to wait until we have had time to get through the process.

Grand Hotel's attorney confirmed that he understood that there is never a guarantee that a full voting body will appear at a meeting/hearing; however, given this issue, they would like to push the hearing to June 10th to allow the City more time to resolve everything.

I have attached a proposed amendment to the Zoning ordinance for your consideration.

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