



City Council

City Council Chambers ◊ 230 West Stephenson Street ◊ Freeport, IL 61032

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT REGULAR MEETING

Monday, June 18, 2007 at 5:15 p.m.

Call to Order

Roll Call by Mayor Gaulrapp

Members present were Alderman Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress, O'Neill, and Corbin. Absent was Alderman Helms.

Public Comments

Barbara Hilton spoke in support of the ordinance to allow immediate family members to work under a building permit.

Geraldine Jones and Pat Norman spoke in support of the ordinance to allow a flood variance at 538 East Stephenson Street.

Approval of Committee of the Whole Report

Alderman Corbin moved, seconded by Alderman Endress to approve the Committee of the Whole Report from the regular meeting of June 4, 2007. The motion carried.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

1. Flood Variance, Joy Sellers, 538 E Stephenson St. *Shelly Griswold explained that this variance would allow the owners to make the appropriate improvements to the above property. Without this variance, improvements could not be made if they cost over 50% of the property value. Roy and Joy Sellers gave explained that they would like to open a restaurant/catering business at this location.*

Ms. Griswold further explained the process and stated that the applicants have filed the appropriate paperwork and has the support from the Department of Natural Resources, therefore the staff is recommending approval.

Klemm, Bush to approve, 7-0

2. An Ordinance amending Chapter 1242 (Administration, Enforcement and Penalty) and Chapter 1262 (Off-Street Parking and Loading) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport, Illinois

Klemm/Endress to lay over, 7-0

3. Façade Improve Recommendations. *Community Development Director, Shelly Griswold stated that this year the Downtown TIF spending plan includes \$15,000 in funding for new Façade Improvement Grants. There were six applicants: (1) Shockey & Cox, 208 West Stephenson, requested \$5,236 for a 62-foot awning and some replaster (2) Coles, A Confectionary, 24 W Main St, requested \$3,065 to paint the façade in a three-color historic palette (3) George Enstrom, Attorney, 10 North Chicago requested \$7,700 to power wash the façade and repaint it in an historic color palette, (4) Midtown Center requested*

\$4,792.21 to install new awning covers, new doors on front, and replacement of glass transoms, (5) Trend Room, 21 South Chicago Avenue requested \$7,0000, to power wash, paint, and repair of wood and door at Sacia's storefront, and (6) Twice as Nice Home, 6 West Stephenson (Exchange Street side) requested \$950.00, to power wash and paint.

Per the Façade Improvement Program guidelines, the recommendation was made by the Community Development Director and Freeport Downtown Development Foundation to fund all six projects and 50%, for a total of \$14,371.61.

Boldt/Endress to concur with recommendation, 7-0

4. Special Ordinance for Variation, Permit, or Amendment of Codified Ordinances of Freeport, Illinois. A petition by John S. James and Jananne L. James, and ASI Freeport Senior Housing, Inc., as Contract Vendee, 1756 and 1764 South Dirck Drive, Freeport, Illinois, requesting a variance to Chapter 1262.05(a)(2) of the City of Freeport Codified Ordinances to reduce the parking requirement from 1.5 stalls per unit to 1 stalls per unit for the 23 unit senior apartment proposed at 1756 and 1764 South Dirck Drive, Freeport, Illinois. Community Development Director, Shelly Griswold reported that the applicant did not attend the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting due to a scheduling mix up, therefore the commission recommends denial.

Klemm/Endress to refer back to the Zoning Board of Appeals, 7-0

5. An Ordinance amending Chapter 1252 (Business Districts) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport. Shelly Griswold stated that this ordinance expands the types of animals that crematoriums may cremate to include non-domestic animals up to two hundred pounds.

Corbin/Klemm to approve, 7-0

6. An Ordinance amending Chapter 1442 (Permits and Fees) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport. This ordinance allows immediate family members to work under a building permit.

Boldt/Bush to approve, 7-0

Bush/Endress to move to council floor, 7-0

FINANCE

1. Fiscal Year 2007 Year End Financial Results. Duane Price stated that the year end entries for Fiscal Year 2007 has been completed and the Corporate Fund has a (un-audited) deficit of \$14,425.

PUBLIC WORKS

1. Resolution to reauthorize Public Sidewalk Program. Sarah Griffin stated that this is the same program as previously approved.

Boldt/Klemm to approve, 7-0

Bush/Endress to move to council floor, 7-0

OTHER

1. Resolution to consent to change of control of Franchise Authority of Cable Services. Sarah Griffin stated that Insight has changed ownership to Comcast. This resolution consents to that change.

Corbin/DeVine to approve, 7-0

Adjourn