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City Council Ordinance & Administration Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

June 17, 2024, at 7:00 PM
City Hall Auditorium- 62 Friend St.

Councilor Gilday called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM

Roll was called and present were: Councilor Gilday, Councilor Rinaldi, and Councilor Wheeler

Also Present: Attorney Bethany Raffa, Attorney Leonard Johnson, Director of Planning Nipun Jain, and Assistant City Clerk Justin Kaiser

Minutes for Approval: May 20, 2024

Councilor Rinaldi offered a motion to approve the minutes from the May 20, 2024 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Gilday and passed unanimously (2-0).

Communication and Updates:

- Councilor Gilday announced that the two non-voting council members would remain non-voting under the updated council rules and procedures.

Public Comment:

- None.

2024-065 An Ordinance to Amend the Amesbury Zoning Map to extend the R-40 Zoning District along Haverhill Road – **Mayor Gove, Councilor Redfern Sponsor**

- Director of Planning Nipun Jain was recognized and gave a presentation on this proposal. Councilor Gilday noted that this proposal had been previously given and recorded at the June 10th, 2024 Planning Board meeting.
- Councilor Gilday asked if the property owners were supportive of this decision. Mr. Jain answered that this process was started by one of the property owners.
- Councilor Rinaldi asked how long this process took. Mr. Jain answered it took approximately two months.
- Councilor Gilday asked if the overlay maps would be updated if this were passed. Mr. Jain answered that the updating of those maps is the responsibility of the Merrimack Valley Planning commission and that he was unsure if there was a timeframe for those updates.
- Councilor Gilday read the recommendation from the Planning Board into the record.

Councilor Rinaldi offered a motion to return 2024-065 to the full City Council with a positive recommendation and with the Planning Board's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilor Gilday and passed unanimously (2-0).

2024-066 An Ordinance to Amend the Amesbury Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Overlay District Map to make changes to the Amesbury Gateway Village Smart Growth Overlay District (AGV-SGOD) - **Mayor Gove, Councilors Corcoran, Frederique, Gilday and Redfern Sponsors**

- Mr. Jain was recognized and gave a presentation on this proposal. Councilor Gilday noted that this presentation was previously delivered to the Planning Board and was recorded at their June 10th, 2024 meeting.
- Attorney Johnson and Mr. Jain had a discussion regarding building height and design regulations as it relates to this proposal.
- Councilor Gilday asked if the numbers on slide 23 section 3 needed to be adjusted. Mr. Jain stated that the necessary changes to that are reflected in the proposal.
- Councilor Gilday asked if this proposal would qualify Amesbury for MBTA Zoning Regulations. Mr. Jain answered that this would go towards that qualification.
- Councilor Gilday read the recommendation from the Planning Board into the record.

Councilor Rinaldi offered a motion to return 2024-066 to the full City Council with a positive recommendation and with the Planning Board's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilor Gilday and passed unanimously (2-0)

Adjourn

Councilor Rinaldi made a motion to adjourn at 8:24 PM. Councilor Gilday seconded, and the motion passed unanimously (2-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Justin Kaiser

June 20, 2024