

Planning & Development Committee
October 7, 2015 – 5:30 p.m.
1st Fl. Council Committee Room – City Hall
-Minutes-

Present: Chair, Councilor Greg Verga; Vice Chair, Councilor Paul Lundberg; Councilor Steven LeBlanc
Absent: None.

Also Present: Chip Payson

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

1. *PP2015-003: Joint or Identical Pole Location by National Grid & Verizon New England to install 1 (one) Pole and Anchor on Mt. Pleasant Avenue (west side) from Pole 2600 – Public Hearing (Cont'd from 08/19/2015)*

This public hearing is opened at 5:30 p.m.

Councilor Verga informed the Committee that National Grid has requested to withdraw PP2015-003 upon learning that the installation would actually be in the public way and that the installation will use other means of electrical wire support not described in this petition.

This public hearing is closed at 5:32 p.m.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Lundberg, the Planning & Development Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to permit the withdrawal of PP2015-003, Application by National Grid to install Joint or Identical Pole Location by National Grid & Verizon New England to install 1 (one) Pole and Anchor on Mt. Pleasant Avenue (west side) from Pole 2600.

2. *CC2015-007 Request informal review under GZO 1.11.3 with City Staff for informal review of Sections 5.13 Personal Wireless Service Facility and to retain expert legal counsel in order to amend & update the Zoning Ordinance and that the P&D Committee or its designated member work together with city Planning Director and General Counsel with outside expert legal counsel to recommend to the City Council amendments to Sec. 5.13 of the Zoning Ordinance so that it is compliance with current applicable federal laws & regulations (Cont'd from 09/16/15)*

Councilor Lundberg reviewed that he, Gregg Cademartori, Planning Director, and Chip Payson, General Counsel met with Jeff Roelofs, the city's legal consultant who will assist in drafting amendments to GZO Sec. 5.13 Personal Wireless Service Facility. He said they discussed some of the general parameters of the existing ordinance and that they should be moving towards a simplified ordinance with some clear descriptions of the permitting processes. He said they talked about possibly differentiating between a process for a the construction of a new cell tower, which may require a Special Council Permit, and if the application is for a modification of an existing cell tower that perhaps that matter can be possibly permitted solely through the Planning Board. He noted they asked Mr. Roelofs will prepare an outline for the Committee of the elements he would recommend is included in the revised ordinance to help the Committee to begin work on revising the ordinance. He complimented both Mr. Payson and Mr. Cademartori as being very helpful to the process and had good suggestions to offer. He said it was a good start.

Chip Payson, Gen Counsel expressed his agreement with Councilor Lundberg's assessment.

This matter is continued to October 21, 2015.

3. *Amend GZO by adding a new definition to Section VI "Definitions" for "Farmers Markets" as referred back to the P&D Committee by the City Council on June 23, 2015 (Cont'd from 08/19/15 and TBC to 11/04/15 pending report from Stage Fort Park Advisory Committee)*

This matter is continued to November 4, 2015.

A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 5:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana C. Jorgenson
Clerk of Committees

DOCUMENTS/ITEMS SUBMITTED AT MEETING: None.