

ZONING, PLANNING & ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
JULY 6, 2004 - 7:00 P.M.

Chairman Hay called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Committee members present were Aldermen Dikun, Nolan, Hay and Berg (7:20 p.m.) Also present was City Administrator Nelson.

ANNEXATIONS

Administrator Nelson reviewed a map showing properties that are completely surrounded that can be forcibly annexed which includes property on the west side of Marengo Rd., the old race track property, property in Ward 3 where the park plan calls for the path to go through and some railroad property. The City is negotiating a separate hearing for annexation for Olsen's Auto Body . Moved by Nolan, seconded by Dikun to recommend to the City Council that the map of forcible annexations be adopted with the addition of the old schoolhouse on Airport Rd. (next to ReMax). All ayes. Motion approved three to zero.

OUTDOOR LIQUOR AUXILIARY LICENSES

The Committee discussed setting a maximum limit on the number of outdoor liquor auxiliary licenses which are available only to the R1 Liquor License Holders. Also discussed was requiring a \$300-\$500 security deposit in addition to the \$100 per event license fee in case there are problems and possibly developing criteria under which the license holder would lose the security deposit. The consensus was that in the event of a problem, a hearing could be conducted before the liquor control commissioner to determine how much of the security deposit is forfeited. Moved by Hay, seconded by Berg to recommend to the City Council that the establishments that qualify be allowed to have no more than three outdoor liquor auxiliary liquor licenses within a calendar year; that they purchase a permit in the amount of \$100 for the event and place a \$500 security deposit in the event there are any problems; the liquor commissioner shall determine whether the deposit is refunded in total, in part or not at all. Further that the ordinance be amended to grant the City Administrator in conjunction with the Chief of Police authority to grant the auxiliary license without coming before the City Council for approval. All ayes. Motion approved four to zero.

USE OF CITY PROPERTY BY BUSINESSES AND NOT FOR PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Administrator Nelson indicated that if the City Council would like to limit or regulate the use of City property, specifically picnic tables, staff would recommend that it be regulated solely outside the use of public parks and to allow organizations such as Main Street and the Chamber to use several tables during their events. Currently, during not-for-profit events held within the parks such as Milk Days, HERS League and Boys League, all the picnic tables are moved from park to park. Moved by Berg, seconded by Nolan to recommend to the City Council to adopt staff recommendation and that only not-for-profit organizations can have picnic tables moved and strictly within the park system; tables would not be moved off site to private property. All ayes. Motion approved four to zero.

The Committee discussed whether or not to rent tables to other individuals or for-profit groups that might require more tables than what is located at a shelter. The general consensus was not to get involved in renting tables. Individuals would be encouraged to rent the shelter with the seating capacity that best suits their needs. Requests from for profit organizations (such as a company picnic) can still be made before the City Council on a case by case basis based on staff recommendation with a fee schedule set up at that time.

Submitted by:
Chairman Tom Hay