

ZONING, PLANNING & ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 27, 2005 - 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Hay called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Committee members present: Aldermen Hay, Berg, Dikun and Nolan. Also present were Alderman Perkins, Alderman Elect Logan, City Clerk Wells, City Administrator Nelson and members of the audience.

City Clerk's Proposal to Change Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting Dates

City Clerk Andy Wells reviewed his memo reference Planning and Zoning Commission Hearing Dates. Petition hearings have increased annually during the last four years. Pursuant to discussions with City Staff and each member of the Planning and Zoning Commission, City Clerk Wells requested that the City Council consider changing commission meeting dates from an "as needed" basis, as originally published, to a monthly meeting on the second Tuesday of the month. This would require a published notice indicating that commencing on June 1, 2005, the commission meeting dates would be changed. If there are multiple hearings scheduled for a monthly meeting, the Chairman would have the option to continue the meeting to the following week which would not require a republication. Moved by Berg, seconded by Hay to recommend to the City Council that the City Clerk's recommendation be approved and publish the appropriate notice. All ayes. Motion approved four to zero.

ATV Regulations

Alderman Perkins related several incidents where ATV's are being used on residential property which presents a safety hazard as well as creating a nuisance to the neighbors. The Committee discussed options for regulating ATV's through the noise ordinance or lot size. Alderman Berg suggested the Committee review the noise ordinance in general due to the large number of noise complaints that have been received to come up with regulations that can be realistically and practically enforced. Moved by Berg, seconded by Nolan to table the issue directing City staff to research noise ordinances' in neighboring communities. All ayes. Motion approved four to zero.

Paint Ball Guns

Alderman Perkins brought up discussion of regulating paint ball guns. Moved by Berg, seconded by Dikun to recommend to the City Council to amend that portion of the City Code that bans bb guns and pellet guns to include a paint ball gun in the definition of the weapons that are prohibited from discharge within city limits. All ayes. Motion approved four to zero. There was also discussion about reviewing the fines.

Alderman Perkins Proposal

The Committee discussed Alderman Perkin's recommendation that the toy vehicle ordinance be updated to add an all encompassing definition to include scooters, pocket rockets, motorized scooters, etc. to be banned on City streets and the sidewalks in the downtown area. Administrator Nelson will prepare a draft for Committee review.

At 7:40 p.m., moved by Dikun, seconded by Berg to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by:
Chairman Tom Hay