

**ZONING, PLANNING & ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 20, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.**

Chairman Hay called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Committee members present: Aldermen Hay, Logan, Leyden and Szczap. Also present were Mayor Nolan, City Clerk Wells, Aldermen Perkins and Marzahl and Chief Oparyk.

Amend Section 19.04(C)(1), Permit Schedule for Residential Dwelling

The Committee discussed construction of new homes by individuals and developers that have been under construction for 18+ months. The current code allows 24 months for a building permit to construct residential/multiple family dwellings. Staff recommends that all new building permits for residential/multiple family be reduced to 12 months. Moved by Logan, seconded by Leyden to recommend to the City Council to amend Section 19.04(C)(1), Permit Schedule for residential/multiple family dwelling to 12 months. All ayes. Motion carried.

Route 14 Transportation District

Administrator Nelson reviewed engineering prints for proposed improvements at the Route 14/McGuire/Airport Rd. intersection estimated at \$2.3 million and updated the Committee on discussions with IDOT and Wal Mart's traffic engineers. The State has turned the project over to the City to figure out at the city's expense. The City proposes temporary improvements for a north bound right turn lane and a west bound designated right turn lane at an estimated cost of \$525,000. Wal Mart has committed \$1.2 million for McGuire Rd. improvements and has agreed to fund \$575,000 towards the Route 14/McGuire/Airport Rd. intersection improvements. Wal Mart and the City are working with the County Highway Dept. on McGuire Road improvements. Mayor Nolan brought up funding ideas and recommended that commercial building permits be increased to \$1.50 per square foot; the increased revenues would be put in a separate account towards future road/intersection improvements in the City. The transition fee for new residential development goes into effect January, 2008, with \$500 each to the City and School and increases in each subsequent year. The Mayor also recommended that the initial \$500 transition fee go into the intersection improvement fund. After discussion, moved by Logan, seconded by Hay to recommend to the City Council to approve a building fee increase for commercial property at \$1.50 to be set aside specifically for road/intersection widening projects. All ayes. Motion carried.

Parks Speed Zone

Administrator Nelson referred to a map indicating park areas in town (not including park areas in Park Pointe, Country Brook and Shadow Creek) and reported that the State of Illinois passed a law that allows for a 20 mph speed zone in front of public park property owned by a municipality/park district similar to a school speed zone. The state has given IDOT the task of designing the standards for signage within a 6 month time frame. The City would have to approve an ordinance designating the areas where the speed zones would be located and to install the signs. Moved by Logan, seconded by Leyden to recommend to the City Council that the park areas designated on the map, with the exception of Milky Way Park, be considered park zones for a 20 mph speed zone. All ayes. Motion carried.

Homeland Security

Chief Oparyk explained a Law Enforcement Partnership program through US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) under Section 287(g) Immigration and Nationality Act. The intent of the program is to enhance public safety by relocating certain illegal aliens who have been charged with serious crimes. The first step is a written request to ICE stating our interest in participating in the program after which ICE field officers would meet with the City for an initial assessment to discuss feasibility, scope of duties and the development of a Memorandum of Agreement. If accepted into the program, a designated officer would go through a five-week training program for certification. After certification, the designated officer would have access to the ICE database. The general consensus was for Chief Oparyk to fill out the necessary paperwork and apply for the program funding and to report back to the Mayor who will bring the recommendation to the City Council.

Review Liquor License

Liquor Commissioner Nolan informed the Committee that liquor license renewal letters were sent out this week and one was withheld pending committee review. The Committee reviewed a police report and Administrator Nelson's memo reference Bar Time's compliance under the restaurant license provision of the City's liquor code. The matter was referred to the Mayor's office.

At 8:06, moved by Logan, seconded by Leyden to adjourn the meeting.

Submitted by:
Chairman Tom Hay