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Office of the City Administrator

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

5:30 PM

Virtual Meeting

Minutes

1) Call to Order, Roll Call

Present:

Chair Mark Gierl

Alderman Glenn Bushee

Alderman Kathleen Schneider

Also Present: Mayor Wirth, Assistant Director of Community Development Zader, City Attorney Sajdak, Assistant City Administrator Schoenemann, Executive Assistant Enea

2) Ordinance:

- a. **ORDINANCE 2021-1591** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 58 of the Mequon Municipal Code as it Relates to: A) Conditional Uses in Residential Zoning Districts; B) Conservation Subdivision Requirements in the R-1 District; and C) Other Modifications to Sections 58-8 (Definitions) and 58-265 (Agricultural Overlay)

Assistant Director of Community Development Zader began by explaining how the protest petition was being applied to the Ordinance so residents would have the ability to protest the development layout plan and get referred to the Common Council who would then have the ability to modify the plan if needed. City Attorney Sajdak stated the Common Council could set whatever zoning they wanted and Protest Petitions are not prohibited. More discussion ensued on the language and methodology of how many votes needed to affirm. The 3/4 acre lot size was then discussed and the benefit of preserving the open space. There was a concern about these neighborhoods being overturned in the future and divided. That was possible but highly unlikely due to the joint ownership. The bonus acre given to developers of 40 acre subdivisions as an incentive was also discussed. It was voted to go forward to the Common Council with the .75 acre lots in a conservation subdivision with a protest petition or 2 person Alderman request for evaluation.

RESULT: **Approved with Amendments [Unanimous]**

MOVED BY: Alderman Schneider

SECONDED BY: Alderman Bushee

AYES: Gierl, Bushee, Schneider

3) Discussion Item

- a. Chapter 2: Article II – Common Council and Article IV – Officers and Employees Ordinance Updates

Assistant City Administrator Schoenemann gave an overview of where revisions were at when COVID occurred putting this to the back burner until now.

Discussion began with Actions of a Standing Committee(2-40) where the Mayor needs to put something submitted by a standing committee onto an agenda within 2 months of receiving it. Prior, there was no timeline and a Mayor could potentially not put something on an agenda.

2-41: Procedures for Ordinances and Procedures: No changes, just putting current practice onto paper.

2-42: Rules and Procedures for more Common Council items: New Section A- If objection by an Alderman, objection can be overruled by Majority Vote.

2-43: Voting Procedures: Mayor does not vote unless there is a tie. 5 affirmative votes needed to pass an item. Process for roll call votes, all things financial an Alderman can call for a roll call vote.

There were no questions regarding the reconsideration process, clerk duties, or meeting minutes. They discussed the Mayor's email about flexibility in not delivering hard copies to Aldermens' homes but to send electronically instead. There was no objection.

Assistant City Administrator Schoenemann will make the updates.

Part 3 regarding Administration: Duties between the Mayor and City Administrator will be reviewed at the next meeting. Alderman Mayr will be invited to the next meeting to discuss since he is familiar with this section.

Chickens and the Political Sign Ordinance will be on the next meeting agenda as well.

4) Information Item

- a. Work Calendar

5) Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made at 6:39 P.M. by Alderman Bushee and seconded by Alderwoman Schneider. All voted to adjourn by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carrie Enea

Executive Assistant