

Minutes July 26, 2016

The City of Langdon Place held its regular monthly meeting at the John Knox Presbyterian Church. Mayor Frank called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present at the meeting: Mayor Mike Frank, Commissioners Kathleen Snyder, Charlie O'Bryan, Scott Jones, Scott Scinta, Attorney Stan Chauvin III and City clerk/Treasurer Theresa O'Bryan.

Guest attending the meeting: Sarah Abplanalp, Andrew Smith, Marie Johnson, Yolanda Buford Demaree, Wava Oser, Maryrose Bezoenik, Jake Metz, Lou Metz, Kevin Gilman, Kathleen Gilman, Kristin Booker, Todd Colliver, Adam Palmer, Andrew Thompson, Gina Williams, Michael Strawse.

Absent from the meeting: None

The minutes from the June meeting were read. Council member Scinta made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Council member Snyder seconded it. It passed in favor of accepting the minutes 5/0.

Old Business:

Residents expressed their concerns about the new construction project for housing and condos, on the Langdon Drive/Weissinger Road farm property. Their concerns were as follows:

1. Rezoning from R5 to R6
2. Can the City prevent condos from being rented?
3. Koster Place would become bottlenecked. This is an already narrow street.
4. How would the drainage system be effected?
5. Parking on streets around the area would create traffic problems.
6. Are there restrictions for the lot sizes?
7. Would the city be able to provide legal representation or financial support outside legal services?
8. Suggestions for an experienced Property Attorney.
9. Suggestion for adding a social network for the subdivision_ "Next door".
10. Adding a speed bump on Weissinger Road.

Discussions following concerns:

1. The City Council can assist and guide the residents with issues that come up with the rezoning of the Langdon Drive/Weissinger property. The city can't fund the legal representation in full but would look into the budget and be able to make a donation to a fund that would be set up by the residents in order to pay for future legal advice.
2. The council stated that the residents could use the meeting room an hour before the regular meeting if they needed space to inform large groups of residents.

3. If the new owners choose to go forward with the rezoning, there would be a mandatory hearing residents would be invited to come and hear the rezoning proposal and to submit questions and concerns during that time.
4. Residents were advised to form a group and collect their group concerns. It was also advised that the group seek an attorney. Several Property Attorney recommendations were given to the residents.
5. Attorney Chauvin indicated that the city could pass a rental fee ordinance in the future. This would make all rental properties to register and pay a yearly fee for the property. The ordinance could possibly deter future landlords from renting properties.

New Business:

Solicitation is not allowed in the neighborhood. If residents become aware of this activity, they need to contact the Mayor and he will have them escorted out of the neighborhood.

A resident on Titleist would like a mailbox unit put in. He originally had a brick mailbox when the city provided the homeowners with the new units. Scinta made a motion to install the new mailbox and Snyder seconded it. It passed 5/0 in favor of the city paying for the mailbox unit since this is a first unit for the homeowner.

The new owner of the property purchased on Langdon Drive/Weissinger is not maintaining the grass. The lots have not been mowed. Attorney Chauvin was requested to send a letter to the owner with the fines for not maintain the property.

It was reported that a trailer is parked at a house on Kennersley Drive. Attorney Chauvin was requested to send out a letter to the homeowner of the violation.

Sanitation Report: None

Finance Report: The monthly bill report was presented to the council for review. Council member Snyder made a motion to approve the bills and Council member Scinta seconded it. It passed 5/0 in favor.

Beautification Report: None

Street Lights: Council member O'Bryan talked with Mike Blake from Lawnco about the need for the additional transformer for the LED lights. He had agreed with the accesement and advised the city to accept the proposal from Lawnco. O'Bryan made the motion to accept the proposal and Scinta seconded it. It passed 5/0 in favor.

MSD Report: Councilmember Jones reported MSD will be back in the neighborhood to re-dig and regrade on the back side of Hyannis Place/Wareham to improve drainage.

Welcoming Committee: None

Streets: None

Webpage: Council member Scinta suggested that the city look into e-commerce in paying the property taxes.

Sidewalks: None

Reach Alert: None

Street signs: Council member Snyder presented a proposal from Duggins Company to repaint the sign poles. Mayor Frank made a motion to accept the bid plus to add on the stop signs replacement poles. Snyder seconded it. It passed 5/0 in favor.

Security Report: Mayor Frank would like to see 7ft stop sign poles placed at the Kennersly/Blossom 4 way intersection.

The next meeting will be Aug 23, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

There was no further business; Mayor Frank adjourned the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa O'Bryan