Planning & Development Committee Meeting
Minutes of January 26, 2015
7:15 p.m.
Council Chambers - Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center

D. Wilson, M. Wynne

STAFF PRESENT: M. Masoncup, M. Muenzer, B. Newman

PRESIDING OFFICIAL: Ald. Fiske

I. DECLARATION OF QUORUM
A quorum being present, Chair Fiske called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 12, 2015
Ald. Rainey moved to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2015 meeting, seconded by Ald. Tendam.

The Committee voted unanimously 7-0 to approve the January 12, 2015 minutes.

III. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

(P1) Ordinance 13-O-15, Granting Zoning Relief for an Open Parking Space in the Front Yard at 521 Ridge Avenue
The Zoning Board of Appeals recommends the adoption of Ordinance 13-O-15 granting zoning relief to establish one open parking space in the front yard at 521 Ridge Avenue. City staff recommends that if City Council chooses to approve the zoning relief, a condition be imposed for the removal of the extraneous curb cut and driveway apron on Elmwood Avenue.

For Introduction


Chair Fiske called those who wished to speak to the podium.

Ald. Burrus said the project is in her ward and she supports it.

The Committee voted by majority 6-1 with Chair Fiske opposed, to introduce Ordinance 13-O-15.

(P2) Ordinance 12-O-15, Granting a Special Use for a Type 2 Restaurant, Clucker’s Charcoal Chicken, at 1936 Maple Avenue
The Zoning Board of Appeals and City staff recommend the adoption of Ordinance 12-O-15 granting a special use permit for a Type 2 Restaurant, Clucker’s Charcoal Chicken, in the B1 Business District.

For Introduction

The Committee voted unanimously 7-0 to introduce Ordinance 12-O-15.

(P3) Ordinance 152-O-14, Amending Hotel-Motel Tax to Add Bed and Breakfast Establishments
Staff submits at request of Alderman Fiske consideration of Ordinance 152-O-14 which expands the type of accommodations subject to the Hotel-Motel Tax.

For Introduction

Mark Muenzer, Director of Community Development, explained that the Law Dept. had prepared the ordinance at the request of Chair Fiske.

Ald. Rainey said:
- The only licensed B&B has turned out to be exquisite, and not a party house
- Taxing this B&B will cost more than the revenue it will collect
- Regulations inhibit a flourish of many B&B’s

Ald. Rainey moved to retain the item on agenda until an accounting of all the illegal B&B’s is provided by staff, seconded by Ald. Tendam.

Wally Bobkiewicz, City Manager, discussed the rules about “holding in committee” as they pertain to City Council versus P&D.

The Committee voted by majority, 4-3 with Chair Fiske, Ald. Wilson and Ald. Wynne opposed, to hold the item in committee until information is provided about how much revenue will be generated, what it costs staff to bill an entity and an accounting of illegal B&B’s.

Chair Fiske argued that there are more B&B’s popping up.

IV. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION
There were no items for discussion.

V. COMMUNICATIONS
There were no communications.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee voted unanimously 7-0 to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbie Newman