

**City of Marine City
Planning Commission Meeting
November 13, 2017**

A regular meeting of the Marine City Planning Commission was held on Monday, November 13, 2017, in the Fire Hall, 200 South Parker Street, Marine City, Michigan, and was called to order by Chairperson Moran at 7:00pm.

After observing a moment of silence, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairperson Moran.

Present: Chairperson Joseph Moran; Commissioners Graham Allan, William Beutell, Jacob Bryson & Keith Jenken; City Commissioner David Simpson; City Manager Elaine Leven; Building Official Susan Wilburn; Deputy Clerk Elizabeth McDonald

Absent: None

Communications

Received:

- Resignation Letter ~ Linda Gabler

The Board thanked Commissioner Gabler for her service and wished her the best of luck in the future.

Motion by City Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Beutell, to accept and file the Communication. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Public Comment

None.

Approve Agenda

Motion by City Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Gabler, to approve the agenda, as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Approve Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Allan, seconded by City Commissioner Simpson, to approve the October 9, 2017 meeting minutes of the Planning Commission, as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Public Hearing – Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment: Driveways and Front Yard Parking Restrictions (Chapter 160 – Zoning Code Sections 160.214 and 160.215)

Chairperson Moran announced that the Planning Commission would conduct a hearing to receive public comments for and against the proposed Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment: Driveways and Front Yard Parking Restrictions (Chapter 160 – Zoning Code Sections 160.214 and 160.215).

Chairperson Moran opened the Public Hearing at 7:04pm.

No public was in attendance.

Chairperson Moran closed the Public Hearing at 7:04pm.

City Manager Leven stated that she provided the Board with the additional proposed ordinance changes from Chapter 70 because the two chapters went hand in hand. The Board was only responsible for reviewing and approving Chapter 160 – Driveways and Front Yard Parking Restrictions. She noted the following:

- The ordinance was meant to control and limit the amount of space in a front yard to park.
- A permit would need to be obtained from the Building Department for residential parking developments.
- If the Planning Commission approved the changes, the proposed ordinance would then go to the City Commission for approval.

The Board discussed the impact that the proposed ordinance would have on existing non-conformities. It was noted that downtown parking ordinances would be reviewed in the future.

City Commissioner Simpson questioned whether the term “front yard” was defined anywhere within the ordinance.

The Board briefly discussed disabled vehicles and the Ordinance language used in Ordinance 70.039 A-1. It was questioned whether the City needed to include a timeframe for compliance.

Motion by Commissioner Allan, seconded by Commissioner Beutell, to approve the proposed Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments within Chapter 160 – Zoning Code Sections 160.124 and 160.215, as presented, and recommend that the proposed changes be brought to the City Commission. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Adjournment

Motion by City Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Beutell, to adjourn at 7:25pm. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth McDonald

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Deputy Clerk

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