

**City of Marine City
Planning Commission Meeting
June 11, 2018**

A regular meeting of the Marine City Planning Commission was held on Monday, June 11, 2018, 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, Brian Ross; City Commissioner William Klaassen; Building Official Susan Wilburn; City Manager Elaine Leven; Deputy Clerk Elizabeth McDonald

Absent: None

Communications

Received:

- Marine City Parking Map

City Manager Leven stated that the parking lot on South Water Street at the end of Union Street needed to be corrected to show that the City owned part of the lot.

Chairperson Moran asked if the parking restrictions on South Water Street could be more uniform.

City Manager Leven said that the City had already passed Traffic Control Orders in regard to parking restrictions.

Public Comment

No residents addressed the Board.

Approve Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Beutell, seconded by Commissioner Jenken, to approve the Agenda, as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Approve Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Ross, seconded by Commissioner Allan, to approve the May 14, 2018 meeting minutes of the Planning Commission, as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Public Hearing ~ Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments: Chapter 160

Chairperson Moran opened the Public Hearing at 7:04pm and, due to there being no public in attendance, closed the Public Hearing at 7:04pm.

City Manager Leven began the discussion by stating that Chapter 160, Section 160.220: Sign Amendments – Content Neutrality (Reed v. Gilbert) needed a minor revision. She said Item (a) 2 on Page 20 needed to be removed as the City would like to have temporary signs permitted through the Building Department. She also told the Board that she was looking for a motion to approve the Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments and recommend the changes be put before the City Commission.

Motion by Commissioner Beutell, seconded by Commissioner Allan, to approve the Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments, as amended, and recommend that the proposed changes be brought before the City Commission.

City Commissioner Klaassen stated that in Chapter 160, Section 160.235: Outdoor Café Service he would like Item C on Page 4 to specifically identify the number of feet required for vehicle entry. Currently it stated that “adequate space” was to be provided, but that left too much interpretation.

Chairperson Moran said that a specific dimension was not needed as the Ordinance already stated that a minimum of five feet of unobstructed space on the sidewalk was required and that pedestrians may have to wait for someone to open and close their vehicle door before they could pass.

City Manager Leven said that the Board either needed to state a specific dimension for car doors or leave them out of the equation for the required five feet of unobstructed sidewalk space. She informed the Board that the City Commission recently approved an outdoor café application contingent upon the applicant complying with the approved Ordinance.

Commissioner Ross stated that in some areas there were trees planted in the sidewalk which would require business owners to have five feet of sidewalk between their business and the tree.

Building Official Wilburn said that she would enforce what the Board decided to identify as adequate space.

Based on the Board's discussion, Commissioner Beutell amended his original motion.

Motion by Commissioner Beutell, seconded by Commissioner Allan to approve the proposed Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments within Chapter 160 with the following amendments and recommend the proposed changes be brought to the City Commission:

- 1) Remove Item (a) 2 from Section 160.220 on Page 20.
- 2) Remove the sentence "Adequate space shall be provided for vehicle entry between on-street parking spaces and the sidewalk café from Item (C) in Section 160.235 on Page 4.

Ayes: Allan, Beutell, Bryson, Jenken, Moran, Ross. Nays: Klaassen. Motion Carried.

Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Beutell, seconded by City Commissioner Klaassen, to adjourn at 7:27 pm. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Elizabeth McDonald
Deputy Clerk



Kristen Baxter
City Clerk