

CITY OF PALOS HEIGHTS



License, Permits & Franchises Committee Meeting Minutes April 9, 2019

Call to Order

Chairman McGrogan called the meeting to order at 7:00pm on April 9, 2019. In attendance were Chairman McGrogan, Alderman Fulkerson, Alderman Basso and Alderman Kramarski. Also in attendance were Building Commissioner Chris Kransberger, Recording Secretary Charlotte Moore and resident.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman McGrogan entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2019 meeting. So moved by Alderman Fulkerson, seconded by Alderman Kramarski. All in favor and motion carried.

Business License Report

Chairman McGrogan referred to the business license report in the agenda packet. He reported \$72,931.25 was invoiced, \$63,310.25 was paid, and \$9,621.00 was owed for Business Licenses, Health Inspections, Elevator Inspections & Vending Licenses.

Permit/ Code Enforcement Report

Chairman McGrogan then referred to the permit/code enforcement report in the agenda packet. For the permit period from 1/1-4/5 we have collected \$41,244.19. Year to date there have been 118 permits issued. For the period from 1/1 – 4/5 there have been 75 code enforcement cases and 121 code enforcement inspections.

Driveway Expansion - 12432 S 73rd Avenue (Houston)

Mr. Houston approached the committee and mentioned that he is building a new two-car garage and the driveway expansion will provide extra parking and room for the kids. Alderman Fulkerson moved to approve the driveway expansion, seconded by Alderman Kramarski. All in favor & motion carried.

Special Event – St. Alexander 5K (May 9th)

Chairman McGrogan entertained a motion for the St. Alexander 5K Raider Run/Walk on May 9th. So moved by Alderman Fulkerson, subject to payment of the city fee's, seconded by Alderman Kramarski. All in favor & motion carried. AGENDA

Special Event – Richard's Bicycles Tent Sale (May 18-27, July 13-14 & August 17-78)

Chairman McGrogan entertained a motion to approve. So moved by Alderman Fulkerson and seconded by Alderman Kramarski. All in favor & motion carried. AGENDA

Site Aesthetics – 12100 S Ridgeland Ave (ExxonMobil)

Chairman McGrogan had the commissioners refer to the pictures provided. Building commissioner Kransberger mentioned that the request for approval has to do with signs. The red signs have the Synergy logo on them. The signage didn't fall into the regular realms of the code. Chairman McGrogan feels the curb appeal seems to flow with the red and blue theme. Alderman Kramarski asked Chris Kransberger what he objected to. Mr. Kransberger just said that the signage was out of the parameters of the code, just nothing similar in the code. Chairman McGrogan entertained a motion to approve. So moved by Alderman Fulkerson and seconded by Alderman Kramarski. All in favor & motion carried.

Recommendation by Attorney for court order on building repairs

Chairman McGrogan mentioned that this has to do with the Regional Newspaper. The guy who hit the building is under-insured. The repair estimates are more than the insurance company is willing to pay. Alderman Fulkerson said there is nothing we can do and the Regional should have their own liability insurance that will cover the difference. Let the Regional's insurance company deal with the perpetrator of the collision. Chairman McGrogan said it is being brought at this meeting to see if we can put any pressure on them from the city's view to get the Regional to get these repairs done. Alderman Fulkerson wants the city to stay out of it. The Regional should be told to fix their building and get the boards off the windows. Discussion ensued.

Chris Kransberger was told repairs would begin in April or May. The plans have not been submitted. Alderman Basso thinks the City should have a position on what should be done. Alderman Fulkerson believes there are a number of ways we can put pressure on the Regional to repair the building.

Chairman McGrogan would like to refer this back to city attorney Tom Brown and have him look into the codes and see where we stand. We can also wait for the plans to come in and see what happens, by giving them a few months. Let's also see if there is anything we can enforce.

New Business

Adjudication (Code Enforcement) – Collection of Fines: Send to collection or Lien property

Chris Kransberger explained that when we take cases to adjudication, we can either have them sent to collections or have a lien placed on their home. Chris spoke with Dan Nisavic and he said the decision should go to the committee. Alderman Fulkerson would like us to do both. Place a lien and then you can sue to enforce it.

Chris Kransberger mentioned that a new company is being used to process the collections, and we didn't have anything set up. The company does not do the lien (we do that in house), but they do proceed with the collections.

Alderman Basso is concerned with violators, where they do get cleared up for months to years. By ordinance, Chris has to give them 10 days' notice and then the policy is to give them another ten days. Since we adopted the adjudication process, we have to go by the state statute. The state statute states that you have to give them a minimum of 30 days' prior notice before the court case with a maximum of 40. There are only 10 days a month that Chris can write tickets. Court cases are done once a month in house along with red light tickets. Alderman Fulkerson feels we need to have more adjudication dates. Chairman McGrogan agrees that if we have more dates, then it would be more timely. Seems like an easy fix.

Comments

Chairman McGrogan mentioned that this will be Alderman Fulkerson's last LPF meeting and wanted to say on behalf of the group that he has been a great mentor. We rely on you for your expertise and you will be missed. Alderman Fulkerson thanked everyone for their kind words and it's been a pleasure.

Chairman McGrogan wanted to also mention that this will be his last meeting as chairman of this committee and wanted to thank everyone for their support.

Adjourn

Chairman McGrogan entertained a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Kramarski. All in favor and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte Moore, Recording Secretary