

CITY OF SOUTH BEND
ZOOM PLANNING COMMISSION – 12/07/2020

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The planning commission meeting was called to order by Chairperson Pearson at 3:00 pm followed by roll call by Secretary Porter. Members present: Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Hamlin, Commissioner McHugh, Commissioner Olsen, Commissioner Harris, City Supervisor Houk and Secretary Porter.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Hamlin to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2020 and August 20, 2020 meetings. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Harris. **Vote: Ayes-5, Noes-0, Absent-0**

AMENDMENT OF OFF-STREET PARKING REGULATIONS

Secretary Porter read written comments for the record.

Chairperson Pearson called the public hearing to order at 3:06 pm.

John Kliem with Creative Community Services gave a summary of the staff report for the record. Brief overview was to eliminate off-street parking between Central and Ferry. These streets are in the Downtown Commercial District. Mr. Kliem advised that there is some off-street parking for businesses but not all of them. Also advised that with the amendment of off-street parking that handicapped parking would not be required. Mr. Kliem gave his opinion on the written comment from Mr. Penoyar regarding businesses to submit a conditional use permit for off-street parking and would not encourage that type of process.

Commissioners had a brief discussion on the issues of amending off-street parking.

City Supervisor Houk advised that no current business is up to code.

Citizen Craig Spredeman spoke about variance procedure.

Mr. Kliem cautioned using variance, zoning ordinance is not a tool. He advised to check with legal counsel if moving forward with variance.

The public hearing was closed at 3:36 pm.

Commissioner Hamlin suggested to vacate lots and or buildings that should be or could be soon torn down. There is limited off-street parking to current businesses now.

Commissioner Hamlin made a motion to accept the Amendment of Off-Street Parking Regulations as written. No seconded motion.

Commissioner McHugh asked that Section B have more modified changes. Commissioner McHugh and Commissioner Harris would like to see handicapped parking included in off-street parking regulations.

Mayor Struck would like all off-street parking to be eliminated but any new business having one or two handicapped spaces.

Commissioner McHugh made a motion to post pone a vote until the changes of adding handicapped parking into the amendment of off-street parking regulations.

A motion was made by Commissioner Harris to table the motion of the amendment of off-street parking to Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at 3:00 pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McHugh.
Vote: Ayes-4, Noes-1 (Commissioner Hamlin), Absent- 0

ADJOURNMENT

The Zoom meeting was adjourned at 4:02 PM to meet again on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 for the next planning commission meeting via Zoom unless otherwise announced.

Scot Pearson
Chairperson

ATTEST: _____
Kim Porter
Secretary