

**ASHTABULA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF ASHTABULA, OHIO
4717 Main Avenue, Ashtabula, OH 44004**

Public Hearing

Monday, February 6, 2017

The City Council met in a **PUBLIC HEARING**. The President of Council called the hearing to order at 5:30 p.m.

Member(s) Present: Mr. Kris E. Hamrick (Ward 5)
Mr. John S. Roskovics (Ward 1)
Mr. August A. Pugliese (Ward 2)
Mrs. Kristy L. Hosken (Ward 3)
Mr. Michael D. Speelman (Ward 4)
Mrs. Josephine Misener (Council President)

Member(s) Absent: Mr. Christopher J. McClure (Vice President)

Officer(s) Present: Mr. James M. Timonere (City Manager)
Mr. Michael Franklin (City Solicitor)
Mrs. LaVette E. Hennigan, MMC (Clerk of Council)

Officer(s) Absent: Mrs. Dana D. Pinkert (Finance Director)

SUNSHINE LAW: The Clerk of Council certified conformity to the Sunshine Law.

PURPOSE

The President announced the purpose of this Public Hearing was to hear public comment regarding a request to Rezone Parcel No. 68-404-00-022-01 at the Corner of West 10th Street and Michigan Avenue from R-2 (Single Family Residence District) to C-1 (General Commercial District).

WELCOME

The President welcomed visitors.

DISCUSSION

Manager: This originally was presented to Council a few months back (*September 6, 2016*). Because the parcel were not sectioned off at that time there was concern that the rezoning would be for the entire parcel, which at that time it did not appear Council was interested in doing. Since then the owners of the property have had the parcel separated so that it is only the corner of West 10th and Michigan. On the map it's the shaded area that they're asking to be rezoned. The rest of Michigan Avenue all the way down to 11th Street is currently zoned C-1, and this would make that whole block on those first parcels back, contiguous with C-1. It's also C-1 on the other side of Michigan Avenue, at this time.

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Ward 1: You're saying the east side of Michigan Avenue where all those houses are – that's C-1 also?

Manager: Yes, from Lake Avenue, one parcel back, is all C-1. And, so this would just jump it over to the other side of the road. And, also where it says on the map the Ducro Trustees, that portion is also C-1, right now.

Ward 1: Is this a more ambitious rezoning than what was first presented to us?

Manager: No. At the beginning, if you recall, this part was not sectioned off; the lot was not split. So, the concern was it was going to be the entire Harbor football field that was being rezoned. This request now brings it in line with everything else that's C-1 on the west side of Michigan Avenue.

Ward 1: Going down 10th Street, we're going 170 feet from the corner?

Manager: That's what it appears, yes.

Ward 1: And then looking at this aerial photo map – I was under the impression we were just rezoning that – I don't know what it's called – the lean to, or whatever, on the corner where they keep their balls or something. But, looking at this photo, I'm assuming (you correct me if I'm wrong), that the one building that's down there is the old Harbor field house – that green and white building – right?

Manager: Yes.

Ward 1: And, then the building next to it would be the very, very old original Harbor field house – the locker rooms for the original Harbor football stadium. You think that's what that is there?

Manager: I believe that's what's included in that picture.

Ward 1: And, then the line goes through the snack shack and take out part of the track. Is that what you're seeing there?

Manager: Well, I would only caution that this comes off of the County Auditor's website, so I don't know – sometimes those lines are a little bit off – it's not an accurate depiction of where those lines are. The survey, itself, would be the better one to go by. Where it says 170 feet back – so depending on where that building falls within that 170 feet, I don't know that.

President: They wouldn't dissect a building.

Ward 1: You're going 170 feet and you're going in a straight line?

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Manager: Correct.

Ward 1: I don't remember it being that much involved.

Manager: This shaded area to be rezoned is the same thing that was previously presented to Council. But, like I said, at that point where you see Harbor Anchor Properties, Ltd. and the PPN underneath it, there was not a separate parcel number for that shaded area; now there is and that's the area that needs to be rezoned to C-1.

Ward 1: I was just surprised by all that – I didn't know it was all that. Are 68-403-187 and 186 part of this request?

Manager: I believe they are already C-1.

Ward 1: Those are already C-1.

Manager: Yes.

Ward 1: Yes, according to this map, here. This is your property.

Stu Cordell: Yes.

Ward 1: Do you own the whole football field?

Stu Cordell: Yes

Ward 1: But, you're just doing this part?

(Mr. Cordell was asked to approach the podium and state his name and address for the record)

Mr. Stu Cordell, 4419 Shore Drive, Ashtabula: I'm one of the members of Harbor Anchor Properties, Ltd. Yes, this is the eastern most portion of the Wenner Field property. We own all five acres. This is just a .936 acre corner of it. The north-south line that we drew, that is close to the snack shack is merely an extension of the existing fence line that runs north and south. All we did was continue that fence line up just to have a common point to say this is where the commercial property begins. So, it was just a simple way of marking where that property would be versus cutting it off in some other place.

Ward 1: So, is it no longer going to be used by the football teams?

Cordell: Saint John plays there; the YMCA plays there; the Midget football league plays there. They're continuing to rent the property.

Ward 1: I see. Like I said, I thought it was just the lean-to structure on the end. Where the mulch is, isn't that Bellios'?

Cordell: Yes.

Ward 1: That's what I thought we were rezoning. I didn't realize...

Cordell: We were going to rezone this entire stretch because it lines up with the existing C-1 that's to the south of it, which is the Ducro-Askew Brink Funeral Home, and so we just continued that line to make it consistent along 10th Avenue. What's being transferred to Bellios, once this is zoned commercial, is just the northeast corner – just a quarter-acre. So 25% of this newly zoned commercial property will be transferred to Mr. Bellios for his landscaping business. The rest of it stays with us.

I appreciate Council's consideration.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS and/or COMMENTS

None

ANNOUNCEMENT

The President announced that, by law, no formal action may be taken at a public hearing. Hearing no objections, the ordinance authorizing the rezone will be added to this evening's regular council meeting to be voted on.

ADJOURN

Hearing no further business to come before this Council, the President adjourned the Public Hearing at 5:40 p.m.

DATE APPROVED:

February 21, 2017

ATTESTED BY:

Josephine Misener

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President of Council**

ATTESTED BY:

LaVette E. Hennigan

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