

Legislative Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes for February 25, 2021

Legislative Affairs Committee members present: Andrew Couture, Andy Van Hazinga, and Anthony Zarrella and Elizabeth Walsh

Also Present: Executive Director of Community Development and Planning Tom Skwierawski, Planning Board Chair Paula Caron, Principal Planner Mike O’Hara, Director of Economic Development Mary Jo Bohart, and Councilor Sam Squailia

The meeting began at 8:40pm.

Agenda:

005-2021 Phase II Review of Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance 172-2020 (Petition 029-20) and Petition 2202020)

<http://www.ci.fitchburg.ma.us/DocumentCenter/Index/816>

The Legislative Affairs Committee immediately followed the Economic Development Committee meeting. Legislative Affairs concurred with Economic Development on all recommended changes except for:

181.2, add Adaptive Industrial District to districts

181.4273, motion made by Councilor Zarrella, seconded by Councilor Couture to put a cap on the height dimension at 100 feet; motion passed by unanimous consent.

Principal Use Table:

Motion by Councilor Zarrella, seconded by Councilor Van Hazinga to clarify the language in the definitions section regarding what is/is not Adult Entertainment (not in the Principal Use Table); motion passed by unanimous consent.

D. 20, Commercial Recreation, motion by Councilor Zarrella to restore the RR designation as PB, not N, seconded by Councilor Van Hazinga, motion passed by unanimous consent.

D.12, Motor Vehicle Repair or Body Shop, motion by Councilor Zarrella to revert the DBD designation as N; motion seconded by Councilor Walsh, motion passed by unanimous consent.

Councilor Zarrella recommended attaching “Car Wash” in line D. 13 to line 13A, instead, because it is more likely that a car wash would be attached to a fuel dispensing station than a motor vehicle service station.

F.2, Open air storage of junk, etc., motion by Councilor Zarrella to remove the language beginning with the second “except” from line F.2 and inserting it in its own (new) row, with the designation BA across the table, except that all residential columns will be designated as N; motion seconded by Councilor Walsh and passed by unanimous consent.

Motion by Councilor Zarrella to approve all the changes made earlier in the evening by the Economic Development Committee, except for the above-mentioned items, motion seconded by Councilor Couture, motion passed by unanimous consent.

Overlay Districts

Motion to approve the deletion of certain overlay districts (181.83, 181.85, 181.88, 181.99, and 191.89A), Councilor Zarrella made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Van Hazinga, motion passed by unanimous consent.

Map

Motion by Councilor Zarrella, at South Street and St. Paul, shorten NBD by one (1) block and leave it as RA (as drawn); expand Cauley's Greenhouses designation (across South Street), to NBD (as drawn); motion seconded by Councilor Van Hazinga, motion passed by unanimous consent.

Motion by Councilor Zarrella, seconded by Councilor Van Hazinga to approve the recommended changes to the Zoning Map, passed by unanimous consent.

All changes approved by the Legislative Affairs Committee can be found at <http://www.ci.fitchburg.ma.us/DocumentCenter/Index/832>

Motion to adjourn by Councilor Zarrella, seconded by Councilor Van Hazinga, passed by unanimous consent.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm