

CITY OF PLYMOUTH
CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2016, 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

PRESENT: Mayor Daniel Dwyer, Mayor Pro-tem Oliver Wolcott, Commissioners Mike Wright, Colleen Pobur, Suzie Deal, Joe Valenti

ABSENT: Commissioner Daniel Dalton, excused

Also present was City Manager Paul Sincock, City Attorney Robert Marzano and various City Department Heads.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Mayor Daniel Dwyer introduced Eric Joy, President of Plymouth Rotary Club and he welcomed everyone to Rotary Park for their Commission Meeting.

Carl Battishill, 525 Blunk, thanked the City Commission for all their support and they are in their 56th season. They began the band concerts in 1960 and greatly appreciate all the sponsorship and assistance. He spoke about securing some help from grants and others. He stated they are a self supporting group and enjoy entertaining audiences and they are different than the Friday night concerts in the park. He hopes for continued support from the community and the City of Plymouth.

Glenn Kremer, 636 Jener, spoke about safety and parking concerns with building going on in his area. He said that his neighbors have been working on their house for two years and is a real concern because of the constant mess. He has concerns with the employees from Community Financial parking all over the street and there are blind intersections that will cause accidents. He stated that the lines for parking are faded and are not really visible and are causing problems.

Chief Al Cox stated they are taking a look at the problem and are aware of it.

Peggy Kremer, 636 Jener, expressed her concerns with signage in their area and asked that it be reviewed for parking on the street in their block for hazard situations.

Chris Porman, Municipal Services Director, stated he will take a look at and review the situation.

Kelly O'Donnell, 718 Burroughs, stated she was present at the last meeting when there was a discussion over a concern regarding trees that are not being replaced by builders and residents when they are taken down. She stated these are good and healthy trees being taken down and feels there should be a tree protection ordinance in place. She has a copy of one from Huntington Woods that she provided to the Commissioners. She urged the City Commission to really investigate putting an ordinance in place. She also read in the Charter that there is a Tree Board and she would like to volunteer to be put on this board. She urged the Commission to act quickly with this situation.

Lee Jasinski, 1380 Maple, stated he was at the last meeting for the tree discussion and feels that people move to Plymouth for the beautiful trees and quality of life. He feels if the trees keep disappearing, the value of homes will have a loss.

Commissioner Mike Wright stated that he did say after the last meeting he would investigate this matter. He stated he does have some information and will talk to the Planning Commission and put it all together before coming back with a report.

Mayor Daniel Dwyer thanked everyone for coming and expressing their views and concerns and will look at all this information with tree demolition and tree planting.

Judy Jasinski, 1380 Maple, feels there is a need to be concerned and a sense of urgency and would not like to see this review and investigation go on for a year or more.

A resident from Plymouth Township was present and explained how involved in both communities he is. He also volunteers at the Museum in the city. He offered his services and stated he has some history of the town that he would be happy to help with. He spoke about the property at 1107 W. Ann Arbor Trail possibly being sold and condemned and hopes the city would not let that happen because it is a historical property belonging to Cassius Kellogg.

Mayor Daniel Dwyer stated he has been out of town and when he returned he had a lot of e-mails concerning this subject and he is not aware of anything going on with this property. The City will abide by guidelines and cannot intervene with the sale of this property. He explained that Commissioner Dalton is aware of what is going on and will look into this and he has background in this area.

Tim Herman, 1193 Simpson, expressed concern about the historic home and the possibility of demolition.

Planning Consultant, Sally Elmiger, stated she does assist the City of Northville with their historic district and explained the process. She stated it is a very long involved process to add a parcel. She stated the national designation does not offer any protection for historical parcels and will offer any assistance possible.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

3. A motion was made by Commissioner Colleen Pobur and seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Oliver Wolcott for approval of the Agenda for Monday, August 1, 2016.

MOTION PASSED

ENACTMENT OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

4a. Approval of July 18, 2016 City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

4b. Special Event: Plymouth Ice Festival, January 6, 7, 8, 2017

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Oliver Wolcott and seconded by Commissioner Colleen Pobur for approval of the Consent Agenda for Monday, August 1, 2016.

MOTION PASSED

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commissioner Joe Valenti stated he is frustrated with what is happening with all the complaints with trees being removed, over built homes, parking issues. He asked the City Commissioners to have an open discussion and dialogue and offer information for all these concerned residents. He feels everyone needs to be attending Planning Commission and Zoning meetings and get involved because this is the point where it all begins.

Commissioner Colleen Pobur asked for everyone to please vote tomorrow!!

PUBLIC HEARING:

6a. Sidewalk/Snow Removal Ordinance Amendments – 2nd Reading -

Mayor Daniel Dwyer opened the public hearing at 7:29 p.m. for discussion.

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Daniel Dwyer closed the public hearing at 7:30 p.m.

RES. #2016-70

WHEREAS, From time to time it is necessary for the City to update some of its Ordinances and the City Administration has recommended that the City Commission updates what is commonly known as the Sidewalk to be Cleared Ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Commission of the City of Plymouth did establish and hold a Public Hearing for public comment on the proposed Ordinances Changes on the Sidewalks to be cleared Ordinance in front of the City Commission of August 1, 2016

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City Commission of the City of Plymouth after consideration of any public comment at the Public Hearing does hereby adopt Amendments to the Code of Ordinances for the City of Plymouth,, Sections 62-89 through 62-90 at their Final Reading before the City Commission.

A motion was made by Commissioner Colleen Pobur and seconded by Commissioner Joe Valenti for approval of the resolution.

MOTION PASSED

6b. Grass/Weeds – Ordinance Amendments – 2nd Reading –

Mayor Daniel Dwyer opened the public hearing at 7:31 p.m.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Daniel Dwyer closed the public hearing at 7:32 p.m.

RES. #2016-71

WHEREAS, From time to time it is necessary for the City to update some of its Ordinances and the City Administration has recommended that the City Commission update what is commonly known as the Noxious Weeds Ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Commission of the City of Plymouth did hold and considered comments from a Public Hearing for public comments on the proposed Noxious Weeds Ordinance Changes at the City Commission meeting of August 1, 2016

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City Commission of the City of Plymouth does hereby adopt Amendments to the Code of Ordinances for the City of Plymouth, Division 3, Sections 18-751 through 18-756 at their Final Reading before the City Commission.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Oliver Wolcott and seconded by Commissioner Suzie Deal for approval of the resolution.

MOTION PASSED

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

8a. Charter Amendment Resolution –

City Manager Paul Sincock provided an overview concerning the City Charter being in conflict with State Law pertaining to filing nomination petitions for election. He indicated that there were two options and City Administration recommending the Commission adopt Option #2 as outlined in the resolution prepared by the City Clerk and the City Attorney.

RES. #2016-72

WHEREAS, The City Commission did adopt a resolution for a proposed Charter Amendment to Chapter 10, Section 10.9 of the City Charter and language for the same for the November 8, 2016, election at their regular meeting on July 5, 2016.

WHEREAS, a change in the state election law supersedes the City Charter language for the City of Plymouth, and therefore the City of Plymouth needs to amend Chapter 10, Section 10.9 of the City Charter, entitled, “Nomination Petitions.” A recent change in state law now requires candidates to file petitions by the 15th Tuesday before the August primary, not the 12th Tuesday before the August primary as currently stated in the City Charter.

WHEREAS, MCL 117.3b(3), which states: “Notwithstanding any charter provision, the city may provide by resolution for any election that is consistent with election law, 1954 PA 116 to 168.982.”

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Plymouth City Commission does hereby rescind the resolution it adopted on July 5, 2016, which approved a ballot issue for amending the City Charter, Chapter 10, Section 10.9, entitled, “Nomination

Petitions,” and instead pursuant to MCL 117.3b(3), hereby adopts this resolution to amend City Charter, Chapter 10, Section 10.9 to be consistent with the current state election law.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, that the upon adoption of this resolution, the City Clerk is hereby directed to add a footnote to the existing City Charter, Chapter 10, Section 10.9, which references the amendment to this section of the City Charter and contains both the new date for the filing of petitions and this resolution number and date of adoption.

A motion was made by Commissioner Colleen Pobur and seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Oliver Wolcott for approval of the resolution.

MOTION PASSED

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

9. Goals for 2016 -

Commissioner Colleen Pobur asked the Commissioner if they might take a look at goal #4 on their list and take it off because there is no funding to pursue it. She requested that the next meeting it be placed on the agenda and vote on taking it off and move goal #5 up the list.

Mayor Daniel Dwyer stated it would be placed on the agenda for a vote and also maybe draft a tree ordinance.

Jim Mulhern, Chairman of the Planning Commission was present and provided an overview of items the board has been working on and their 5 goals they are acting on. He encouraged people to attend their meetings and maybe volunteer in some capacity. He indicated they are getting complaints about the single family ordinance and maybe taking a look at that topic. They also have a survey out concerning the Master Plan and people are returning and the Community Development office will tabulate the results.

Mayor Daniel Dwyer thanked Mr. Mulhern for attending and providing information and they look forward to the results for the Master Plan survey.

ADJOURNMENT:

10. Hearing no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Wright and seconded by Commissioner Colleen Pobur for adjournment of the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

MOTION PASSED

DANIEL DWYER
MAYOR

LINDA LANGMESSER
CITY CLERK