

POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 16, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairman Steve Pickett at 6:30 PM. Present at roll call were: Steve Pickett, Cindy Corley, Ray Spellman and Joe Boll. Absent: None. Also present were: Mayor Mike McDermott, Dave Roelli, Aaron Stauffacher, Mike Reuter, Jeff McCarthy, Amy Johnson and Phil Risseeuw.

Motion by Spellman second by Boll that the meeting notice and agenda were properly posted. Motion carried. Motion by Spellman second by Boll to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Under new business, discussion was held concerning a recommendation from Mike Reuter, the City's Zoning Administrator, regarding Chapter 9, Zoning and accessory building setbacks. A copy of an email from Mike Reuter was included in the agenda packet. Mr. Reuter attended this meeting to present information and answer questions. Mike stated the current ordinance regarding accessory buildings requires side yard and rear yard setbacks of a minimum of 10 feet. Mike stated because of the size of most lots in the City of Darlington, this requirement causes some problems. Mike is recommending the side yard and rear yard setbacks be set at a minimum of 5 feet.

Several questions were asked by those present. Discussion was then held on whether to make this ordinance change now, or include it in the total changes being made by General Code. Mike Reuter stated he would like this change made prior to the 2024 construction season. After discussion and consideration, it was the consensus of those present to approve the change in side yard and rear yard setbacks as requested by Mike Reuter, and instruct Attorney Stauffacher to prepare an ordinance for consideration at the next meeting of this committee.

Additional discussion was then held concerning Chapter 9, Zoning. Discussion items included the following:

- Mike Reuter requested the building height in the Business Park District be increased from the current 45' height. Mayor McDermott stated the reason for the current limit is the ladder capacity of the Fire Department. Before the purchase of the ladder truck, the 45-foot limit was required. The ladder truck can now reach up to 65 feet, depending on how close they are to the structure. It was the consensus of those present to increase the building height to 60 feet.
- Attorney Stauffacher also reminded those present of the need to add principal uses to the B-2 Highway Business District. It was suggested to copy the allowable uses in the B-1 Central Business District, but keep the current Lot, Yard and Building Requirements.

Bart Nies, Joe Weier and Brian Lund arrived at 6:50 PM, and Kim Winslow arrived at 6:55 PM.

Attorney Stauffacher was then instructed to add the changes to the Business Park District and B-2 Highway Business District to the total changes being made by General Code.

There being no further business for this meeting, motion by Corley second by Spellman to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 PM. Motion carried.

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Philip A. Risseuw, Clerk-Treasurer