

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice-Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Leeming led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Cook, Leeming, Less, McClean, Sullivan and Ware

Members Excused: Smith

STAFF:

City Administrator Daniel Coss, City Clerk-Treasurer Lisa Grysen, and City Attorney Brian Goodenough

AUDIENCE:

Nathan Nephew

APPROVE AGENDA:

Motion by Commissioner Ware, seconded by Commissioner Less and carried by unanimous vote of the Planning Commission that **the Planning Commission's agenda for October 27, 2016 be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Commissioner Leeming, seconded by Commissioner Less and carried by unanimous vote of the Planning Commission that **the minutes of the July 28, 2016 Regular Planning Commission Meeting be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Nathan Nephew, 607 S. Bridge Street, stated that the proposed ordinance amendment violates the 1st amendment in regards to bans on public demonstration signs. He also was not in favor of the "ban on signs on city property" and "allowing signs to remain up 60 days."

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Re-Examine Sign Ordinance Recommendation to City Council

At the June 28 meeting the Planning Commission made a recommendation to City Council for amendments to the Sign Ordinance, in particular on Temporary Signs. City Council reviewed the Ordinance recommendation at their August 23 regular meeting. During that review there were a few concerns discussed and the City Council recommended the issue to be sent back to the Planning Commission for further review and discussion.

Planning Commission members were provided with the minutes from the August 23 City Council Meeting and the Sign Ordinance, as recommended by the Planning Commission.

In the interim, Planning Commission Member Less and Daniel Coss, City Administrator attended a conference sponsored by the Michigan Association of Planning specifically on the Supreme Court of Reed v. Gilbert.

Planning Commission discussed the City Council comments and Daniel Coss presented the information from the Conference.

Planning Commission members recommended reviewing the entire sign ordinance instead of just the temporary sign portion. City Administrator, Daniel Coss will look into how the sections can be divided up and discussed over the next several planning commission meetings.

Motion by Commissioner Leeming, seconded by Commissioner Less and carried by unanimous vote of the Planning Commission **to table re-examining the sign ordinance until additional information is available. MOTION CARRIED.**

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS:

City Administrator, Daniel Coss, reported that there will be a new coffee shop opening in December located in the former PNC Building and the Brew Pub should hopefully be open in July 2017.

The City is looking for volunteers for the “S’more Pit” during the Christmas Market if anyone is available.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Commissioner Less, seconded by Commissioner Ware and carried by unanimous vote of the Planning Commission that **this meeting be adjourned at 7:50 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Grysen,
Recording Secretary