

REPORT OF SPECIAL CITY PLAN COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, July 12, 2010 – 5:15 p.m.

PRESENT: Chm. Mayor Halverson; Ald. Jerry Moore; Shari Laskowski; Jack Curtis;
Tony Patton

ALSO

PRESENT: Comm. Dev. Dir. Michael Ostrowski; Ald. Wiza, Molski, Stroik, Suomi,
Trzebiatowski, & Stroik; Jay Johnson; Len Dudas; Scott Gulan; Barb
Jacob; Troy Hojnacki; Matthew Brown, Po. Co. Gazette

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Mayor Halverson welcomed Michael Ostrowski, the new Community Development Director.

1. Discussion and Possible Action on a Variance from the Sign Ordinance at 3305 Main St. – Len Dudas Motors

Dir. Ostrowski stated Mr. Dudas is requesting a sign variance to move his free-standing sign to the southeast portion of the lot. They are proposing a new entrance where the sign is currently. He noted the new entrance would be two-lanes instead of the current one lane. The Department feels the proposed location for the sign meets required setbacks and it would not create any vision obstructions. They recommend that the landscaping be at least as tall as the sign base. He noted that the if an applicant wants to add another free-standing sign at a later date, the Sign Ordinance requires all non-conforming signs to be removed.

Jay Johnson, Ellis Stone Construction and agent for the owner, said the reason for the request was to improve safety and comply with GM Corp standards for having a portal at the middle of the building.

Tony Patton moved, seconded by Jack Curtis, to recommend approval of the request for a variance from the sign ordinance at 3305 Main St. as presented with landscaping to be installed to screen the base of the sign. Such landscaping be maintained for the life of the sign.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

2. Discussion and Possible Action on a Conditional Use Permit to Operate a Tavern at 912 Main St. – Graffiti's Sports Pub

Chm. Halverson said this item is dealing with the outdoor sidewalk café and the modification of the premise.

Dir. Ostrowski said there are no changes to the conditional use other than to allow for the sidewalk café.

Troy Hojnacki, representing Graffiti's, was there to answer any questions.

Shari Laskowski asked what a sidewalk café would entail and expressed concern with the passing of alcohol off the licensed premise.

Chm. Halverson said the premise extension will include an outdoor seating area where alcohol can be served. The layout and fences are approved by the Director of Public Works. He said the fences would not be as restrictive as others.

Shari Laskowski asked if there were any safety concerns.

Chm. Halverson noted that the Police Department did not have any concerns.

Tony Patton moved, seconded by Shari Laskowski, to recommend approval of the Conditional Use Permit to Operate a Tavern with a sidewalk café. Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

3. Discussion and Possible Action on a Conditional Use Permit to Operate a Tavern at 1140 Main St. – Guu's on Main

Chm. Halverson noted this is the same as the previous request although the size is different. Guu's did not have a prior Conditional Use because there was some grandfathering of the property. With this request and to create a more uniform process, the City felt this was the proper action to take. In the past, Guu's had considered themselves a restaurant which is a permitted use in the district. However, Guu's did declare themselves a tavern when the previous smoking ban initiative was taking place. Therefore, if they are considered a tavern, they would need to obtain a conditional use permit to operate as a tavern. He noted that it has been approved by Public Works and there were no concerns from the Police Department.

Jerry Moore moved, seconded by Tony Patton, to recommend approval of the Conditional Use Permit to Operate a Tavern with a sidewalk café. Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

