

ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE
May 10, 2021 | 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Gatt called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

In accordance with the provisions of the Open Meeting Act this meeting was held remotely.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Gatt, Mayor Pro Tem Staudt, Council Member Crawford

Mayor Gatt, present from City of Novi, Oakland County, State of Michigan
Mayor Pro Tem Staudt, present from City of Novi, Oakland County, State of Michigan
Member Crawford, present from City of Novi, Oakland County, State of Michigan

ALSO PRESENT: Pete Auger, City Manager
Victor Cardenas, Assistant City Manager
Thomas Schultz, City Attorney
Charles Boulard, Director of Community Development
Barb McBeth, City Planner

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda was unanimously approved as amended.

AUDIENCE COMMENT: None

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Approval of minutes from September 28, 2020

ORCM 21-05-01 Moved by Crawford, seconded by Gatt; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:

To approve the Ordinance Review Committee meeting minutes from September 28, 2020.

2. Discussion of proposed amendments to Planned Rezoning Overlay (PRO) ordinance:

Mayor Gatt began by addressing Mr. Schultz, saying that this ordinance is something that's been talked about for a long time; he reiterated that Council doesn't want to become Planners, they just want the opportunity to weigh-in early in the development process. Mayor Gatt asked if an applicant could make changes to their submission, and if they would be required to pay fees upfront. Mayor Pro Tem concurred with Mayor Gatt that Council just wanted to be engaged early in the process. The Committee continued to discuss the changes in the May 10, 2021, draft submitted by Mr. Schultz.

ORCM 21-05-02 Moved by Crawford, seconded by Staudt; DENIED 2-1:

To recommend the proposed 5/10/21 draft of the Planned Rezoning Overlay (PRO) ordinance to City Council for consideration.

Mayor Gatt called for further discussion. The Committee continued to debate the extent to which Council should be involved, and at what point, in the process. The Committee decided the May 6, 2021, draft would best accomplish Council's objectives.

Roll call vote on ORCM 21-05-02 **Yeas: Crawford**
Nays: Gatt, Staudt

ORCM 21-05-03 **Moved by Staudt, seconded by Gatt; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:**

To recommend the proposed 5/06/21 draft of the Planned Rezoning Overlay (PRO) ordinance to City Council for consideration with an addition in the proposed ordinance to require a noticed public hearing to be held by the Planning Commission as part of the process prior to City Council review.

Roll call vote on ORCM 21-05-03 **Yeas: Staudt, Gatt, Crawford**
Nays: None

3. Discussion of proposed sign ordinance amendments:

Mayor Gatt asked Mr. Schultz to begin explaining the proposed amendments. Mr. Schultz stated that there were a handful of changes throughout the ordinance that were designed to make the ordinance more easily administered at staff level. Mr. Schultz elaborated, saying the changes included correcting some typos, making clarifications, and taking some signs out of the permit category. The Committee briefly discussed the changes, and the possibility of adding wayfinding signs to the Adell Center in the future.

ORCM 21-05-04 **Moved by Staudt, seconded by Gatt; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:**

To recommend the proposed sign ordinance amendments to City Council for consideration.

Roll call vote on ORCM 21-05-04 **Yeas: Crawford, Staudt, Gatt**
Nays: None

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Recorded by: Dawn Spaulding
Deputy City Clerk