

**SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
(PUBLIC HEARING –ZONING ORDINANCE)**

May 4, 2010

6:30 PM

Mayor Gatsas called the meeting to order.

Mayor Gatsas called for the pledge of Allegiance, led by Alderman Roy.

A moment of silence was observed.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Craig, Ludwig, Long, Roy, Osborne, Corriveau, O’Neil,
Lopez, Shea, DeVries, Shaw, Greazzo, Ouellette, Arnold

Messrs: L. LaFreniere

Mayor Gatsas advised that the purpose of the public hearing is to hear those wishing to speak in favor of or in opposition to a proposed Zoning Ordinance. The Clerk will present the proposed Zoning Ordinance change for discussion at which time those wishing to speak in favor will be heard, followed by those wishing to speak in opposition. Anyone wishing to speak must first step to the nearest microphone when recognized and state his/her name and address in a clear, loud voice for the record. Each person will be given only one opportunity to speak and any questions must be directed to the Chair.

City Clerk Normand presented the proposed Zoning Ordinance change:

“Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Manchester, by replacing the Director of Planning and Community Development with an additional Aldermanic representative as a member of the Millyard Design Review Committee, and increase the membership from eight to nine by adding a member of the architectural or design field.”

Mayor Gatsas requested that Leon LaFreniere, Director of Planning & Community Development, make a presentation.

Mr. Leon LaFreniere, Director of Planning & Community Development, stated my presentation will be brief. I think most of the members of the Board are aware of this proposal. This proposal has been brought forward as a result of the merger of the Planning and Building Departments last year. During the course of that merger we realized with the Planning & Community Development Director acting as a member of this Committee that is in fact advising the Planning & Community Development Director on the issuance of permits that there was a potential conflict that should be addressed. We consulted with the City Solicitor’s Office who felt that there should be a change in membership to address that conflict. We actually brought a proposal before this Board earlier and were asked to give additional thought as to what the membership composition should be. The result of that consideration was that the position of the Planning & Community Development Director should be replaced with one additional member for a total of two members of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen to serve on this Advisory Committee. In addition, we suggested that the membership of this Committee should be revised from eight to nine members to provided for the opportunity to have an uneven number in the event of tie votes, as well as to assist our efforts in getting a quorum together for this advisory committee to meet.

Mayor Gatsas called for those wishing to speak in favor of the proposed Zoning Ordinance change.

There were none.

Mayor Gatsas called for those wishing to speak in opposition to the proposed Zoning Ordinance Change.

There were none.

Mayor Gatsas advised that all those wishing to speak have been heard. The testimony presented will be referred to the Committee on Bills on Second Reading to be taken under advisement with reports to be made to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen at a later date.

On motion of Alderman Arnold, duly seconded by Alderman Ouellette, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

City Clerk