

Joint Public Hearing Minutes
Planning Board / City Council Ordinance Committee
Zone Change – Special Permits of the City Council be changed to Special Permits of the Planning Board
(meeting is being recorded)

On Tuesday, February 10, 2015, the Holyoke Planning Board reopened the Joint Public Hearing with the Ordinance Committee of the City Council (continued from Sept 30, 2014; Dec 9, 2014) regarding Zone Change amendments to Section 4.3 Table of Principal Uses where as a use by right requiring a Special Permit of the City Council be changed to a Special Permit of the Planning Board and consider whether it is more appropriate for the Planning Board or the City Council to issue any of the Special Permits that are not explicitly listed in Section 4.3. The Public Hearing was held in the City Council Chambers, 536 Dwight Street, Holyoke, Massachusetts at 6:30 p.m.

Attendance:

Planning Board

Mimi Panitch	Chairman
Christian LaChapelle.....	Vice-Chairman
Mark Joy.....	Secretary
Eileen Regan	Member
John Kelley.....	Member

Planning Department

Marcos Marrero.....	Director
Jeffrey Burkott	Principal Planner
Claire Ricker	Senior Planner
Sharon Konstantinidis....	Head Clerk

Ordinance Committee

Rebecca Lisi	At Large Councilor
Gordon Alexander.....	Ward 7 Councilor
Linda Vacon.....	Ward 5 Councilor
David Bartley	At Large Councilor
Jennifer Chateaufneuf	At Large Councilor

City Council

Joseph McGiverin.....	At Large Councilor
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Others Present

Kara Cunha.....	2 nd Assistant City Solicitor
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MIMI PANITCH, at 7:08 p.m., called for a motion to reopen the Public Hearing for a Zone Change Amendment of Special Permits. A motion was made by MARK JOY and seconded by CHRISTIAN LACHAPELLE. The motion carried 5-0.

COUNCILOR LISI stated that since the Public Hearings have been continued for about a year, that perhaps the Orders are too ambiguous. A more manageable approach could be to draft amendments to the list in segments, in a meeting forum, and then present the amendments during a Public Hearing.

COUNCILOR ALEXANDER asked what the reason was that the amendments could not be drafted in segments within the Public Hearing. COUNCILOR LISI responded that by continuously continuing the Public Hearing gives the perception that the task is too daunting and hard to figure out.

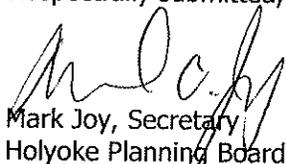
COUNCILOR ALEXANDER asked if a partial amendment to the Ordinance could be presented to the City Council. KARA CUNHA responded that it would not be practical as the Order filed is one Order and submitting it in segments would be difficult to track.

COUNCILOR ALEXANDER suggested closing the Public Hearing to obtain a recommendation from the Planning Board for a Leave to Withdraw, once the amendments are established he would reissue an order.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, MIMI PANITCH, at 7:15 p.m., called for a motion to close the Joint Public Hearing. A motion was made by JOHN KELLEY and seconded by CHRIS LACHAPELLE. The motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Mark Joy, Secretary
Holyoke Planning Board