

Joint Public Hearing Minutes
City Council Ordinance Committee / Planning Board
Zone Change Continuation – Review the BG, BH, SC, and IG Zones
(meeting is being recorded)

On Tuesday, September 8, 2015, the Holyoke Planning Board held a Joint Public Hearing with the Ordinance Committee of the City Council to hear a Zone Change to review the BG, BH, SC, and IG Zones. The meeting 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
John Kelley Member
Eileen Regan Member
Harry Montalvo Associate

Ordinance Committee

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

Planning Staff

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

City Council

Joseph McGiverin..... At Large Councilor

Others Present

Kara Cunha..... 2nd Assistant City Solicitor

MIMI PANITCH at 8:30 p.m., called for a motion to reopen the Public Hearing continued from July 14, 2015. A motion was made by EILEEN REGAN and seconded by CHRIS LACHAPELLE. The motion carried 4-0.

COUNCILOR LISI stated that reformulating or consolidating the BG, BH, SC and IG zones were contingent on the determination of the SC Zoning district amendments which are currently before the City Council and Planning Board.

MARCOS MARRERO stated that the work of the Planning Department is not contingent on one zone change or the other; the City Council is the decision maker. We prioritize the work of the SC because we see a high need for it from community stakeholders. There is no push from the market or property owners for reformulating or consolidating the zones.

At 8:34 p.m., MIMI PANITCH called for a motion to continue the Public Hearing until December 8, 2015 for the purpose of obtaining additional information. A motion was made by JOHN KELLEY and seconded by CHRIS LACHAPELLE. The motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

John Kelley, Secretary Pro Tempore
Holyoke Planning Board