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, February 9, 2016, the Holyoke Planning Board held a Joint Public Hearing with the Ordinance Committee of the City Council to continue the Zone Change amendment 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
Eileen Regan	Secretary
John Kelley	Member

Ordinance Committee

Rebecca Lisi	At Large Councilor
Kevin Jourdain	Ward 6 Councilor
Linda Vacon.....	Ward 5 Councilor
Jennifer Chateauneuf.....	At Large Councilor
David Bartley	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 6:50 p.m., called for a motion to reopen the Public Hearing continued from 12-8-2015. A motion was made by CHRIS LACHAPELLE and seconded by JOHN KELLEY. The motion carried 4-0.

COUNCILOR LISI, noting there were no additional public comments, explained the intent of the proposed Shopping Center (SC) District and affected business zones as stated during the previous Public Hearings. COUNCILOR JOURDAIN requested a copy of the Planning Board recommendation for those new to the Ordinance Committee. JOHN KELLEY added that Planning Staff would also provide minutes from the Public Hearings.

COUNCILOR LISI asked for clarification in going forward as the 90 day time limit to adopt the proposed amendments to the Ordinance had lapsed. KARA CUNHA responded that a new Public Hearing, either joint or separate, would be required; information from the current Public Hearings can be submitted.

EILEEN REGAN asked why the City Council failed to act on the Planning Board's recommendation. COUNCILOR VACON replied that it had not come out of Committee. EILEEN REGAN questioned why it had not come out of Committee. COUNCILOR LISI replied that the Planning Board recommendation was received December 8, 2015 and the last City Council meeting was December 15, 2015.

COUNCILOR MCGIVERIN asked if there would be a public hearing on April 12, 2016 for the proposed new SC Zone as well and if not, his constituents were inquiring as to when. COUNCILOR VACON replied "perhaps" and "soon".

At 6:55 p.m., a motion was made by CHRIS LACHAPELLE and seconded EILEEN REGAN by to continue the Public Hearing until April 12, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. The motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Regan

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Holyoke Planning Board