

CITY OF PALOS HEIGHTS



License, Permits & Franchises Committee Meeting Minutes May 14, 2019

Call to Order

Chairman Lewandowski called the meeting to order at 7:00pm on May 14, 2019. In attendance were Chairman Lewandowski and Alderman Basso. Also in attendance were Building Commissioner Chris Kransberger, City Administrator Dan Nisavic, Recording Secretary Charlotte Moore and residents. Alderman Kramarski & Alderman McGrogan were absent.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Lewandowski entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2019 meeting, seconded by Alderman Basso. All in favor and motion carried.

Business License Report

Chairman Lewandowski referred to the business license report in the agenda packet. He reported \$72,901.25 was invoiced, \$63,434.00 was paid, and \$9,467.25 was owed for Business Licenses, Health Inspections, Elevator Inspections & Vending Licenses.

Permit/ Code Enforcement Report

Chairman Lewandowski then referred to the permit/code enforcement report in the agenda packet. For the permit period from 1/1-5/9 we have collected \$63,069.13. Year to date there have been 206 permits issued. For the period from 1/1 – 5/10 there have been 115 code enforcement cases and 237 code enforcement inspections.

Driveway Expansion – 12521 S 69th Ave (Richards)

Mr. Richards approached the podium to request a driveway expansion to be done by Irish Castle. It is his understanding that 30% is the maximum for the front, and his will be 23%.

Alderman Basso feels we have a misinterpretation of the driveway ordinance. 30% coverage of the front lot does not mean that everybody can cover 30% of their lot, regardless of what size their garage is. Alderman Basso's observation is that if a garage is removed, a new garage would have to be in code. So when a driveway comes out, then the new driveway should be in compliance for a one car garage. Commissioner Kransberger mentioned that this has been discussed in the past. The committee had said that if a driveway was removed and replaced we were not going to penalize people with older driveways that were wider. Alderman Basso also questions that the 30% should not be a blanket above all other requirements. A driveway should correspond to the garage doors.

Alderman Basso moved to approve the driveway expansion, seconded by Chairman Lewandowski. All in favor & motion carried.

Driveway Expansion – 4 Kerry Way (Ladewig)

Scott Ladewig approached the podium on behalf of his parents to request a driveway expansion at 4 Kerry Way. They are looking to expand the driveway by 2 feet on each side. They have already received approval from the condo association.

Alderman Basso commented that it is a very tight situation. There are four units with no parking on the street and the driveways are very small. If everyone did an expansion, there would be no green space left. Chairman Lewandowski moved to approve the driveway expansion, seconded by Alderman Basso. All in favor & motion carried. AGENDA

Driveway Expansion – 11901 S 71st Ave (Bell)

Mr. & Mrs. Bell approached the podium and mentioned that they had torn down the old garage and installed a new 24 x 24 garage. Because of code they needed to move the garage 5 feet farther north of the house. At the garage the driveway will be 30 feet and will then taper down to 18 feet at the street.

Alderman Basso is concerned with the amount of flooding that happens. The asphalt is not pervious and will not help the water problem. Mr. Bell mentioned that they are looking to culvert pipe under the drive. The work that was done on Route 83 has really helped. Alderman Basso moved to approve the driveway expansion, seconded by Chairman Lewandowski. All in favor & motion carried.
AGENDA

Special Event – Free Shedding Event at Joe’s Italian Villa – 12207 S Harlem Ave

Commissioner Kransberger mentioned that Joe’s Italian Villa is partnering with a real estate company to hold a free shredding event in the parking lot of the restaurant on June 22, 2019. Joe’s Italian will pay a permit fee for the event. Alderman Basso is concerned with how this will affect his business. Dan Nisavic wanted to make sure the correct request form was filled out. Each department should check off on the request. Police may be needed if traffic on Harlem is impacted. Dan suggested that the request is passed pending final review of all the departments. Chairman Lewandowski made a motion to approve the request pending department review and approval, seconded by Alderman Basso. All in favor & motion carried.

New Business

RV parking in Business Districts

Chris Kransberger explained that there is an RV parked in the business district and the ordinance does not address businesses. The owner of the property has nowhere else to store her RV and Chris doesn’t have a mechanism to make her move it. The residential ordinance states that from April 1st to November 1st that are allowed on driveways. After that RVs need to be moved to storage or placed behind the front yard setback on a paved surface. It does not address the b districts.

Chairman Lewandowski asked if we could address this, just by broadening the current ordinance to cover all properties? Chris Kransberger said the committee would have to decide if RV’s are allowed on business properties during a certain time of the year or not at all. There are a couple in town that are behind setbacks and you don’t notice they are there. Alderman Basso recommends we look at this ordinance and tighten it up to exclude this possibility. Alderman Basso asked if Chris Kransberger can look into this. Chris Kransberger mentioned that this is under the parking ordinance and doesn’t know if he has jurisdiction over it and wasn’t sure what committee it should come out of. Alderman Basso recommended that Tom Brown look at the ordinance.

Comments

Dan Nisavic wants Tom Brown to do some research on the RV parking ordinance and then turn this over to the public safety committee.

Adjourn

Chairman Lewandowski entertained a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Basso. All in favor and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte Moore, Recording Secretary