



City of Palos Heights

License, Permits & Franchises Committee Meeting

Tuesday, July 13, 2021

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Lewandowski called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were Alderman Basso, Alderman McGrogan, Alderman McGovern, Building Commissioner Chris Kransberger, and Recording Secretary Margaret Carey. Also in attendance were residents: Mr. Avtzis and Mr. Trevillian.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alderman Lewandowski made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2021 meeting, seconded by Alderman McGrogan. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

PERMIT & CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Chairman Lewandowski referred to the permit report in the agenda packet. For the permit period from June 3, 2021 – July 7, 2021, the City has collected \$33,873.49, with 115 permits issued. There were 24 code enforcement cases and 35 inspections for that same period.

BUSINESS LICENSE REPORT

For the 2021 business licenses, \$66,817.00 has been invoiced and \$63,233.50 has been collected thus far.

VEHICLE STICKER REPORT

For the period May 17, 2021 – July 8, 2021 approximately 6,450 stickers were sold and \$143,070.00 was collected.

DRIVEWAY REQUEST – 6843 Linden Drive (Avtzis)

Mr. Avtzis explained he is trying to add to the width of his driveway only near the garage area; not the full length of the driveway. The Committee discussed.

Alderman McGrogan made a motion to approve the Driveway request for 6843 Linden Drive, seconded by Alderman McGovern. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE CHANGES/UPDATES TO THE CITY'S CODE SECTION 150.110-COMMERCIAL TENTS

Commissioner Kransberger explained that many communities have expanded their commercial tent guidelines since COVID. We have received a couple of requests from restaurants to keep their tents up longer than the current allowable time. The Committee reviewed the City code and discussed possible amendments. All Committee members agreed to amend the code. Alderman Basso asked that if any special permits are issued, please make sure the Building Commissioner notifies the elected officials and the Police Department. It would be helpful in the event they receive phone calls on the weekends.

Alderman Lewandowski made a motion to approve the following amendments: 1.) tents will be allowed up to 180 days (weather permitting – not during snow), 2.) Subject to approval by Mayor and/or Building Commissioner, 3.) Normal hours of business operation, 4.) Live music is only permitted by a Special Use permit that attaches to the Liquor License, seconded by Alderman McGrogan. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. **AGENDA**

OUTDOOR DINING DISCUSSION

Commissioner Kransberger explained that during COVID business restrictions, fenced-in outdoor dining also became an option for businesses to accommodate customers. This is another area that we may want to review in the City code. Areas to consider include: fencing, dining in rear of property, and lighting. The Committee

discussed and decided to table until the next meeting. Chairman Lewandowski will distribute an example code to the other elected officials, so they can think about considerations in updating the code and submit feedback.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman McGovern said he would like to revisit the topic of Video Gaming. He believes allowing video gaming would help businesses and we could implement rules about advertising, signs, etc. Alderman McGrogan was in agreement. Alderman Lewandowski cautioned that even though the City could permit gaming, the residents voted it down in referendum. Discussion will continue at a future meeting.

Chairman Lewandowski expressed his gratitude to Commissioner Kransberger for a job well done and said he will be missed. Other Committee members echoed his sentiment and wished Commissioner Kransberger well in his new position.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Jack Trevillian thanked Commissioner Kransberger for all of his hard work through the years with the City of Palos Heights. He will be missed. Best of luck in his new position.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Alderman Lewandowski made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman McGrogan. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Carey, Recording Secretary