

PLANNING COMMISSION

October 3, 2019

The City of Portage Planning Commission meeting of October 3, 2019 was called to order by Chairman Corradini at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers of Portage City Hall, 7900 South Westnedge Avenue. One citizen was in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairman Corradini led the Commission, staff and citizens in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Michael West, Senior City Planner and Matt Quardokus, Assistant City Attorney.

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Forth called the roll: Myer (yes); Pezzoli (yes); Baldwin (yes); Fries (yes); Schimmel (yes); Corradini (yes); Joshi (yes), Patterson (yes) and Harrell-Page (arrived at 7:02 p.m.).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairman Corradini referred the Commission to the September 19, 2019 meeting minutes contained in the agenda. A motion was made by Commissioner Patterson, seconded by Commissioner Joshi, to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion was unanimously approved 9-0.

SITE/FINAL PLANS:

None.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Final Report: Rezoning Application #19/20-2, 1730 East Centre Avenue. Mr. West summarized the September 27, 2019 final staff report regarding a request from Auville Krause to rezone property located at 1730 East Centre Avenue from R-1B, one family residential to OS-1, office service. Mr. West stated the rezoning would be requested to facilitate an office redevelopment project. Mr. West next summarized the final analysis of the rezoning request including consistency with the Comprehensive Plan/Future Land Use Map and evolving office zoning/land use pattern along East Centre Avenue, suitability of existing R-1B district and impacts of proposed OS-1 district.

David Keyte of Callander Commercial (applicant representative) was present to support the rezoning application. The public hearing was opened by Chairman Corradini. No citizen spoke regarding the proposed rezoning. A motion was then made by Commissioner Schimmel, seconded by Commissioner Harrell-Page. The motion was unanimously approved 9-0. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Patterson, seconded by Commissioner Harrell-Page, to recommend to City Council that Rezoning Application #19/20-2 be approved and 1730 East Centre Avenue be rezoned from R-1B, one family residential to OS-1, office service. The motion included a finding that the OS-1 district is appropriate in this area of the City and is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, Future Land Use Map and surrounding land use/zoning pattern along East Centre Avenue. The motion was unanimously approved 9-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

STATEMENT OF CITIZENS/COMMISSIONERS:

Chairman Corradini asked each Commissioner if they had any closing statements or comments:

- Commissioner Patterson stated he would not be present at the October 17, 2019 meeting.
- Commissioner Fries thanked the city for allowing him and other Commissioners to attend the Michigan Association of Planning conference in downtown Kalamazoo last week. Commissioner Fries stated the conference sessions were very informative.
- Chairman Corradini thanked city staff for the excellent job hosting the Capital Improvement Program Open House this past Monday and indicated the event was well attended.

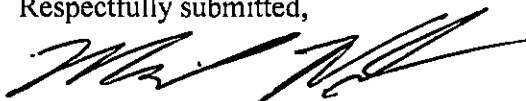
NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the regularly scheduled meeting was adjourned at 7:07pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael West, AICP
Senior City Planner