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PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION FEBRUARY 10, 2021

TOWN CLERK EAST HARTFORS

A Public Hearing of the EAST HARTFORD PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION was held via Microsoft "Teams" in Town Hall, 740 Main Street, East Hartford, CT on February 10, 2021.

Chair Ryan opened the public hearing at 7:00 p.m. He then read the legal ad for this public hearing, which was published in the Journal Inquirer on Thursday January 28, 2021 & Thursday February 4, 2021.

Present:

John Ryan, Chair
Henry Pawlowski, Vice Chair
Carol Noel, Secretary
Travis Simpson
Valentine Povinelli
Stephen Roczynski
Sidney Soderholm
Wesaneit Tsegai, Alternate
Melissa-Sue John, Alternate

Also Present:

Jeffrey Cormier, Town Planner

Jeffrey Cormier, Town Planner, and John Guszkowski, Consultant with CME Associates, presented the following agenda item to the Commission:

ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT (continued from 1/13/21): Under Section 711; amendment to add a new floating zone, Section 605 Planned Development District, and associated requirements and standards that provides flexibility to encourage a higher density of activity, mixed uses, design standards, and environmental protections in accordance with a Master Plan and site plan approval.

Applicant: East Hartford Planning and Zoning Commission

The following citizen came forward to speak:

Susan Kniep, 50 Olde Roberts Street, asked for clarification regarding when zone changes would occur and who would initiate the changes. Ms. Kniep also felt strongly about making the process of zone changes more transparent by publishing public hearing notices, posting signs on the property where the zone change is proposed and notifying the abutters of the property through a mail-out.

Jeffrey Cormier, Town Planner, presented the following agenda item to the Commission:

ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT: Under Section 711; revision to Section 222 Alcoholic Liquors to remove the 1,000 ft. distance requirement for on-site consumption between restaurants and other establishments having any type of liquor permit and other minor revisions.

Applicant: East Hartford Planning and Zoning Commission

No one came forward to speak on this item.

Upon a motion by Carol Noel, seconded by Sid Soderholm, the Commission Voted (7-0) to start the Regular Session @ 8:10 p.m.