



Health & Human Services Committee

January 10, 2017
5:30 PM/ Room 209/City Hall

Meeting Minutes

Council Attendance: Chair Ray, Councilor Mavadones, Councilor Batson

AGENDA ITEM 1 – Meeting Called to Order and Minutes Reviewed:

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Chair Ray. Minutes were reviewed and accepted as written.

AGENDA ITEM 2 – Chapter 10 – Fire Code Revisions:

Chief Jackson from PFD and Anne Torregrossa from Corporation Counsel presented the new Fire Code Revisions and an overview was given.

The changes include the following:

- Smoke Alarm Requirements in One and Two Families. Current Ordinance requires *all* buildings in the City have hardwired and interconnected alarm systems, however the latest battery operated, 10 year sealed alarms work sufficiently in single family or 2 family dwellings.
- Reinspection Fees. Current fees for a 2nd inspection are \$75. The proposed change would increase this fee to \$150.
- Open Burning. The changes clarify the types of permissible open burning and the requirements for permits. Also the added requirement that camp fires on the islands also require a permit.
- Alarm Systems. False fire alarms are currently regulated on a calendar year basis and staff is recommending that time period be changed to a rolling 12-month period to help prevent the waste of City resources in responding to false alarms.
- Inspections and Enforcement Provisions. This is to clarify the Fire Departments authority to inspect and take enforcement action to ensure compliance with Chapter 10 and State law. No significant changes are intended.

Councilor Batson asked for clarification on the multifamily and single family. Chief responded that only 3 units and above need to be hardwired, Single Family/2 Family will need the 10 year battery pack.

The Chief also clarified that they are currently only inspecting 1-2 family dwellings that are rental units.

Mayor Strimling questioned the changes on outdoor burns and felt this piece was moving too quickly they are proposing to bring the ordinance into compliance. The islands were inadvertently exempt from the outdoor burn permit. The Chief stressed that this was the start of the process.

Meeting was open to Public Comment:

George Row – Bayside Resident; *George feels this is being rushed and has an issue with the wording. He questioned NFP and would like to see history. He is urging postponement.*

Joey Burnell – Bracket Street Resident; *Joey was very confused by the memo and would like some clarity.*

Meeting was closed to Public Comment.

Both Anne Torregrossa from Corporation Counsel as well as Chief Jackson clarified the memo.

The Mayor indicated he would like to see history of this Ordinance.

Motion to Pass by Chair Ray, 2nd by Councilor Batson. Passed 3-0.

AGENDA ITEM 3 – Shelter Zoning:

Jeff Levine gave an overview of the current B3 Zone as this is the only zone that allows for shelters. A new shelter would entail a Conditional Use Hearing. Jeff also discussed items of compliance and the need to decide which zones to focus on.

Councilor Batson questioned the differences in the zoning maps – specifically industrial zones. Jeff reviewed each one. He also clarified that this is not indicative of a recommendation.

Jeff indicated he will bring more information on Site Plan Review and when the Planning Board will be involved.

Councilor Batson feels a major concern will be public transportation. Councilor Mavodones anticipates the shelter to be in a Commercial/Industrial Zone.

AGENDA ITEM 4 – Committee Goals/Work Plan for 2017:

Chair Ray reviewed the handout time line for the 2017 Committee schedule and the Committee discussed.

Councilor Mavodones commented that there is only a specified amount of time. The Committee agreed and also discussed usage of the Parks and the impact on them. Councilor Ray would like this list to go towards the Council goals.

Meeting was open to Public Comment:

1. *Curt Sachs – Architect . Curt is trying to help the city with shelter needs. He has a 26 year old daughter who is homeless in Portland and he is offering his assistance in developing a new shelter here. He feels the current building is outdated and feels the city should be doing an inventory of buildings currently not in use that are city owned.*
2. *Joey Brunelle – Resident of Brackett Street. Joey lived in San Francisco and pointed out the tent cities that have arisen across the city. He believes Portland has affordability issues. Joey also gave an update on the India Street Transition team which continues to meet on a monthly basis independent of the City Staff. He also indicated that Stash Baily has joined the state Homeless Committee.*
3. *Kelly Wallace – Hanover St resident. Kelly is also an architect and urges the City to be open minded in the shelter process.*
4. *George Rowe – also a Hanover Street resident. He pointed out that no one is opening a shelter on their own. He believes the City should skip Step 1 of the process as it is basically a ‘lip service smoke and mirrors’ exercise. He believes the City should start partnering right now to find a site and work on it.*

Public Comment was closed.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.