

DEPARTMENT OF CITY CLERK

CITY HALL

March 16, 1988

The Committee on Ordinances meets this day in Committee Room "A", Department of City Clerk, City Hall, at 6:30 o'clock P.M. (EST).

Present: Councilman Glavin, Chairman, Councilwomen Fagnoli and DiRuzzo.

Absent: Councilmen Lopes and Farmer. (Rose M. Mendonca, Clerk, and Joanne McKenna, Assistant Clerk)

AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE MERGING OF CONTIGUOUS UNDERSIZED LOTS AND REQUIRING MINIMUM SQUARE FOOTAGE AND FRONTAGE FOR THE ERECTION OF SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING, AS AMENDED.

Chairman Glavin: I call this meeting specifically for to consider the ordinance that is in our committee. Currently it has been approved once, or for the first time, I should state by the City Council. That is an Ordinance in Amendment of the Zoning Ordinance requiring the merging of contiguous undersized lots and requiring minimum square footage and frontage for the erection of single family dwellings as amended. As I state, we have given this particular matter a great deal of consideration. We have referred to the Council on a previous occasion. It was approved. We concluded a public hearing on this last week and I felt it would be appropriate since we have obtained public comment to consider this particular Ordinance further with the thought towards reporting it out to the full City Council as an off the docket matter this evening, so if that will open up the floor to debate and comments or whatever.

Councilwoman DiRuzzo: Mr. Chairman, I think that we've labored long enough on this proposed Ordinance as amended, and I don't have any questions. I wasn't able to attend the Public Hearing. I read the paper but my mind is certainly made up. We certainly need this, particularly in certain areas and if there is no further discussion, I would like to move that we refer the Ordinance back to the City Council for approval the second time.

Councilwoman Fagnoli: I second the motion but I would also like to comment and it's not to be repetitious. At the public hearing the remarks made in opposition didn't warrant changing any portion of this Ordinance because basically our intentions are very, very clear. We'd like to respect the wishes of the neighbors whose homes are already established in these areas and to have developers come in and set up homes without enough parking and with no green grass is certainly not conducive to maintaining the neighborhoods that we would like to see maintained. I am very comfortable with this Ordinance and I think, Chairman Glavin, you've really been very patient through it all, with all the public hearings and all the remarks and everything, I think you've done a good job with it.

Chairman Glavin: Thank you. Councilman Petrosinelli is here who is one of the original sponsors. Is there anything you'd like to add. I think we pretty much know your position.

Councilman Petrosinelli: Yes. I figured it would come out sooner but I know there was some changes made and they were all for the better so I want to thank you all for passing this.

Chairman Glavin: Questions? A motion has been made and seconded to refer this Ordinance to the City Council for passage for the second time. All those in favor. Anyone opposed? And so moved.

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Councilwoman DiRuzzo: Mr. Chairman, question. This week I received some notices about requests for zoning variances and all three of them were in regard to undersized lots and parking. We passed a parking ordinance. Is the Zoning Board aware of that and also, second question, when this is passed for the second time this evening, that's it. Correct.

Chairman Glavin: Yes.

Councilwoman DiRuzzo: I'm going to suggest that either you write a letter to the Chairman of the Zoning Board.

Councilwoman Fagnoli: Let me ask you a question. These people that have permits that haven't been approved as yet, will they be grandfathered in.

Chairman Glavin: I believe so.

City Clerk: Until the mayor signs the Ordinance, it's not law.

Chairman Glavin: That's correct or it will take ten days.

Councilwoman Fagnoli: Does the mayor have any objections to this?

Chairman Glavin: I don't believe so. I haven't spoken to him about this specifically.

Councilwoman DiRuzzo: What I'm going to do is, I'm not going to be present for the Zoning Hearing. I will be in Washington. I've already talked to the secretary of the Zoning Board about this matter.

Chairman Glavin: I don't think this Ordinance can be applied to that.

Chairman Glavin: I'm sure they get them because Mr. DeConti is at every Zoning Board hearing.

Adjournment: On motion of Councilwoman Fagnoli, seconded by Councilwoman DiRuzzo, the Committee adjourns at 6:45 o'clock p.m.

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