

PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing was conducted by the Planning and Economic Development Committee on Tuesday, November 16, 2004 at 7:03 in the Aldermanic Chamber.

Chairman David Rootovich presided.

Members of the Committee present: Alderman Richard LaRose, Vice Chair
Alderman Kathryn D. Vitale

Members Not in Attendance: Alderman David MacLaughlin
Alderman Robert G. Shaw, Jr.

Also in Attendance: Alderman-at-Large Brian S. McCarthy
Alderman-at-Large David W. Deane
Alderman-at-Large Paula I. Johnson
Alderman Lori Cardin
Alderman Marc W. Plamondon
Mike Lowe, Planning Board Liaison

Chairman Rootovich

Both Alderman MacLaughlin and Alderman Shaw have work commitments this evening, and have notified the Chairman that they would not be here.

O-04-50

AMENDING THE ZONING MAP BY CHANGING A TRACT LOCATED
EASTERLY OF SPRING STREET AND SOUTHERLY OF FOUNDRY STREET
FROM GENERAL INDUSTRIAL (GI) TO GENERAL INDUSTRIAL MIXED USE
OVERLAY DISTRICT (GI/MU)

Chairman Rootovich

Alderman Cardin since you are the endorser of the legislation do you wish to provide a brief overview before I accept any testimony?

Alderman Cardin

Before you tonight is Ordinance O-04-50 that would change the zoning on a tract of land easterly of Spring Street and southerly of Foundry Street from General Industrial to Mixed Use Overlay. This ordinance is consistent with recommendations in the East Hollis Street Master Plan that was passed earlier this year. There is a proposal right now for some housing to be developed in this district. It is much needed housing. In the city, we have currently only 20 rooms available for veterans. This proposes 20 units for families of veterans. Currently the units that we have here in the city are full, and there are people waiting for this type of housing. I think this is a good use in this neighborhood. I would urge the committee to support this. Thank you.

Alderman Plamondon

I want to know more about this. I have concerns because the East Hollis Street Master Plan did not go this far. It ends at Spruce and Harbor Ave. I guess just for the record I need to be looking into this more, and I will be attentive to what is going on or what is coming up for the public hearing. I am not adverse, but I do have to the whole rezoning I can see pluses to everything, but I just want to make sure that the property values don't skyrocket or whatever, and that this is good for the Ward. Thank you.

TESTIMONY IN FAVOR

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Peter Kelleher, Executive Director of Harbor Homes, Inc.

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION - None

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The Public Hearing was declared closed at 7:10 p.m.

Alderman Kathryn D. Vitale
Committee Clerk