

**CITY OF MASON
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES OF APRIL 14, 2009**

Reeser called the meeting to order at 6.37 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 201 W. Ash Street, Mason, Michigan.

Present: Commissioners: Burns, Kenroy, Naeyaert, Reeser, Smith, Vincent
Absent: Commissioner: Droscha, Hunt
Also present: Martin A. Colburn, City of Mason Administrator
David Haywood, Zoning & Development Director
Deborah Cwierniewicz, Deputy Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 10, 2009

The Minutes of March 10, 2009, were approved as submitted.

PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR

Mayor Leon Clark informed the Commission that City Council appointed Neal Johnson to the vacant council seat at a special meeting April 13, 2009. Because Mr. Johnson had served as Chair for the Planning Commission, it would be necessary to hold an election for the Planning Commission Chair.

Neal Johnson, newly appointed Councilmember, passed the Robert's Rules of Order book to Vice Chair Reeser.

PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance No. 171 - An Ordinance to Amend Article II - Planning Commission - of Chapter 50 - Planning - of the Code of the City of Mason to Conform the Provisions of the Planning Code to the Michigan Planning Enabling Act

Reeser opened the public hearing at 6:44 p.m. Haywood commented briefly on the amendments to Mason Code brought about by the Planning Enabling Act, currently in effect, that consolidated three separate planning acts in the state covering counties, townships and villages. A brief discussion ensued.

Reeser closed the public hearing at 6:57 p.m.

MOTION by Naeyaert, second by Smith,
to consider Resolution No. 2009-02 as read.
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution No. 2009-02 was introduced by Naeyaert and seconded by Smith

**CITY OF MASON
PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 2009-02
A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT ORDINANCE
NO. 171 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE II, PLANNING COMMISSION, OF
CHAPTER 50, PLANNING, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MASON TO CONFORM**

THE PROVISIONS OF THE PLANNING CODE TO THE MICHIGAN PLANNING ENABLING ACT

April 14, 2009

WHEREAS, the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, 2008 PA 33, was enacted by the Michigan Legislature and became effective September 1, 2008; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to update the Mason Planning Commission ordinance by amending Chapter 50, Planning Commission, to be in compliance with the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, 2008 PA 33; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission did properly notice and conduct a public hearing on the proposed amendments at its regular meeting held April 14, 2009; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Mason Planning Commission does hereby recommend that the City Council adopt Ordinance No. 171 to amend Chapter 50 of the code of the City of Mason to conform with the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, 2008 PA 33.

RESOLUTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Ordinance No. 172 - An Ordinance to Amend Article II - Planning Commission - of Chapter 50 - Planning - of the Code of the City of Mason to Conform the Provisions of the Planning Code to the Michigan Planning Enabling Act

Reeser opened the public hearing at 7:01 p.m. Haywood briefly explained the amendments to Mason Code effected by the Planning Enabling Act.

Reeser closed the public hearing at 7:05 p.m.

MOTION by Vincent, second by Smith,
to consider Resolution No. 2009-03 as read.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution No. 2009-03 was introduced by Vincent and seconded by Smith.

CITY OF MASON

PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 2009-03

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 172 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 74-76 AND 74-78 OF ARTICLE II, SUBDIVISIONS, OF CHAPTER 74, SUBDIVISIONS AND OTHER DIVISIONS OF LAND, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MASON TO CONFORM THE PROVISIONS OF THE PLANNING CODE TO THE MICHIGAN PLANNING ENABLING ACT

April 14, 2009

WHEREAS, the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, 2008 PA 33, was enacted by the Michigan Legislature and became effective September 1, 2008; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to update the Mason subdivision ordinance by amending Chapter 74, Subdivisions and Other Divisions of Land, to be in compliance with the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, 2008 PA 33; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission did properly notice and conduct a public hearing on the proposed amendments at its regular meeting held April 14, 2009; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Mason Planning Commission does hereby recommend that the City Council adopt Ordinance No. 172 to amend Chapter 74 of the code of the City of Mason to conform with the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, 2008 PA 33.

RESOLUTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Ordinance No. 176 - An Ordinance to Amend Article II - Planning Commission - of Chapter 50 - Planning - of the Code of the City of Mason to Conform the Provisions of the Planning Code to the Michigan Planning Enabling Act

Reeser opened the public hearing at 7:08 p.m. Haywood commented briefly on the amendments to the Mason Code brought about by the Zoning Enabling Act, currently in effect, that consolidated three separate zoning acts in the state covering counties, townships, and city and villages. A brief discussion ensued.

Reeser closed the public hearing at 7:17 p.m.

MOTION by Naeyaert, second by Burns,
to consider Resolution No. 2009-04 as read.
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution No. 2009-04 was introduced by Naeyaert and seconded by Burns.

**CITY OF MASON
PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 2009-04
A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT ORDINANCE
NO. 176 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 94-101, 94-361 AND 94-397 AND
TO ADD NEW SECTION 94-231 OF CHAPTER 94 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF
MASON TO CONFORM THE MASON ZONING ORDINANCE TO RECENT
AMENDMENTS TO THE MICHIGAN ZONING ENABLING ACT
April 14, 2009**

WHEREAS, the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, 2008 PA 12, was enacted by the Michigan Legislature and became effective February 29, 2009; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to update the Mason zoning ordinance by amending Sections 94-101, 94-361, and 94-397 and to add new Section 94-231 to be in compliance with the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, 2008 PA 12; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission did properly notice and conduct a public hearing on the proposed amendments at its regular meeting held April 14, 2009; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Mason Planning Commission does hereby recommend that the City Council adopt Ordinance No. 176 to amend Chapter 94 of the code of the City of Mason to conform with the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, 2008 PA 12.

RESOLUTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

REGULAR BUSINESS

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Kenroy and Vincent thanked the City for providing training opportunities for new commissioners. They both stated that it was valuable education. A brief discussion was held to hold the election of Chair on the next regular meeting agenda.

CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence was distributed. The resignation of Neal Johnson was accepted by the Commission.

LIAISON REPORTS

Naeyaert informed the Commission regarding current City Council business.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Colburn informed Commissioners regarding current City business. A brief discussion ensued.

PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Martin A. Colburn, City Clerk

Jon Droscha, Secretary