City of Northville
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 16, 2015

Mayor Roth called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at Northville City Hall, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Ken Roth, Mayor Pro Tem James Allen, Councilmembers Nancy Darga, Sam Ekong and Marilyn Price

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Patrick Sullivan, Public Works Director Jim Gallogly, Deputy City Clerk Michelle Massel, Reporter from the Northville Record, and 2 citizens

PRESENTATIONS

A. Citizen Comments None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Darga, seconded by Allen to approve the agenda and consent agenda as presented.

Checks #96133 to #96281 EFT #500219, Checks #96282 to #96404
Departmental Reports: Youth Assistance: 11/15
School Tax Collection Fee
City Council Meeting Schedule for 2016
Disposal of Assets / P&R Weight Equipment
Request to Solicit / Goodfellows Newspaper Drive

Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCES

A. Ordinance Amendment / Articles 18 & 26, Garden Ornaments – 1st Reading

At its October 20, 2015 meeting, the Planning Commission conducted a public hearing to consider text amendments to Article 18 General Provisions and Article 26 Construction of Language and Definitions in the Zoning Ordinance.

The proposed text amendments provide regulations to Article 18 regarding the placement of garden ornaments, as defined, in the front yard setback. The regulations would allow garden ornaments in a front yard setback, provided it does not interfere with visibility from a driveway or intersection. Article 26 is amended to include the definition of garden ornament.

The Planning Commission is recommending approval of the proposed changes to Articles 18 and 26. Communication from the City's Planning Consultant and the proposed zoning ordinance text amendments were presented.

Council Comments and Discussion: In response to a question from Council, it was answered that the Building Official determines what constitutes a fence based on the definition in the City Ordinance. Council requested language be added to the Ordinance defining front yard setback before second reading.

Motion Darga, seconded by Price to introduce for first reading the proposed amendments to Article 18 General Provisions and Article 26 Construction of Language and Definitions pertaining to garden ornaments in the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance as presented, with second reading and possible adoption scheduled for December 7, 2015. **Motion carried unanimously.**

B. Ordinance Amendment / Articles 18 & 26, Arbors, Pergolas, Trellis – 1st Reading

At its October 20, 2015 meeting, the Planning Commission conducted a public hearing to consider text amendments to Article 18 General Provisions and Article 26 Construction of Language and Definitions in the Zoning Ordinance.

The proposed text amendments provide new regulations to Article 18 regarding the placement of arbors, pergolas, and trellises in the front yard setback. The regulations would allow one arbor, pergola, or trellis, within certain size limitations, in a front yard setback, provided it does not interfere with visibility from a driveway or intersection. Article 26 is amended to include definitions for arbor, pergola, and trellis.

The Planning Commission is recommending approval of the proposed changes to Articles 18 and 26. Communication from the City's Planning Consultant and the proposed zoning ordinance text amendments were presented.

Council Comments and Discussion: None

Motion Darga, seconded by Ekong to introduce for first reading the proposed amendments to Article 18 General Provisions and Article 26, Construction of Language and Definitions pertaining to arbors, pergolas, and trellises in the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance as presented, with second reading and possible adoption scheduled for December 7, 2015. **Motion carried unanimously.**

COMMUNICATIONS

A. Mayor and Council Communications

Mayor requested that liaisons report items of significance from their Commissions to Council under item 10 – Mayor/Council Communications at each meeting. The Mayor will be attending the DDA meeting tomorrow at 8:00am, pre-NPFAB (Northville Plymouth Fire Advisory Board) meeting tomorrow afternoon followed by the NPFAB meeting and then Planning Commission tomorrow night.

Councilmember Darga reported that the Art House exhibit "Small Works" received entries from all over the world this year and that this is the last year for the gift basket raffle. Darga also requested that Councilmember Ekong follow up on Allen Terrace resident concern regarding the BBQ grill.

Councilmember Ekong reported he will be attending the Housing Commission meeting this week and CDBG meeting next week.

B. Staff Communications

None

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned.

Adjournment: 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Michelle Massel
Deputy City Clerk

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Ken Roth
Mayor

Approved as submitted: 12/21/15