

MINUTES OF LEGISLATIVE AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

59 COURT STREET

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

WESTFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

MAY 14, 2019

5:30 PM

Present: Chair William Onyski, Councilor Nick Morganelli, Councilor Mike Burns

Meeting started promptly at 5:30 PM

Agenda:

- 1) Anyone taping or recording this meeting?
None.
- 2) Public Participation.
None
- 3) Approval of May 1, 2019 minutes.
Approved 3-0
- 4) Submitting a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Westfield authorizing a Tax Increment Financing agreement (TIF) for James Hardie Building Products Inc., 70 Turnpike Industrial Road. (5-2-19)
 - Joe Mitchell presented
 - TIF is not for existing building but only if an additional building in excess of 100,000 square feet is built and an addition 10-20 jobs are created
 - Building additions must be made on adjacent lots
 - James Hardie owns building now
 - There are penalties for leaving during TIF
 - TIF expires 2029
 - TIF is for 75% Exemption Year 1, 60% Year 2, 50% Year 3, 40% Year 4, 25% Year 5Approved 3-0
- 5) Upon motion of Councilor Morganelli, for the Zoning, Planning and Development Committee, it was VOTED: That the motion of Councilor Burns, (and Flaherty), that the



City Council be requested to investigate and recommend Zoning Ordinances for short-term residential rentals (3/15/18) be REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE. Councilor Morganelli submitted amendments to the zoning ordinance relative to the mater. 3/21/19 REF TO PLANNING BOARD AND SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR 4/22/19

--Jay Vinskey presented 2 proposals based on comments from last meeting—owner occupied and non-owner occupied

--Law department advised that the City could not impose an age limit—Councilor Morganelli questioned opinion and will seek further clarification

--Debated 182 days of yearly rental—decided on 270 days

--Committee would prefer to go forward with owner occupied

--Will have Law Department review

--Voted 3-0 to leave in Committee

6) Upon motion of Councilor Allie, it was

VOTED: That the Abutter Notification Ordinance at Section Article 1, Section 1-40.3 – Mailing of Notices be strengthened and that the matter be REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE. (12-6-18)

--Some questions regarding the logistics of being able to select actual resident, not owners, in a certain radius—Onyski to follow up

--There is no system in place to “request” notifications for interested parties for certain parcels. Will likely remove this stipulation.

--Voted 3-0 to leave in Committee

7) Adjourn.

--Adjourned at 6:50 PM