

Zoning and Annexation Committee Meeting Minutes

Council Chambers, John Knisely Centre

January 9, 2017

The Zoning and Annexation Committee meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Committee members in attendance were Mr. Darrin Lautenschleger, Mrs. Aimee May, and Mrs. Cheryl Ramos, Committee Chair. The Chair announced that the meeting would be recorded. Also in attendance: Sam Hitchcock (Council President), Dean Holland, Rob Maurer, and John Zucal (Council members); Mayor Joel B. Day, Council Clerk Julie Courtright, Service Director Ron McAbier, Treasurer Tom Gerber, Beth Gundy (Auditor), Marvin Fete (Law Director), and Mike Scolati (City of New Philadelphia Zoning & Building Code Administrator).

PURPOSE: To discuss updating Codified Ordinance Chapter 521 and any other matter to come before the Committee.

The committee and council members had previously received copies of the updates requested by Mike Scolati, Zoning & Building Code Administrator. Mr. Scolati explained why Chapter 521 of the Codified Ordinances needed updated and where to put it in Chapter 521. He wants his request added to Chapter 521. Updates are needed due to increased trash, rubbish, and indoor furniture being stored outdoors. Mr. Fete felt that Mr. Scolati's updates could be added at the being of the Chapter as they were mostly definitions. Mr. Lautenschleger asked if there had been an increase in complaints from neighbors regarding trash issues. Mr. Scolati said that complaints have increased and that Chapter 521 needed amended to deal with the issues. Mr. Scolati stated that he receives more support from the property owners than the landlords in cleaning up properties. In response to a question from Mr. Maurer, Mr. Scolati stated that vehicles for sale were permitted on lawns but not on the street.

Mr. Lautenschleger moved that Chapter 521 of the Codified Ordinances be amended to include Section 521.00 as proposed by Mike Scolati. Seconded by Mrs. May. All voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Fete said that he would prepare legislation to be added to the next regularly scheduled meeting agenda for the first reading.

In another matter to come before the committee, Mrs. Ramos referred back to the December meeting in which the Committee discussed household pets primarily fowl. The Chair asked the Committee if any wanted to propose any legislation to permit urban fowl within the City limits. Members did not propose any action. No changes to current ordinances will be made.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Lautenschleger at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mrs. Cheryl L. Ramos

Chairwoman

An audio recording of this meeting is available from the Council Clerk.