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**PLANNING, ZONING, LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 7, 2021**

Present: Committee members Mark Getsay, chairman, Dennis Sullivan and Nick Nunnari.

Also present: Councilmember Lynda Appel, Planning Director Jim Bedell, Director of Inspections Don Grayem, Human Resources Manager Elise Auvil (via teleconference).

The meeting convened at 6:30 p.m.

I. Discuss Ordinance No. 2021-31, amending §167.20 “Family and Medical Leave Policy” of “Employees Generally.”

Discussion occurred related to the need to include in city ordinances Federal or State mandated employment laws such as FMLA. It was determined it would be appropriate to authorize the administration and Human Resources to maintain such policies within the city’s personnel policies.

Motion by Mr. Nunnari, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to recommend to Council that Ordinance No. 2021-31 be adopted. Motion failed, 0 yeas, 3 nays.

Motion by Mr. Nunnari, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to recommend to Council that legislation be drafted repealing Section 167.20 of Chapter 167. Motion carried, 3 yeas, 0 nays.

II. Discuss Ordinance No. 2021-30, supplementing §1211.04(b)(1) “Accessory Uses” as to fences.

Planning Director Bedell explained this change would permit fences to be constructed on multiple unassembled, adjacent lots meeting certain requirements. Currently, fences can only be constructed on property that has a “main use.”

Ms. Tess Keppler explained she has a century home which she would like to construct a split-rail period fence extending onto adjacent vacant property she owns.

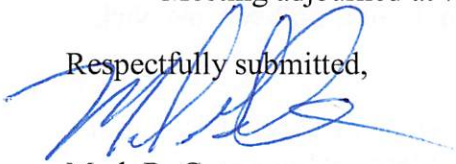
Director of Inspections Grayem highlighted that this change to the ordinance has the potential to have an adverse impact on the building and zoning codes.

The committee discussed the potential ramifications of this ordinance amendment on other properties and other building and zoning codes. They then discussed the applicant assembling the four lots she owns into one lot which would permit her to construct the fence under current ordinances. Mr. Nunnari discussed granting a variance to allow the fence, however, that is not permitted under the current ordinances. The committee supported the applicant's desire to restore this century home to its original form.

Motion by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Nunnari, to recommend to Council that Ordinance No. 2021-30 be adopted. Motion failed, 1 yea, 2 nays.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mark R. Getsay
Chairman