

City of Northville
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
October 30, 2017

Mayor Roth called the meeting to order at 11:00am in the Northville City Hall Council Chambers, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan.

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

Absent: Councilmember Nancy Darga (excused)

Also

Present: City Manager Patrick Sullivan, City Clerk Dianne Massa and one citizen

Mayor Roth read a statement informing those present that the City Council meeting was being recorded for rebroadcast on the City's website. By remaining at the meeting, consent is inferred by those present to have their voice and image recorded and posted on the City's website.

2. Citizen Comments None

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion Price, seconded by Allen to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**4. Amendments to Chapter 41 Historic Preservation, Article II Historic District Commission
Second Reading**

At its regular meeting of October 16, 2017, City Council introduced for first reading proposed amendments to the Historic Preservation Ordinance in the Code of Ordinance pertaining to the composition of the Historic District Commission.

The current composition of the Historic District Commission (HDC) includes the Mayor or a member of City Council. The Mayor or City Council member also serves as the HDC chairperson. The following amendments to Article II Historic District Commission are proposed:

- Section 42-20 Historic District Commission: Currently, the composition of the commission includes the Mayor or a member of City Council. It is proposed this be amended to be the Mayor or an alternate selected by the Mayor and confirmed by City Council.
- Section 42-21 Procedures of Commission (1) Officers: Currently, the chairperson the Commission shall be the Mayor or City Council liaison. It is proposed this be amended to be the Mayor or the alternate selected by the Mayor and confirmed by City Council.
- Proposed language would also state that members of the Historic District Commission may be removed by the City Council upon their sole discretion for misfeasance, malfeasance or

nonfeasance upon written charges and after a public hearing. Members who are absent from three (3) consecutive un-excused Historic District Commission meetings shall be subject to review and/or removal from the Historic District Commission by action of the City Council.

The proposed ordinance amendment was provided to City Council for review.

City Council Comments and Discussion: Comments from Council explained that, to maintain continuity on the Historic District Commission, a special meeting was called in order to meet City Charter requirements for the adoption and effective date of this ordinance amendment. This was especially important as there are important cases going before the HDC. The current language requires the Chairperson to be the Mayor or a member of Council. The new language allows the Mayor to select an alternate that might not also be on Council. Serving as the HDC Chairperson is a large commitment, involving their attendance at lengthy meetings. The Chair should also have a level of expertise for reviewing applications and making decisions about properties within the historic district.

Motion Allen, seconded by Ekong to waive second reading and adopt the amendments to Chapter 42 Historic Preservation, Article II Historic District Commission in the Code of Ordinances as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

5. Mayor and Council Comments

Roth thanked everyone for attending the special meeting. He reminded Council that at 1:30pm October 30, there is a cake celebration honoring Housing Director Sherry Necelis' retirement.

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

Adjournment: 11:10am.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Massa, CMC
City Clerk

Ken Roth
Mayor

Approved as submitted: 11/06/17