



COMMITTEE of the WHOLE

CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES
August 18, 2008
5:00 P.M.
Council Office

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

M. Goodman-Hinnershitz, J. Waltman, D. Sterner, V. Spencer, S. Fuhs, S. Marmarou

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

C. Younger, R. Hottenstein, S. Katzenmoyer, L. Kelleher, B. Vitale, S. McCracken

Vaughn Spencer, President of Council, called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

I. Executive Session

Council entered into executive session at 5:04 pm to discussion litigation. Council exited executive session at 5:20 pm.

II. Clymer Street Fire

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz reviewed the situation at 161 Clymer St.

Mr. Hottenstein distributed a memo regarding this fire. He reviewed the memo with Council.

III. Orange & Cherry Streets

Mr. Hottenstein indicated that a developer has purchased the former WIN Outlet building on Penn Street. He needs an additional ten parking spaces for the new proposed use. He noted the developer's willingness to work with the City and St. James Chapel to incorporate the parklet into the new plans for the building. Twenty-eight residential units will be created at 940 Penn St.

Mr. Waltman questioned how much space each unit would have. The units will be two and three bedroom and range in size from 700 to 1400 square feet. 5000 square

feet of commercial space will remain on the first floor. This would be a mixed use development.

Mr. Fuhs questioned the position of the Administration. Mr. Hottenstein noted the Administration's willingness to negotiate and move this public-private partnership forward.

Mr. Fuhs questioned the position of St. James Chapel. Rev. McCracken indicated that he was also open to the partnership and noted his hope that the parklet could accommodate the necessary parking.

Mr. Fuhs noted that the City's first commitment is to St. James Chapel. He voiced his position that as long as the Chapel was open to negotiations that he would support this partnership.

Rev. McCracken informed Council that the design of the parklet would need to be changed. Mr. Vitale indicated that he would incorporate these changes and submit a new plan to the City.

Mr. Spencer requested that the partnership specify who is responsible for maintaining the park and what would happen if this developer would sell the building. He indicated that he would like to review the new plans and to discuss the impact of the parking.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz brought forward the dangers of mixing parking with a park. She noted the dangers to children. Mr. Vitale indicated that he would address this issue in the updated plans.

Mr. Waltman questioned what the current zoning of this building was. Ms. Kelleher noted that it is in a Commercial Residential zone.

Mr. Waltman voiced concern that this was too many units for that block of Penn St. He noted density concerns.

Mr. Spencer requested that the plan be revised and reviewed. Rev. McCracken reminded all of the timeline required to use the CDBG funds.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:57 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

By: _____
Linda A. Kelleher, City Clerk