

The Planning Board met for a special meeting on Friday, June 9, 1989 at 10 A. M. in Room 209, City Hall. Members present were Chairman John F. Keaney; Frank D. DeFalco; Joan C. Sadowsky; George Russell. Also present were Director Francis J. Donahue; Code Commissioner Carl H. Koontz; Assistant City Solicitor Michael E. Traynor; Senior Planner Alexander A. Pridotkas and Planning Coordinator Philip Hammond.

Call to Order

Chairman Keaney called the meeting to order at 10 A. M.

Discussion re zoning ordinance

Site Plan Review Process

Mr. Donahue stated that the City Council has requested the Board to include as a part of the Site Plan Review Process a review of plans for site safety and construction traffic flow. The Board agreed to include it.

Mr. Russell stated that there should be some requirements as to how close detention basins can be located to abutting properties. He then presented his proposal for review.

Mr. Keaney suggested that the Law Department look into this matter.

Institutional Zone Districts

Attorney Richard Reidy on behalf of Memorial and Hahnemann Hospitals requested that incinerators and laundries be permitted as a matter of right in institutional zones.

Mrs. Sadowsky so moved. Mr. Russell seconded the motion. The vote was three in favor with Mr. DeFalco abstaining.

Regional Transportation Review

William Newton, Director of the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission, stated that a traffic impact report should be prepared for any development which exceeds the threshold limits as set by the Board. He questioned if the Board is interested in the proposal as submitted by CMRPC.

Mr. Keaney stated that the proposal could be incorporated in the zoning ordinance.

Mr. Koontz stated that this would be a double review by the Board.

Mr. Russell stated that he has serious problems about the proposal.

Mrs. Sadowsky stated that she has strong feelings to look at the regional traffic impact on the city and the towns but the proposal is questionable.

Mr. Russell moved that a new sub-section be added to Article 5.5 requiring a developer to submit a report dealing with the adequacy and impact on the regional transportation system. Mrs. Sadowsky seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Adjournment

Chairman Keaney adjourned the meeting at 12:30 P. M.