

REZONING PUBLIC HEARING

Meeting Notes

August 26, 2019 7:00 pm

President of New Philadelphia City Council Sam Hitchcock called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers in the John Knisely Centre. The Hearing was presented by Chairwoman of the Zoning and Annexation Committee Cheryl Ramos and the purpose was to provide citizens with the opportunity to speak and express their views about permanently rezoning of property owned by Heritage Restoration Network LLC dba HRN Construction and Restoration located at 1226 and 1230 Kaderly Street NW from Residential to Business. Present were Councilmembers Cheryl Ramos, Aimee May, Dan Lanzer; Mayor Joel Day; Council President Sam Hitchcock; Clerk of Council Julie Courtright, Treasurer Tom Gerber, Attorney J. Deeds, Attorney Brian Robinson, Richard Penrod

President of New Philadelphia City Council Sam Hitchcock opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

Mayor Day introduced Attorney J. Deeds who represents HRN Construction

Attorney Deeds made the following statement:

The area that HRN Construction is requesting rezoning on is the parking lot and their offices. Both requests have been approved and recommended to the Council by the Zoning and Annexation Committee. We did address a number of concerns that were brought up by local residents and members of the Committee. (Mr. Deeds showed the audience a map of the area where the rezoning is being requested)

President of New Philadelphia City Council Sam Hitchcock stated that with this being the 3rd Reading of Ordinance 12-2019 it can pass with only 4 votes by Council. This is an opportunity for anyone to ask questions or make comments.

Richard Penrod of 1210 5th St. NW made the following statement:

I live behind this business. I understand what's going on and I think Council is doing a good job. I can't help what you guys are going to do. I want to thank the gentlemen from HRN for fixing a fence post and moving their trash bucket. Was anything done with the petition we brought to the Planning Commission?

Mayor Day had the following response:

The Planning Commission took that to heart. It's my feeling that that covered from Wabash to Anola. Businesses have rights too and if they come to the Commission with a rezoning request you are going to be notified.

Mr. Zucal had the following comment:

We do have that previous use legislation and I think at some point in time we need to revisit that. It concerns me because once a business closes for a year it goes back to residential. My long term look, some of these things change. I think as we're more visionary in our thought process about zoning and handling spot zoning we should be looking at all that together rather than reactive to what transpires here on Council floor.

Mrs. Ramos had the following comment:

Mr. Studer, HRN representative did email me today and detailed all the things they have done to ease the concerns of the neighbors. They no longer use Kimble for refuge pickup but are now using the City. They are making an effort to be a good neighbor. I'm sure that will continue. I just want to make everybody aware of that communication.

Action: No action was taken.

With no further questions or comments, the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

