

Leslie City Planning Commission

A regular meeting was held at 6:00 PM on
Wednesday October 30, 2019 at Leslie City Hall 602 W. Bellevue Street

Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting called to order by Chair Williams at 6:00 pm. Roll Call.

Present: Williams, Chamberlain, Mitchell, Poulissee, Shuster, Babin, Winslow & Muenzenmaier.

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager/Zoning Administrator Susan Montenegro, Randy Fox, Paul Wollner, Fire Chief Bruce Howe, Denny Durgan, Pam Beegle, Jennifer Poulissee, Erica & Shawn Willard, Virginia Taylor, Janeil Valentine, Shane Pitmon, Chuck Berry, Tim Ryan, DPW Director Ron Bogart, Police Chief Bob Delamarter.

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Williams led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

3. Approve the Agenda.

Motion by Chamberlain, seconded by Shuster to move the sign application for 106 E. Bellevue before the public hearing and approve the amended agenda.

All ayes, motion carried.

4. Approve Minutes from the September 25, 2019 meeting.

Motion by Winslow, seconded by Chamberlain to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2019 meeting.

All ayes, motion carried.

5. Public Comment – None.

6. Items of Business:

a. Sign Application for 106 E. Bellevue

Motion by Poulissee, seconded by Shuster to approve the sign application as presented.

All ayes, motion carried.

7. Public Hearing: (CM/Zoning Administrator Montenegro shared that she found out that day that this should have never come before planning commission because it is not part of the zoning ordinance and therefore is not under their purview but rather should come from the Police Chief as the traffic engineer. Montenegro also stated that because the public hearing had already been set that it should continue because it is a great way for citizens to comment. She also informed everyone that no action would be taken at the meeting tonight and that the Police Chief would submit a formal recommendation to City Council.)

a. Overnight Parking. A public hearing to receive comments on proposed ordinance language allowing overnight parking on some streets.

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Chair Williams declared the public hearing open at 6:05 pm. Comments were received from the following (four residents from Deer Run, four residents from other parts of the city):

- Janeil Valentine – 430 Doty stated she was curious why parking would be allowed only on some and not all streets. Also stated she is neither for nor against overnight parking.
- Paul Wollner - 2517 Cinnamon Lane stated he has five children and is in favor of overnight parking.
- Erica Willard – 307 Woodworth stated they have three drivers in the house and currently park their extra vehicle at the Park-n-Ride lot in town and is in favor of overnight parking.
- Shawn Willard – 307 Woodworth stated he is concerned about the safety of their vehicle when it is left in the Park-n-ride lot and is in favor of overnight parking.
- Jennifer Poulissee – 4368 Cinnamon Lane stated they block the driveway when they park in their drive. Also stated they have no other option for parking other than to move if not allowed to park on the street and is in favor of overnight parking.
- Denny Durgan – 4363 Cinnamon Lane wants speed limits posted. Reminded this is a public hearing for overnight parking only.
- Randy Fox – 321 Blair Street stated he is not in favor of overnight parking because he is concerned about snow removal, fire department access/response, leaf pickup, police response.
- Virginia Taylor – 2511 Cinnamon Lane stated parking on the curve in Deer Run subdivision would present an issue and block traffic. Stated she is neither for nor against overnight parking.
- Tim Ryan shared concerns from a DPW worker view for plowing streets and potentially hitting or blocking cars or addressing frozen snow where a car had been parked for a long time.
- Chair Williams declared the public hearing closed at 6:45 pm.

Comments from planning commission members were heard at this time.

- Poulissee said he is in favor of overnight parking and is the one who brought it to City Council and planning commission.
- Winslow asked the DPW Director if access to storm sewers for cleanout or water main breaks or leaf pickup would be impeded, to which he indicated it would.
- Fire Chief Howe was asked if he was for or against overnight parking. Howe said he sympathized as a resident with those asking for overnight parking. However, as the fire chief he stated he is firmly against overnight parking.
- CM/Zoning Administrator Montenegro addressed that homes in Deer Run do have an option to build an additional parking pad along the side of their house to offset parking needs.

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- Chamberlain stated anyone can park on any street because they are public streets, therefore someone could park in front of another house and allowing parking overnight would alleviate that. Also stated he sympathizes with those facing parking issues.
- Mitchell stated most people are asleep between 2-6am and do not know when people park on the street. Also stated that he appreciates the comments and concerns stated by the Police Chief, Fire Chief and DPW during the last few planning commission meetings.

No action was taken because ordinances outside the zoning chapter of the Leslie Code of Ordinances are not under the purview of the planning commission.

8. Items of Discussion.

None.

Chair Williams expressed his thanks Vice-Chair Chamberlain for chairing the meetings while he was gone.

9. Motion to adjourn meeting by Winslow seconded by Poulissee at 7:00 pm.

All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Montenegro,
Acting Secretary.