

MEETING OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Community Center
September 19, 2022

The meeting of Standing Committees met at the Community Center at 5:50 p.m. on September 19, 2022, with the following Committee persons in attendance: Councilmembers Susan deBuhr, Kelly Dunn, Daryl Kruse, Simon Harding, Dustin Ganfield, Gil Schultz, and Dave Sires. Staff members from all City Departments and members of the community attended in person.

Community Development Committee:

Chair Harding called the meeting to order and introduced the first item on the Community Development Committee, Zoning Amendments Voting Threshold and introduced Stephanie Houk Sheetz, Community Development Director. Director Sheetz stated, August 15, 2022 Council referred this item to the Community Development Committee, for consideration of removing 2/3 vote required to overrule Planning & Zoning Commission, referencing Code Sections 26-4(c) and 18-23(5). Director Sheetz gave an overview of the current ordinance, history, research of seven communities, legal opinion, and options for Council consideration. Councilmembers discussed pros and cons of 2/3 vs. 3/4, if there should be a different threshold based on the type of zoning amendments (text/map), and an option for a joint meeting with Planning & Zoning Commission and City Councilmembers when P&Z recommends denial of a comprehensive plan (18-23(5)) or zoning amendment (26-4(c)). Chair Harding opened the meeting for public comments. It was moved by Kruse and seconded by Ganfield to direct staff to draft an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinance to a simple majority in both Sections 26-4(c) and 18-23(5). Jim Brown, Executive Director, Cedar Falls Economic Development Corporation expressed concerns with removing the super majority requirement. The motion was put to vote. Aye: Schultz, deBuhr, Kruse, Ganfield, and Sires; Nay: Dunn and Harding. Motion carried.

Chair Harding introduced the second item on the Community Development Committee, Downtown Public Restroom Study and introduced Stephanie Houk Sheetz, Community Development Director. Director Sheetz stated, July 18, 2022, Council referred this item to the Community Development Committee to determine if a public restroom study downtown is warranted. Director Sheetz gave an overview of the public restrooms in the downtown vicinity, public event restroom requirements, and building code requirements on restrooms. Councilmembers discussed the building code requirements, signage, QR code, restroom partnership, and ADA accessibility. Following comments by Directory Sheetz, it was moved by Kruse and seconded by Dunn to direct staff to bring creative options to the Committee, that included signage for restrooms, QR code with restroom locations, and restroom locations provided in the Cedar Falls app. Following comments by Councilmembers, it was moved by Ganfield and seconded by Kruse to amend the motion to direct staff to develop and implement signage for restrooms, QR code with restroom locations, provide restroom locations in the Cedar Falls app, and review ADA compliance. Following comments by Councilmembers, and responses by City Attorney Rogers and City Administrator Gaines, the motion to amend carried unanimously. Chair Harding opened the meeting for public comments. Rosemary Beach, 5018 Sage Road, expressed concerns on available restrooms and requested them to be handicap accessible. Chair Harding then put the question on the original motion, as amended, and was put to vote. Aye: Schultz, deBuhr, Kruse, Harding, Ganfield, Sires, and Dunn; Nay: none. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Minutes by Kim Kerr, Administrative Supervisor