

CITY OF WYOMING, MICHIGAN
Minutes of Joint Committee of the Whole Meeting
of City Council, Construction Board of Appeals, Planning Commission and
Zoning Board of Appeals
January 11, 2016

PRESENT: Councilmembers Bolt, Pastoor, Ver Hulst, Vanderwood, Voorhees, Mayor Poll

Construction Board Members Bill Kerby

Planning Commissioners Rob Arnoys, Jack Bueche, Bob Goodheart, Bill Hegyi,
Dave Micele, Rob Postema, Sherrie Spencer and Anthony Woodruff

Zoning Board of Appeals Rod Beduhn, Matt Buist and Canda Lomonaco, Dave
Meeter and Ron Palmer.

STAFF: Tim Cochran, Bill Dooley, Heidi Isakson, Kim Lucar, Erin Nemastil, Becky
Rynbrandt, Jack Sluiter and Kelli VandenBerg

Mayor Pro Tem Bolt called the meeting to order in the West Conference Room, City Hall, at
5:32 p.m.

Rynbrandt thanked everyone for coming and introduced Cochran to explain the purpose of the
meeting. Cochran explained the purpose of this meeting is to preview proposed changes to the
format of the zoning code. Cochran further noted the importance of reviewing and updating the
City of Wyoming Zoning Code and expressed appreciation to Council for its support of this
effort. Cochran introduced consultant, Tim Johnson, Senior Project Manager, Wade Trim, who
has assisted the City with this project.

Johnson explained the purpose and desired outcomes of reviewing the zoning code, which were
also explained in the City's request for proposal. These include general reorganization,
integration of the form-based code, modernizing language for overall understanding and being
more user-friendly. This newly formatted document will provide a better means of
communicating the City's zoning regulations.

There are also practical issues regarding a review of the Zoning Code. There have been multiple
updates since the ordinance was last updated in 1983 and staff, developers and citizens have
found it increasingly difficult to find the needed information. Through this review, there have
been no substantive changes; this effort simply looked to address deficiencies as experienced by
staff, developers and citizens. Some of the ways we have addressed the deficiencies include
providing charts and illustrations, using color coding by zoning district and developing a new
numbering system.

Johnson provided visual examples of the existing code compared to the newly formatted code
and offered explanation of some of the challenges and decisions made during the review process.

Rynbrandt noted despite the larger size of the new document, it is much easier to use. This revision will incorporate with Municode, the online host of the City's Code of Ordinances.

Cochran noted this sets the stage for where we need to go. There are a few other pieces that are in process. The plan is to bring this to the Planning Commission in February, with review by Council in March and April.

The Council and commissions were pleased with the review and look forward to its implementation.

The meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Kelli A. VandenBerg, City Clerk