

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
BUILDING AND LANDS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 6:30 P.M.
MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2023**

To Order and Pledge of Allegiance:

Chairman Clifford Winkel called the Building and Lands Committee meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Members present: Chairman Clifford Winkel, Councilman Bruce Abens, and Councilwoman Holly Swenk.

Also present: Councilman Frank Toth, President Jason Jacobs, Councilman Martin DeVries, Councilwoman Georgia Awig, Mayor Kevin Corcoran, and Assistant Clerk of Council Tina Wieber.

Action on Minutes:

Chairman Winkel asked if there were any corrections to the minutes dated June 19, 2023. No discussion was offered. The minutes stand approved as submitted.

Discussion regarding T 97-2023:

T 97-2023 AN ORDINANCE VACATING ELM STREET, AN UNUSED, UNDEVELOPED STREET, BETWEEN WALLACE BLVD. AND CORNELL AVENUE AND ABUTTING FOUR PROPERTIES, ONE OF WHICH ENCROACHES INTO ELM STREET, UPON ACTION INITIATED BY CITY COUNCIL.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran, Planning Commission on 09-28-2023; First Reading on 10-02-2023)

Chair Winkel stated that the purpose of the meeting is to discuss T 97-2023, a specific legislative matter. He also mentioned that this legislation had been previously discussed at the Planning Commission on September 28, 2023, where it received approval with a unanimous 3-0 vote.

Mayor Corcoran provided a historical context related to the original property that currently has four houses on it. He mentioned that there used to be a house that extended beyond the property line. The properties in question are within the right of way designated as Elm Street, and the determination of how the land was surveyed in the past is uncertain.

The Mayor explained that this situation presents an opportunity for the City to vacate the portion of land that remains to the residents. The administration explored various options but determined that vacating the property was the most suitable choice. If the city does not vacate the property, the issue of the building extending onto the City's property will persist. Each option comes with its own associated costs. Mayor Corcoran noted that the City has vacated a street before.

Chair Winkel inquired if there were any questions or inquiries from the committee and the City Council regarding the matter under discussion.

Chair Winkel expressed his understanding that vacating a paper street appears to be a sensible solution, benefiting the homeowners involved. In this case, there are four property owners, and the process of vacating the street would result in an equal distribution of the vacated property among them.

Moved by Swenk and seconded by Abens to send T 97-2023 to City Council for consideration as submitted.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes - 3 No - 0

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Date Approved: January 16, 2024



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Assistant Clerk of Council