

**CITY OF NORWALK  
PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 7, 2021**

**ATTENDANCE:** John Kydes, Chair; Tom Keegan, Tom Livingston, Lisa Shanahan, Barbara Smyth, George Tsiranidis, David Heuvelman, Darlene Young (7:21 p.m.)

**OTHERS:** Sabrina Church, Norwalk Redevelopment Agency Community Development Planner; Jessica Casey, Norwalk Community and Economic Development Chief; Steven Kleppin, Planning and Zoning Director; Brian Bidolli, Norwalk Redevelopment Executive Director; Steve Ivan

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Kydes called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Mr. Kydes called the roll. A quorum was present.

**Public Hearing on the draft PY45 (FY19) Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).**

There was no one who had signed up to speak.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no one who wished to address the Committee at this time.

**I. ADMINISTRATION**

**a. Approval of the Minutes of the December 3, 2020 Meeting.**

**\*\* MR. TSIRANIDIS MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 3, 2020 MEETING.**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 3, 2020 MEETING AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**II. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Zoning Regulations Update**

**1. Forward to the Common Council for its approval, the authorization of the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute an Agreement with TPUDC to update the Zoning Regulations in an amount not to exceed \$190,040.**

**\*\* MS. SMYTH MOVED THE ITEM.**

Mr. Kleppin explained that during the work on the City wide Plan, there were recommendations made that the Zoning Regulations be totally updated. Over the years, the Zoning Regulations have been updated piecemeal, but it is time for a comprehensive overhaul. He added that they will be working on linking the Regulations to the City's Mapping GIS database.

Mr. Kleppin said that TPUDC had been chosen because they had a strong community outreach and the references stated that the company had worked out well.

Mr. Kydes asked what role the Zoning Commission would have. Mr. Kleppin said that the Zoning Commission would be taking the lead on the project and would act as the "client" for TPUDC.

Mr. Livingston asked about how this would impact recent zoning changes Mr. Kleppin had worked on. Mr. Kleppin explained that TPUDC would not be working in a vacuum and they were aware of the recent changes. The recent changes were done within the existing regulations and any updates would be done consider the overall consideration. There will be changes to the Zoning Map and the Planning Commission has to make a finding that the new changes will be consistent with the Master Plan. Mr. Kleppin said that he would update the Committee on significant changes.

Mr. Kydes said that he would like to have a red line copy when they are finished. Mr. Kleppin said that his goal was to reduce the overall regulations by 100 pages.

Ms. Shanahan said that she would like to be notified when there are changes to her District. Mr. Kleppin said that they would consider implementing that.

Mr. Kydes asked what kind of timeline would be used. Mr. Kleppin said that they were probably about six months away from first changes being submitted.

**\*\* THE MOTION TO FORWARD TO THE COMMON COUNCIL FOR ITS APPROVAL, THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH TPUDC TO UPDATE THE ZONING REGULATIONS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$190,040 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**b. Community Development Block Grant**

**1. Advance the PY45 CAPER to the Common Council for its approval and authorization for the Mayor to execute all forwarding documentation required by HUD.**

*Ms. Young joined the meeting at 7:21 p.m.*

Mr. Bidolli said that this was an administrative item and the CAPER is a type of report card that lists how many individuals were served and what projects were handled. Over 3,000 individuals were assisted. This request is for the authorization from the Committee and the Council before the CAPER is sent to HUD.

Mr. Livingston noted that this was the last year of the five year plan. Mr. Bidolli confirmed that it was.

Mr. Livingston asked if they had met their goals. Mr. Bidolli said that they had met all the goals they had listed.

Mr. Kydes said that he had seen the upcoming Council Agenda and this item was not included. Mr. Bidolli said that they would be submitting it for the second Council meeting of the month.

**\*\* THE MOTION TO ADVANCE THE PY45 CAPER TO THE COMMON COUNCIL FOR ITS APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL FORWARDING DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED BY HUD PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

Ms. Young said for the record that she had another committee meeting right before Planning and this was why she had been late.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* MS. YOUNG MOVED TO ADJOURN.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes

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