

**CITY OF COLUMBUS
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
INTERACTIVE TECHNOLOGY MEETING FORMAT
STATUTES SECTION 13D.021
8-16-2023**

The 8-16-2023 Planning Commission meeting for the City of Columbus was called to order by Commission Chair Lynn Carver-Quinn at the City Hall at 6:00 PM. Present were Planning Commission members Lynn Carver-Quinn, Barb Bobick, Judy Huntosh and Bethany Barrette, City Council Liaison Sue Wagamon, City Administrator Elizabeth Mursko, City Planner Dean Johnson, Planning and Zoning Permit Tech Eleanor Hahn, Jesse Preiner, Ron Hanegraaf, Janet Hegland, and Robin Wood.

In attendance via interactive technology was Rob Busch and an unidentified number.

The meeting was held in an interactive technology meeting format.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER –City Council and Planning Commission Meeting – 6:00 p.m.**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. Approval of MEETING AGENDA** *Motion* Huntosh. Second Barrette. Motion carried with all voting in favor.
- 4. APPROVAL OF JUNE 21, 2023 PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES – CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY CUP AMENDMENT** *Motion* Bobick. Second Huntosh. Motion carried with all voting in favor.
- 5. APPROVAL OF JULY 19, 2023 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES** *Motion* Huntosh. Second Barrette. Motion carried with all voting in favor.
- 6. APPROVAL OF JULY 19, 2023 PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES – ORDINANCE 23-02 – COMMERCIAL DESIGN STANDARDS** *Motion* Bobick. Second Barrette. Motion carried with all voting in favor.
- 7. APPROVAL OF JULY 19, 2023 PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES – SETBACK VARIANCE – 18760 JENNING ST NE** *Motion* Barrette. Second Bobick. Motion carried with all voting in favor.
- 8. PUBLIC HEARING, DISCUSSION, AND RECOMMENDATION – ORDINANCE 23-05 – SWIMMING POOL STANDARDS AND HOUSEKEEPING AMENDMENTS (Pages 1-10)** At this time a Public Hearing was held to consider a City Code amendment to Chapter 7A regulating swimming pool standards. Separate Public Hearing minutes are prepared.

Carver-Quinn began the discussion by providing additional information she received from a pool installer, and suggested adding the language 'latch-able and lockable' to

Section 7A-807(K)(4). The Commission agreed to the suggested change by consensus. Barrette asked City Planner Dean Johnson to explain the rationale behind changing the depth of regulated pools from three feet to four feet in the introduction of section 7A-807. Johnson explained that the majority of aboveground pools range from 3.5 feet to 5 feet in depth. If we were to require additional fencing on the pool wall for aboveground pools under 4 feet tall, as is suggested without this language edit, we would only be regulating a maximum of half-a-foot. Johnson explains how this would cause difficulties in enforcement. The Planning Commission agreed with the adjustment through consensus. Wagamon asks what would be required for an aboveground pool with a sidewall height below four feet but is dug-out to a depth greater than four feet. Zoning and Planning Technician Eleanor Hahn explains that as the pool would have a depth greater than four feet, it would be regulated, and due to the sidewall falling below the four-foot minimum, a fence or security cover would be required. Barrette requested that the language in either the definitions of 'inground' and 'aboveground' pools, or Section 7A-807(K)(2) be adjusted to better reflect that situation.

Motion Huntosh to recommend approval of Ordinance 23-05 amending Chapter 7A - Swimming Pool Standards and Housekeeping Amendments, with changes discussed. Second Barrette. Motion carried with Huntosh, Barrette, and Carver-Quinn voting in favor, and Bobick voting against.

9. **PUBLIC OPEN FORUM** Nothing at this time.

10. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S AND PLANNING & ZONING TECH REPORT** City Administrator **Elizabeth Mursko** updated the Planning Commission on the schedule for September 2023 meetings.

11. **ADJOURN** *Motion* Huntosh. Second Barrette. Motion carried with all voting in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:46

Eleanor Hahn

Respectfully Submitted: Recording Secretary Eleanor Hahn.