



Lowell City Council

Zoning SC Meeting Minutes

Michael Q. Geary
City Clerk

Date: September 7, 2021
Time: 5:30 PM
Location: City Council Chamber/Zoom (Hybrid)
375 Merrimack Street, 2nd Floor, Lowell, MA

PRESENT:

Present on Roll Call were Chairman Elliott, C. Chau and C. Nuon. Also present was Eric Slagle (Inspectional Services).

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Chairman Elliott called the meeting noting attendance.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

C. Elliott noted the proposed zoning amendments regarding updating the flood plain overlay district to maintain government standards. C. Nuon requested Mr. Slagle outline process to keep flood insurance. Mr. Slagle commented on prior motion response and the reason the ordinance must be changed is to be compliant with National Flood Insurance Program. Mr. Slagle noted the ordinance is very technical and a State consultant assisted with formulating the wording. Mr. Slagle outlined the zoning amendment process and indicated it must be completed by end of calendar year. C. Elliott noted the State informed the City of needed changes to ensure being part of program. Mr. Slagle commented on the federal program and the need to be included in same. C. Nuon noted the process could be completed by the end of the year. C. Chau questioned when insurance coverage begins for floods. Mr. Slagle indicated that flood issues must arise from ground swell and a State of Emergency must be declared at a minimum. C. Elliott requested specific changes to the ordinance. Mr. Slagle noted the changes regarding location; reporting



requirements to FEMA; historic structures; definition changes; and State variance process changes. **Motion** by C. Nuon, seconded by C. Chau to recommend Law Department put into final draft and forward to Planning Board and City Council for public hearings. Adopted per Roll Call Vote 3 yeas. So voted.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to Adjourn by C. Nuon, seconded by C. Chau. So Voted.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM.

Michael Geary, City Clerk.