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Minutes

Regular Meeting of September 14, 2023
Code Enforcement Committee

Committee Members Present: Thomas Hazel, Zoning and Blight Enforcement Officer; Lieutenant Nick Puorro; Gary Gessaro, Fire Marshal; Tanielle Davis, Public Health Manager; James Mastroianni, Fire Marshal; Scott Kotowski, Deputy Fire Marshal; Chris Holder, Director of Public Works; Dean Lisitano, Chief Building Official; and Brig Smith, General Counsel.

Members of the Public: Ed McKeon; Erik Prezkopski.

1. **Call to Order By Staff.** GC Smith called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

2. **Approval of Minutes.**

Review and approval of the minutes for the August 10, 2023 and August 24, 2023 regular meetings.

Motion to Approve made by Tanielle Davis, seconded by Dean Lisitano. Motion passed unanimously.

3. **Public Session.** None.

4. **New Business.**

A. **Mayor's Office.**

1. Update from the Mayor's Office. No updates.

B. **Public Works.**

1. Update from the Public Works Department. No updates.

C. **Health Department.**

1. Update from the Health Department. No updates.

D. **Department of Land Use.**

1. Update from the Department of Land Use
 1. 460 Main Street: Inspection was done with the Health and Building Departments. The owners started building without use approval, sign approval or building permits. It's a smoke and vape shop but have items that contain THC. The next steps are cease and desist and fines on the sign.

E. Building Department.

1. Update from the Building Department. No updates.

F. Police Department.

1. Update from the Police Department
 1. 58 Washington Street (Muncheiz): Undercover officer went in and purchased THC products. Meeting being set with PD, Land Use, and the Mayor regarding these shops and bodegas. PD went in and seized over \$1700 worth of illegal products. Consumer protection also went in and raided the shop and found more products.

G. City Fire.

1. Update from City Fire. No updates.

H. South Fire District.

1. Update from the South Fire District. No updates.

I. Westfield Fire District.

1. Update from the Westfield Fire District. No updates.

J. Office of the General Counsel.

1. Update from the Office of the General Counsel. No updates.

5. Old Business.

A. Mayor's Office.

1. Forbidden Llama: No updates, will continue to monitor.

B. Health Department

1. 455 & 465 Middlefield Street: Dean Lisitano explained that Rick approved the permit for the hood system but needs a permit for the sprinkler system. Once the systems are installed Rick will go and inspect to make sure they are installed correctly. The owner is not supposed to use the spray booth to paint until it's inspected by Building. Building will schedule an inspection and let

the group know when it will happen. Lieutenant Nick Puorro let the group know that he has a police report from September 7th in which the officer responding smelled paint fumes.

C. Department of Land Use

1. Bob's Building. Developers actively trying to get crews back on site after delays over parking. Moving forward with demo and starting to build out.

D. Building Department

1. 699 Country Club Road: AGC Forte is going to get ahold of the local state attorney to see what the next steps are as to getting on the property.

E. Office of the General Counsel

1. Forest City Laundry. OGC has been in touch with Dave Winakor, the general counsel for Wesleyan and are waiting on insurance and bonds from the contractor. In the process of getting clearance to the State to tear down.
2. 237 Spencer Drive. No updates, will continue to monitor

6. **Adjournment.** Motion to adjourn by James Mastroianni, seconded by Tanielle Davis, and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned.