

**THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO  
LAND USE COMMITTEE  
WED., MAY 6, 2009**

This meeting of the Land Use Committee of Kent City Council was called to order on Wed., May 6, 2009, by Heidi Shaffer, Vice Chair, in the absence of Chair Ferrara, at 7:09 p.m. Vice Chair Shaffer explained they would be discussing the Zoning Code amendments that have been proposed.

**PRESENT:** MR. AMRHEIN, MR. DELEONE, MR. HAWKSLEY, MS. SHAFFER, MR. TURNER, AND MR. WILSON

**ALSO PRESENT:** J. FENDER; MAYOR; D. RULLER, CITY MANAGER; J. SILVER, LAW DIRECTOR; AND L. COPLEY, CLERK OF COUNCIL

**ABSENT:** MR. KUCHAR, MS. WALLACH, AND MR. FERRARA

Vice Chair Shaffer said they just had public hearings, preceding this meeting, on the proposed Zoning Code amendments dealing with conflicts of interest and a comprehensive review every ten years of the Code.

She called for questions at this time.

Mr. Hawksley asked Mr. Silver if he saw the email from Jeff Farmer, where he expressed concerns as to whether it was a conflict of interest for a board member to speak as a citizen and make comments. Mr. Hawksley said Mr. Farmer implied there were some things that would not be a conflict.

Mr. Silver said those boards are quasi-judicial boards, and the members are sitting in judgment to make a decision. He said they are supposed to make it based on the sworn testimony they receive. He asked how they can do so with an open mind, if they have spoken for or against the issue at a previous meeting. Mr. Silver said he liked the proposed amendment.

There was no audience comment at this time.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE ZONING CODE AMENDMENT ON BOARD MEMBERS SPEAKING.**

Motion made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Hawksley, and carried by a voice vote of 5-0-1, with Ms. Shaffer abstaining.

Vice Chair Shaffer called for questions on the ten-year review of the Zoning Code. There were no questions, nor audience comments at this time.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE ZONING CODE AMENDMENT FOR THE TEN-YEAR REVIEW OF THE ZONING CODE.**

Motion made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Hawksley, and carried by a voice vote of 5-0-1, with Ms. Shaffer abstaining.

Hearing no further questions before this Committee, Vice Chair Shaffer adjourned this meeting at 7:11 p.m.

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Linda M. Copley, Clerk of Council

**ACTION RECOMMENDED:**

- 1) TO AUTHORIZE ZONING CODE AMENDMENTS DEALING WITH BOARD MEMBERS GIVING PUBLIC TESTIMONY AND TEN-YEAR ZONING CODE REVIEW.