

MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING CODE TO ADD A DEFINITION OF HANDICAPPED RAMP AND AMENDING SECTION 177-20 TO PERMIT HANDICAPPED RAMPS IN FRONT YARDS

September 27, 1994

Council Chambers

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President Sandy F. Klebanoff called the hearing to order at 7:45 p.m.

Present were Councilors Robert Bouvier, Owen Eagan, Sandy F. Klebanoff, Charles R. Matties, Patrick McCabe, Madeline S. McKernan, Larry Price, Andy Schatz and Alfred Turco.

President Klebanoff: Corporation Counsel, Mrs. Wilder.

Marjorie Wilder, Corporation Counsel: It is very nice to be able to delegate. I'm awfully happy that Pat is so willing to do it. This particular ordinance is one that the ZBA requested because they have received a number of special exception variance requests to allow handicapped ramps to be put on properties for individuals who have a new of handicapped ramps. The nature of handicapped ramps sometimes made the ramp go in front of the building line. They didn't think that it should be necessary for people needing handicapped ramps to go through that process so this ordinance allows for a handicapped ramp but also assures that the ramp has a minimal intrusion into the front yard so that it just doesn't wind around to the front curb. That is the only change in this ordinance.

President Klebanoff: Thank you. Are there questions for the Corporation Counsel? Mr. Matties.

Councilor Matties: I think I understood, I just want to make sure. What you are saying is they will be able to go ahead and build without going through various hearings. What will they have to do?

Mrs. Wilder: Madam Mayor.

President Klebanoff: Mrs. Wilder.

Mrs. Wilder: Mr. Matties, just get a building permit rather than to have to go to the ZBA and get a variance. It will be a permitted use even though it is in front of the building line when a variance would normally be required.

Councilor Matties: So it is a right.

Mrs. Wilder: It will be a right.

Councilor Matties: Thank you.

President Klebanoff: Are there further comments or questions? I'm informed we have no sign up sheet. Is there anyone here this evening who wishes to address the Council on this public hearing? I know Mr. Foster wants to bring us a message.

Donald R. Foster, Town Planner: Just again to note the Planning Commission's favorable recommendation on this item. They were unanimously in favor of recommending adoption.

President Klebanoff: Thank you very much, Mr. Foster. If there are no further questions or comments I will close this public hearing.

The hearing adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Norma W. Cronin
Recording Secretary