

Commissioner Frangella: 2019-8-ORD Larry Cochran (Dept. of Planning & Zoning) for an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances for the Parish of St. Charles, Appendix C, Subdivision Regulations of 1981, Section IV.D.2.a, to specify certain types of Stormwater inlets for roadside drainage.

Ms. Stein: Mr. Chair thanks. In March this year you guys approved an ordinance to change the standard for drain inlets that went into effect probably early April. We have a couple of subdivisions that are underway and the developers have requested a little more flexibility within the single standard, they've worked with the Department of Public Works and they produced the ordinance and asked for them to approve it so we ask that you recommend approval.

Commissioner Frangella: Open public hearing for 2019-8-ORD, anybody here to speak for or against? Seeing none we'll close 2019-8-ORD.

Mr. Matherne: Mr. Chairman just one note, the Director of Public Works, Mr. Faucheux, was supposed to be here tonight in support of this. I suspect the weather has him rather busy and that's why he wasn't able to attend.

Commissioner Frangella: Thank you.

Commissioner Granier: So what was passed in April? I'm sorry we need a review.

Ms. Stein: In April there was an ordinance passed for a very specific type of drain inlet, a box drain inlet. What this does allow, my understanding is that it allows a drain inlet that works a little more aesthetically with a roll over curb, but that's the extent of my understanding.

Commissioner Granier to Commissioner Richard: You have any knowledge?

Commissioner Richard: It looks to me like the developer wants to go a cheaper route. They want to change this ordinance and go with a cheaper route if it meets the same standards that we require I don't see why they should buy from one certain vendor.

Commissioner Granier: Is that what we're talking about? We're talking about one vendor?

Mr. Matherne: If I may

Commissioner Frangella: Yes

Mr. Matherne: If you look at page 57 you can actually see how it reads. What you approved last time was the type of catch basin shall be a curbed inlet as manufactured and East Jordon Ironworks Model V-4302 or approved equal. What they are asking to add is other types of catch basins that conform to Louisiana standard specifications for roads and bridges latest edition may also be reviewed and approved by Public Works during their review of a subdivision plan.

So the big change it is it just gives Public Works the opportunity to review and approve something that is other than this particular or an approved equal, that's what I read.

Commissioner Richard: We're going with one catch basin, we take over the subdivision, we assume responsibility. So we go to this subdivision, they got this kind of catch basin and this kind of design and this kind of grate and everything and we go to another subdivision and they have another kind of design, another kind of grate, so then the parish has to have 20 different grate covers instead of having 1 design to use throughout the whole street, throughout the whole neighborhood. It would be less inventory for Public Works and I understand...

Mr. Matherne: I would assume that's why they had you pass the last one.

Commissioner Richard: I'm kind of against it but I really don't want this company to have this monopoly on the same catch basins and everything, but we have uniform standards so I want to go ahead and have the same thing, the same catch basin and designs in every subdivision so it would be a lot easier for Public Works.

Mr. Matherne: I would suggest if you have real questions about it because I'm not the technical person to answer this that maybe you should table it and wait and see if we can get Mr. Fauchaux next time.

Commissioner Granier: Because there was a reason why they designated that one specifically.

Commissioner Richard: To keep it uniform throughout the whole parish.

Commissioner Granier: I agree and 6 months later we're going to bend it a little bit. I'd like to make a motion to table this.

Commissioner Richard: Postpone it

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Commissioner Dunn: I'll second.

Commissioner Frangella: We got a motion and a second

YEAS: Gordon, Petit, Granier, Richard, Dunn, Frangella

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Galliano

Commissioner Frangella: That passes unanimously, it is postponed.

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