

Mr. Gibbs: Next item on the agenda is PZO-2014-11 requested by Paul J. Hogan, PE, Councilman, District IV for an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances, Appendix A, Sec. VI.B.[IV.] R-1M.2.a. to provide that RV Parks shall require a supporting resolution of the Council. Mr. Hogan.

Good Evening thank you Commissioners.

Mr. Frangella: Mr. Hogan do you care to explain?

Mr. Hogan: Kind of when you make decisions and you don't explain to help us so we can make our decision. I just did the exact same thing, you can't make the decision without having something to base it upon. The ordinance that I'm going to introduce tonight is asking for an explanation to see how it works. Y'all need it just like we need it. This one here the RV Parks is something that a lot of people have issues and problems with. People are concerned with the types of people that come into the community that are more transient type, they are not there permanent, they would like to see the Council, the elected representatives make the ultimate calls on whether that will be allowed in a residential subdivision as compared to an appointed board that they have no recourse against. With elected officials they have recourse by kicking them out of office when the next election comes around. All this does is let you make the recommendation based upon the public hearing and it gives the people a second opportunity to come in front of the Council where we can make a recommendation on that supporting resolution or not. A lot of time these people don't find out until it's too late, they don't find out about it, they hear about it after it's been passed at the Commission level, this would provide a second opportunity to address their concerns to the Council level. I ask for your support.

Mr. Frangella: A question on that, the Council wants a recommendation from us.

Mr. Hogan: On this one here, you would approve it, if you do approve it, it would take a supporting resolution by the Council.

Mr. Frangella: Getting back to the way you started our conversation. It was we give you a recommendation, whether it's for or against, all you want is a recommendation and then you do what you want with it. If they vote denial and we vote denial, then you all vote unanimously for it, what do you think that makes us feel like. We get no feedback from you on why you didn't take the recommendations of two other bodies in your decision. I'm sorry but I don't like the way you get up here with your so be it attitude like you prefer us not to be here.

Mr. Hogan: If you ever watch the Council meeting anything that I vote against you will see an explanation. It's very rare with that Council, but when I vote against something, I state it at the public meeting so that the people that elected me know my position and they know they way I'm thinking and whether they like it or not so when election time comes around if they think I think wrong, they get me out of there, I don't see anybody else on that Council doing that.

Mr. Foster: Paul, do we not have something in place now that when we vote or when we approve or disapprove that's against what the Planning & Zoning people do, don't we have something in place now or there's nothing there?

Mr. Hogan: No. The Council in its wisdom several years back changed the way the ordinance was originally written, it required a written report from this Commission. The Council in its wisdom said we don't need it and y'all just say yea or nay and let's just roll with it. But right now there's nothing, we get no explanation as to why.

Mr. Foster: If they recommend denial and we approve it that's it, that's the end of it?

Mr. Hogan: When they recommend denial and you recommend approval and you knew something that they don't know we need to know what did you know that they didn't know to help us make the decision as to whether we agree with you know that they didn't know.

Mr. Gibbs: Mr. Hogan I was going to wait until the end I'm having a heck of a time for the last 5 years you and I have been going back and forth with ordinances. I don't see where this is helping your constituents in your district and I don't see where anybody in the parish is asking for ordinance changes when we have thousands of them right now that we can't even enforce. I

don't understand and then you come up in a very adversarial way, you've been adversarial for 5 years. What is it that you have against this Commission? I don't follow your logic?

Mr. Hogan: Simply that yall don't explain your decisions, yall give no logic, no reasoning, yall don't explain nothing, yall sit up there, yall make a vote yea or nay and it does me no good. Why do I have to come up here and explain and yall going to make the decision, I express the case and yall just say no.

Mr. Gibbs: Because it doesn't make sense if we vote no, it makes sense if we vote yes. That's all we need to give you, it's a recommendation.

Mr. Hogan: And it doesn't make sense to me to explain why.

Mr. Gibbs: No one says we have to explain why Mr. Hogan and you're the only one on the Council that does practice that.

Mr. Hogan: That's why when I walked up here I said good evening Commissioners, thank you. All you need to do is vote yea or nay.

Mr. Gibbs: That's correct and when you sat down I was ready to open it up for public hearing and vote.

Mr. Hogan: I'm just here wasting my time so that we can get through this process.

Mr. Gibbs: I'm so glad that you realized it. It is a waste of time because we've got thousands of ordinances that we can't enforce now.

Mr. Hogan: Well that's the Parish President that you have to go and talk to about that because I agree with you. I agree completely.

Mr. Gibbs: Ok. We're adding more and more.

Mr. Hogan: This isn't adding anything. All it's saying is anything that adversely affect the community the Council is going to make the decision not an appointed board. That's all it does.

Mr. Gibbs: I think that we're just not going to see eye to eye with this. We're here to serve our constituents of this parish and this does not any way...

Mr. Hogan: It does.

Mr. Gibbs: In your opinion, but I've never seen anybody come to a Council person and say listen that Planning and Zoning Commission votes yea or nay and it's really bothering me. I've never seen that happen.

Mr. Hogan: If somebody wants to do an RV park next to your house and it's up to this Commission to do it and they approve it, you would not be happy that this local Commission instead of your elected representative made that call.

Mr. Gibbs: You're very correct but this whole Commission uses a lot of common sense and in that scenario I'm pretty sure that common sense would probably win out. It just wouldn't happen. We all use a lot of common sense up here, that's why a lot of this doesn't need to be explained, because it's common sense.

Mr. Hogan: Like I said, it's in front of yall, make the vote.

Mr. Foster: Let me ask a question, why was this changed?

Mr. Hogan: This wasn't changed, what was changed was the reporting part about providing a written report to the Council on the recommendation.

Mr. Foster: Why was that changed to not have it?

Mr. Hogan: You would have to go and ask the Councilmembers that were on the Council that voted to change it. Thank you.

Mr. Gibbs: Thank you Mr. Hogan. This is a public hearing for PZO-2014-11 is there anyone else in the audience that would care to speak for or against? Commission members cast your vote please.

YEAS: Loupe, Foster

NAYS: Gibbs, Booth, Frangella, Galliano

ABSENT: Pierre

Mr. Gibbs: That fails with Mr. Foster and Mr. Loupe voting for it.

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