



CITY OF CHARLESTON West Virginia



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Urban Renewal and Economic Development, Chair
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TO: Urban Renewal and Economic Development Committee
FROM: Brent Burton, Chair
RE: Committee Meeting

There will be a Committee meeting of Urban Renewal and Economic Development on January 23, 2020 at 5:30 PM, in the A/V Conference Room, City Hall, Room 308.

The agenda will be as follows:

Approval of Previous Minutes

1. 12-5-2019

Old Business

1. Bill No. 7836 - A Bill approving certain modifications of the West Side Community Renewal Plan for the City of Charleston, West Virginia with respect to: Building strong neighborhoods with access to social and health services; creating opportunities for infill housing partnerships and landbanking; expanding public transit into the community; creating opportunities for housing rehabilitation; improving access to open space and recreational activities; attracting development, business, jobs and training; improving neighborhood safety and blight removal; and incorporating complete streets.

Administration Updates

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MINUTES

URBAN RENEWAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

5:30 P. M., DECEMBER 5, 2019

A/V CONFERENCE ROOM

Naomi Bays, Committee Member, called the meeting of the Charleston City Council Committee on Urban Renewal and Economic Development to order at 5:30p.m., DECEMBER 5, 2019, in the Audio/Visual Room in City Hall.

Committee Members Present:

Brent Burton, Chair (arrived 5:37)
Ben Adams
Naomi Bays
Caitlin Cook (arrived 5:34)
Jennifer Pharr
Bobby Reishman

1. Approval of Previous Minutes – Councilmember Adams moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting on 11-7-2019. Councilmember Pharr seconded. There was no objection and the minutes were approved.

2. Itinerant Vendors (fairs and festivals) - (5:34)

Councilmember Bays introduced Mallory Richards and Maria Belcher from FestivAll. Councilmember Bays stated that in past years, FestivAll artists were not required to register as businesses and report their earnings. They were required to do so this year, and FestivAll was not expecting this last-minute expense. Those licenses were able to be pro-rated. She added that there needs to be a fair and equitable system in place for artists that sell goods during events such as FestivAll.

Chief of Staff, Matt Sutton, added that when the year started the new Administration determined that the process of registering businesses was not standardized. As a result, they directed the Collector's Office that absolutely every business should be registered and filing B&O taxes per City Code for a fair and even system. The current City Collector is now working on setting a threshold that would apply for the types of business to which Councilmember Bays was referring. While this is still a work in progress, the thought process is to credit these businesses for next year so that they do not have to obtain another business license. Mayor Goodwin added that the City is willing to help any business that is found to owe past B&O taxes, and have been by in part, but offering payment plan. They are currently working on a two-page info sheet to clarify the process of setting up and paying B&O taxes. From the audience, Councilmember Bailey suggested having a box on the 2nd quarter tax form to include the \$20 fee to streamline the process.

Councilmember Bays suggested having a license for the physical year (instead of the fiscal year of July-June) to prevent vendors from potentially having to obtain two licenses to attend various events.

Councilmember Pharr asked if the vendors needed to carry insurance. Sutton answered that it depended on the event (Live on the Levee, for example, requires it). Mallory Richards from FestivAll stated that smaller groups would not be able to afford that.

3. Administration Updates –

Councilmember Pharr confirmed that the proposed food vendor bill was being reworked by the City Attorney with the Committee's recommendations. They will most likely be presented to the updated draft early 2020.

The next scheduled meeting will be January 23, 2019 at 5:30, at which time the Committee will again take up Bill No. 7836.

Councilmember Reishman motioned to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Bays seconded.

Meeting adjourned.

Bill No. 7836

Introduced in Council

Passed by Council

October 7, 2019

Introduced by

Referred to

Brent Burton

**Urban Renewal and
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WHEREAS, City Council hereby finds that:

- a. The Charleston Urban Renewal Authority has recommended certain modifications of the West Side Community Renewal Plan for the City of Charleston, West Virginia;
- b. A general plan known as the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Charleston has been adopted by City Council and is recognized and used as a general guide for the development of the City;
- c. The Municipal Planning Commission of the City of Charleston has submitted to the Charleston Urban Renewal Authority its findings that these proposed modifications conform with said Comprehensive Plan; and
- d. City Council has duly considered said findings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA:

That the modifications to the West Side Community Renewal Plan, attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, are found to be in compliance with the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Charleston and are hereby adopted.
All prior Ordinances, inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of said inconsistency.