

Chicopee Planning Board Voting Record and Minutes

The Planning Board of the City of Chicopee public hearing for **Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 7 PM** City Council Chambers, 4th Floor, City Hall Annex, 274 Front Street, Chicopee, MA 01013 via video conference (Zoom)*.

Meeting was brought to order at 7:02 PM.

Planning Board Attendance

Member	Present	Absent	Excused
Michael Sarnelli, Chair	X		
Saulo DePaula, Vice Chair	X		
Melissa St. Germain, Clerk	X		
Cynthia Labrie	X		
Tom Reniewicz	X		
Ray Hoess-Brooks	X		

Planning Department Staff Attendance

Title	Name	Present	Absent	Excused
Director	Lee Pouliot	X		
Assistant Planner	Patrick McKenna			X
Development Manager	James Dawson			X
Associate Planner	Nathan Moreau	X		

***NOTE: Due to COVID-19, meeting was held via video conference (Zoom).**

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131, Section 40 the Chicopee Planning Board calls to order this public hearing today, April 8, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Board Members are meeting in person and through video conference utilizing Zoom.

In order to ensure and satisfy CDC social distancing guidelines during the COVID-19 Pandemic and pursuant to Governor Baker's March 23, 2020 Order as amended, the Chicopee Planning Board is conducting public hearings utilizing remote collaboration technology in accordance with Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 18.

Copies of application materials for items on the Board's agenda may be requested by phone: 413-594-1515 or by emailing Jim Dawson at jdawson@chicopeema.gov

Tonight's public hearings will be available for viewing via the Spectrum Community Access Channel 191 or the Chicopee TV website at www.facebook.com/ChicopeeTV or <https://vimeo.com/chicopeetv>

Public comment will be received during two timeframes. The first public comment period took place prior to the April 1, 2021 public hearings. The second public comment period occurred following the April 1, 2021 public hearings through April 8, 2021.

Public comments were submitted in writing to the Chicopee Planning Board, 4th floor City Hall Annex, 274 Front Street Chicopee, MA 01013. By email to Jim Dawson at jdawson@chicopeema.gov or by calling 413-594-1517. All comments received regarding the agenda items were be provided to all Board Members and will be discussed at this hearing on April 8, 2021.

ITEM 1: (Continued from April 1, 2021) Zone Change from Business A to Residential A for 19,963 SF of land. Location: Knapp St. Assessor Map 20, Parcels 9 and 10. Applicant: Alston Graham, 91 Ames Rd., Hampden, MA 01036

Notes: Ron Huot presented a review from the April 1, 2021 meeting on behalf of the Applicant. Zone Change request to make parcels 9 and 10 consistent with surrounding neighborhood. Proposal to create up to 9 building lots for single-family houses.

Motion to recommend approval was made by Raymond Hoess-Brooks and seconded by Cynthia Labrie. Vote was 6-0 to recommend approval to the City Council.

Member	Approve	Deny	Table	Abstain
Michael Sarnelli, Chair	X			
Saulo DePaula, Vice Chair	X			
Melissa St. Germain, Clerk	X			
Cynthia Labrie	X			
Tom Reniewicz	X			
Ray Hoess-Brooks	X			

ITEM 2: (Continued from April 1, 2021) Ordinance Amendment - Delete in its entirety Chapter 275-66 A and insert revised Chapter 275-66A Burnett Road. Full text available in the Department of Planning & Development and Conservation. Applicant: Ward 6 Councilor Derek Dobosz, City Council Office, City Hall Annex, 274 Front St., Chicopee, MA 01013

Notes: It is the Planning Department’s opinion that this Ordinance is an inappropriate way to handle traffic. Staff recommends denial this Ordinance Amendment.

Motion to recommend denial was made by Melissa St. Germain and seconded by Michael Sarnelli. Vote was 6-0 to recommend denial to the City Council.

Member	Approve	Deny	Table	Abstain
Michael Sarnelli, Chair		X		
Saulo DePaula, Vice Chair		X		
Melissa St. Germain, Clerk		X		
Cynthia Labrie		X		
Tom Reniewicz		X		
Ray Hoess-Brooks		X		

ITEM 3: ANRs

Notes: No ANRs

ITEM 4: New Business/Discussion

Notes: No Discussion

ITEM 5: Adjournment – Next meeting May 6, 2021

Motion to adjourn was made by Michael Sarnelli and seconded by Thomas Reniewicz. Vote was 6-0 to adjourn.

Member	Approve	Deny	Table	Abstain
Michael Sarnelli, Chair	X			
Saulo DePaula, Vice Chair	X			
Melissa St. Germain, Clerk	X			
Cynthia Labrie	X			
Tom Reniewicz	X			
Ray Hoess-Brooks	X			

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM.