

Call to Order at 6:35 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Council member Flanagan, Robertson, Lijewski, Mayor Humphrey

Absent: Council member O'Donnell

Staff Present: City Manager, Darwin Watson; City Clerk, Amy Fidler

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Flanagan, seconded by Robertson to approve the agenda:

Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion by Robertson, seconded by Lijewski to approve the consent agenda with September 20, 2021 Regular City Council meeting minutes:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Robertson, Lijewski, Flanagan, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT: O'Donnell

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 4-0.

City Manager Presentation: Summarized dates of how the City has got to this point with the short-term rental issue. Manager Watson announced that he will be holding a town hall meeting on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at City Hall to give more information and data regarding rentals.

Public Comment:

Mary Rose Denton

Ron Watson

Bart Goldberg

Diane Pyshos

Sharon Kelly

Edan Gelt

Bill Logothetis

Laura Murray

Ryan Nofziger

Adam Tynowski

Justin Kochs

Old Business

Review and discussion of proposed Zoning Amendment Ordinances:

City Attorney, Nick Curcio went over Proposal A and B and answered questions for the City Council.

City Manager Watson re-iterated that the City is doing now what should have occurred three years ago. He also stated that rentals are not being banned, the current 148 rentals will still be allowed to operate, the City is regulating as we move forward.

New Business

Retaining of Special Counsel (Straub, Seaman & Allen): Motion by Robertson, seconded by Lijewski to approve engagement of Straub, Seaman & Allen for special legal counsel for the City of New Buffalo:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Robertson, Lijewski, Flanagan, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT: O'Donnell

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 4-0.

City of New Buffalo Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment (Proposals A and B) – First Reading:

Motion by Humphrey, seconded by Robertson to introduce STR Zoning Ordinance Proposal A for its first reading, and to direct staff to make the two modifications outlined in the staff memo prior to the Council's consideration of the proposal for final adoption:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Flanagan, Lijewski, Robertson, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT: O'Donnell

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 4-0.

Adjournment:

Motion by Flanagan, seconded by Robertson to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Lijewski, Robertson, Flanagan, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT: O'Donnell

ABSTAIN:

Motion Carried, 4-0.

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John Humphrey, Mayor

Ann M. Fidler, City Clerk