

New Plymouth City Council Meeting
MONDAY
March 21, 2022
6:00 P.M.
New Plymouth City Council Chambers

On the 21st of March 2022, the New Plymouth City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Mayor Rick York.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Randy Frates.

Roll call was taken with council members Rick York, Cora Kurth, Eileen Balcer, and Bill Warnke present.

Staff members in attendance were Clerk Danielle Painter, Deputy Clerk Marianne Gatchell, City Superintendent Beau Ziemer, and City Attorney Dan Chadwick.

March 7, 2022 City Council Minutes- Action Item

Councilwoman Balcer made a motion to approve the minutes from March 7, 2022. Councilman Warnke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claim Approvals- Action Item

Councilwoman Balcer made a motion to approve claim approvals totalling \$99,244.99. Councilwoman Kurth seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Hearing- Zone Change from Res B to Industrial 147 SE Blvd, Zone Change from Commercial to Industrial 155 SE Blvd, Zone Change from Commercial to Industrial 418 SE Ave

Public Hearing Opened 6:02 p.m.

Opening statement given by Snowball 7.0 LLC attorney Brad Crockett 12209 E Mission Ave Suite 5, Spokane Valley, WA 99206 Brad Crockett addressed the council on behalf of his clients Snowball. They are requesting 3 parcels for zone changes. This will allow the mill to continue to operate safely & effectively. If they aren't allowed the zone changes, they will unfortunately have to relocate out of New Plymouth. The current residential property at 147 SE Blvd will be used for mostly storage of lumber which will give them more area to operate on the other two parcels. They have added additional shifts which offers more employment opportunities. They have raised wages & have added benefits as well as a 401 K program. They are working on moving more of the operations indoors which will help on the noise. They have made several improvements to the property and will continue to do so. They are adhering to the noise decibels per operating hours of city code.

Written testimony read by city clerk Danielle Painter.

FOR- Lou Slagle 110 Myrtle St NP

FOR- Misty Anderson 6208 James St NP

Public Testimony

FOR- Adam Houry 147 SE Blvd NP

FOR- William Griffith 4645 SE 1st Ave NP

FOR- Jake Brown 3994 Rustler Rd NP

FOR- Tom Rogers 301 W Locust St NP

FOR- Steven Middleton 1450 2nd Ave N Payette

FOR- Michael Franz 244 E Park St NP

FOR- Katie Aullman 301 W Locust St NP

FOR- Eric Sanchez 923 State St Weiser

FOR- Bill Ramsey 5225 Hwy 72 NP

FOR- James Cote 2620 S Galloway Lane Spokane Valley WA 99307

FOR- Brock Cooper 4563 SEW 2nd Ave NP

FOR- Dale Williamson 501 E Idaho St NP

NEUTRAL- Written testimony read by city clerk Danielle Painter

Ray Brogan no address given

NEUTRAL- Chad Brock 324 S Plymouth NP

NEUTRAL- Bryan Brandon 213 SE Blvd NP

AGAINST- Written testimony read by city clerk Danielle Painter

Jamie Hawker written testimony is not pertaining to the zone change so it will not be included in the public record.

AGAINST- Jerrel Frates 143 SE Blvd NP

AGAINST- Jeffrey Carlston 4488 SE 1st Ave NP

AGAINST- Jack Bodas 137 SE Blvd NP

AGAINST- Justin Frates 5231 SE 1st Ave NP

AGAINST- Josh Frates 5225 SE 1st Ave NP

AGAINST- Randy Frates address stated homeless

AGAINST- Merle Lingel 4540 SE 1st Ave NP

AGAINST- Emily Pope 143 SE Blvd

Closing Statement by Brad Crockett addressing concerns from the public.

Public Hearing Closed 7:22 p.m.

Councilwoman Balcer disclosed that she and Teresa Allen have had a conversation regarding the residential house. But that conversation has nothing to do with her decision in this zone change.

Discussion between council regarding the areas of concern brought forward by the public. They are happy to hear that T & T want to be good neighbours. They will be addressing the noise levels and are looking into building a wall that will act as a sound barrier between the mill and the residential area. They are taking into consideration the decision made by the planning and zoning commission.

New Business-

- a. Zone Change 147 SE Blvd (Action Item)

Councilman Warnke made a motion to deny the zone change for 147 SE Blvd from Res B to Industrial. Motion dies for lack of a second.

Councilman Warnke made a motion to grant the zone change for 147 SE Blvd from Res B to Industrial. Councilwoman Balcer seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Councilman Warnke, yes. Councilwoman Kurth, no. Councilwoman Balcer, yes. 2 yeses. 1 no. Motion carried.

- b. Zone Change 155 SE Blvd (Action Item)

Councilman Warnke made a motion to grant the zone change for 155 SE Blvd from Commercial to Industrial. Councilwoman Balcer seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Councilman Warnke, yes. Councilwoman Kurth, yes. Councilwoman Balcer, yes. 3 yeses. Motion carried.

- c. Zone Change 418 SE Ave (Action Item)

Councilman Warnke made a motion to grant the zone change for 418 SE Ave from Commercial to Industrial. Councilwoman Balcer seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Councilman Warnke, yes. Councilwoman Kurth, yes. Councilwoman Balcer, yes. 3 yeses. Motion carried.

- d. Spring Clean-Up Dates (Action Item)

Councilwoman Balcer made a motion to set the spring clean up dates for 3/28/2022-4/25/2022 with an alternate start date of 4/4/2022-5/02/2022 depending on dumpster availability. Councilwoman Kurth seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- e. City Council Appointment (Action Item) Mayor York announced the candidate for the city council appointment, introducing Heather Airoidi 110 SE Blvd NP. The council asked some questions of the

candidate. Heather addressed the council & said she was looking forward to serving the community by being a councilwoman.

Councilwoman Balcer made a motion to accept the appointment of Heather Airoidi to the city council of New Plymouth. Councilwoman Kurth seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Councilman Warnke, yes. Councilwoman Kurth, yes. Councilwoman Balcer, yes. 3 yeses. Motion carried

Department Reports

- a. Engineer's Status Report- Beau reports that the tank coating is going well. They're sandblasting during the day. So far there has been no complaints about the water.

Mayor & Council Comments

Councilwoman Balcer asked when the road work will start at Harvest Creek. Beau said there was too much mud which is why it's taking a little longer to start. Andy Gehrke has requested an official meeting with Harvest Creek. They haven't heard back from them yet. The curb & gutter have to be completed before the street can be paved. Councilwoman Balcer asked that if we haven't heard back from them by the next council meeting, we want the developer here in front of the council.

Adjournment

Councilman Warnke moved to adjourn the council meeting. Councilwoman Balcer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 P.M.

Approve:

Attest:

Rick York, Mayor

Danielle Painter, City Clerk