



City of Milwaukee

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Meeting Minutes ZONING CODE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

TEODROS MEDHIN, CHAIR
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Wednesday, June 23, 2010

2:00 PM

Room 301-A, City Hall

Meeting convened: 2:03 P.M.

Present 3 - Medhin, Mukamal and Richardson

Excused 1 - Roberts

1. 100136

An ordinance relating to zoning regulations for businesses that buy used jewelry or gold.

Sponsors: Ald. Bohl and Ald. Witkowski

Ald. Terry Witkowski, co-sponsor of the file, was present. He presented the rationale for the ordinance.

Atty. Mukamal questioned if secondhand gold and jewelry buyers re-sell their purchases or solely melt them down. Ald. Witkowski noted that these businesses do re-sell their purchases. Atty. Mukamal was concerned that these businesses are not really secondhand stores as they do melt down their purchases and they don't simply re-sell them. He also noted that the legislative record needs to be created to show the rational basis for the different zoning classification for these businesses - hard data and reports should be submitted to the file prior to the committee hearing.

Atty. Mukamal is concerned that the definition also encompasses jewelry stores that do this as a side business, which results in a number of jewelry stores becoming non-conforming businesses. These jewelry stores may provide this service for existing customers, but aren't solely doing this as their main business. Ald. Witkowski stated that Milwaukee and Greenfield police officers testified at a Licenses Committee on June 2, 2010 as part of Council File 100121 as to the ties between these stores and crime incidents. Atty. Mukamal encouraged the sponsor to add studies to support this legislation and also consider primary versus secondary cash-for-gold sale, although the proposed legislation is legal.

Atty. Mukamal moved, seconded by Mr. Richardson, to recommend approval, subject to the creation of a legislative record. There were no objections.

2. 100274

An ordinance relating to design standards for transmission towers.

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This file merely codifies the intent of the ordinance relating to the number of towers when the original ordinance was passed.

Atty. Mukamal moved, seconded by Mr. Richardson, to recommend approval. There

were no objections.

3. 100247

An ordinance adopting the Citywide Policy Plan and 13 Area Comprehensive Plans as the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Atty. Mukamal would like the Dept of City Development web site link changed to read "Citywide Comprehensive Plan" rather than "Citywide Policy Plan".

Atty. Mukamal moved, seconded by Mr. Richardson, to recommend approval. There were no objections.

Meeting adjourned: 2:23 P.M.

Linda M. Elmer

Staff Assistant