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Meeting Minutes

ZONING CODE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

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Wednesday, June 21, 2017

2:30 PM

Room 301-B, Third Floor, City Hall

Meeting convened at 2:35 p.m.

Present 4 - Medhin, Mukamal, Richardson, Roberts

Individuals also present:

*Jeff Osterman, Legislative Reference Bureau
Greg Patin, Department of City Development*

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A substitute ordinance relating to requirements for bicycle parking spaces.

Sponsors: Ald. Kovac

Members gave congratulatory remarks to fellow member Roberts, who is retiring.

Member Richardson gave initial remarks. The code currently does have bicycle parking requirements, which were created back in 2002. Bicycling has become a much more popular activity and is being encouraged by comprehensive plans. There is a need to be more specific in bicycle parking requirements.

Mr. Patin said that he has been working on crafting bicycle parking requirements for the last few years. Interim guidelines created last year have been tested in areas of discretionary review and through some major projects. Since then, the requirements have been tweaked. Citywide policies, comprehensive plans, and the Milwaukee by Bike plan encourage bicycle ridership. Many area plans cross-reference the Milwaukee by Bike plan. Bicycling has increased, helps maintain a healthy and sustainable city, and decreases motor vehicle congestion. Businesses are promoting bicycling to bring in customers. Relying on bicycling as a rationale mode of transportation requires bicycle parking.

Mr. Patin said that the proposed ordinance will make bicycle parking regulations easy to find and understand with respect to parking space locations and the number of spaces required. The ordinance also addresses mixed-use and mixed-occupancy buildings. Also defined are short term bicycle parking for visitors and customers and long term bicycle parking for residents or employees. A number of national standards that speak to bicycle parking requirements from comparable cities were studied. The new bicycle parking requirements will be in table form to have the same level of clarity as motor vehicle parking requirements in the zoning code. The proposed ordinance addresses the location of bicycle racks, which were not

addressed previously, and will help plan examiners and those who install the racks with a better understanding of appropriate locations to install the racks. There had been confusion due to lack of clarity on the location and number of bicycle spaces in permit cases.

Member Mukamal said that the proposed ordinance is legal and enforceable subject to a proper record being made.

Member Roberts questioned if bicycle parking regulations would be applicable in situations that do not require permits or inspections, such as with parking lot alterations and changes in occupancy. He also stated that the intent of the proposed ordinance should be made clear to users and plan examiners for uniform and consistent enforcement. The proposed ordinance should not slow or delay the plan review and occupancy permit processes.

Mr. Patin replied. Bicycle parking regulations would be applicable only for parking lot alterations that require permitting and only when motor vehicle parking regulations would apply when occupancy uses change. The ordinance can be made clearer in this respect. He can confirm with plan examiners.

Member Richardson said that the proposed ordinance will make the zoning code clearer for a plan examiner to understand.

Member Richardson moved that the proposed ordinance meets the standards of legality and enforceability, consistency with the format of the zoning code, and administrative efficiency, subject to a proper record being made. There were no objections.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

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