

**CITY OF LACONIA - CITY COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING  
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & ORDINANCES  
6:00 P.M.**

4/25/2022 - Minutes

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Soucy called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM

**2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Councilor Soucy led the salute to the flag

**3. RECORDING SECRETARY**

Katie Gargano, City Clerk

**4. ROLL CALL**

City Clerk Gargano called the roll of Councilor Cheney, Councilor Soucy and Councilor Felch.

All committee members were in attendance and a quorum was established.

Historic District Committee members present: Councilor Haynes as City Council Representative, Charlie St. Clair, Karl Reitz, Hillary Martin & Tara Shore

**5. STAFF IN ATTENDANCE**

Rob Mora, Assistant Planning Director

**6. GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & ORDINANCES (Soucy (Chair), Felch, Cheney)**

**6.A. Discussion of the Historic Overlay District current and proposed boundaries**

Mr. Mora passed out a map to the Historic Committee Members showing the proposed Historic District expansion, Councilors already had copies from the prior meeting.

Councilor Soucy requested that the map be revised with the ages of the buildings.

Councilor Cheney stated that they are not opposed by all that is proposed but they'd like to see a list of what is historic and what isn't historic and what doesn't need to be preserved.

Ms. Shore went through the Ordinance of what would qualify a parcel as historic in Section 3 of the Ordinance and gave examples of certain buildings within the proposed district that would not qualify.

Mr. Reitz stated that he thought the ordinance was to be used as a tool with the Committee and the Council. He highly suggests that the City Councilors see the document that Mae Williams created for the Historic District Committee.

Ms. Shore said that they hired Mae Williams to construct a full document that details the proposed expansion of the historic district.

Ms. Shore reiterated that prior to anyone coming to the Historic District Committee; all applicants are filtered through the Planning Department. When someone comes in for permission, the Planning Department will determine if they must go see the Historic District Committee. She noted she spoke to the Planning Director about the timeline. And it shouldn't add anymore time to the applicant's process.

Councilor Soucy said that they were told the opposite, by having to schedule a meeting with the Historic District Committee it could hold up the process of someone trying to do a project on their building.

Ms. Shore stated that City owned property does not have to adhere to the Historic District rules but they under our current leadership they have, and the Committee appreciated that.

The consensus between both groups is they want to work together to expand the existing Historic District and there may be some additional changes made to the existing ordinance.

The Council members will be seeking to get a copy of Ms. Williams report to review and they indicated they needed more time to review the existing ordinance and then they will reach out to have another meeting with the Historic District Committee.

#### **7. CITIZENS REQUESTS TO COMMENT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS**

None

#### **8. Any other business that may come before the Committee**

None

#### **9. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Soucy adjourned the meeting at 6:54 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Gargano, City Clerk