

Chicopee Planning Board Voting Record and Minutes

The Planning Board of the City of Chicopee public hearing for **Thursday, March 3, 2022 at 7 PM** Chambers Conference Room, 4th Floor, City Hall Annex, 274 Front Street, Chicopee, MA 01013

Meeting was brought to order at 7:00 PM.

Planning Board Attendance

Member	Present	Absent	Excused
Michael Sarnelli, Chair	X		
Saulo DePaula, Vice Chair			X
Cynthia Labrie	X		
Tom Reniewicz	X		
Ray Hoess-Brooks			X
Samuel Shumsky	X		

Planning Department Staff Attendance

Title	Name	Present	Absent	Excused
Director	Lee Pouliot			X
Development Manager	James Dawson	X		
Associate Planner	Nathan Moreau			X

ITEM 1: Ordinance Amendment - Delete in its entirety Chapter 275-66 A - Burnett Road, and replace with new Chapter 275-66 A - Burnett Road language. Full text of new language available in the Planning Department. Applicant: Councilor Derek Dobosz (Ward 6), City Hall Annex, City Council Office, 274 Front St. Chicopee, MA

Notes: Staff reviewed the Ordinance Amendment with the Board, explaining the proposed changes. Staff noted that the Board has been in opposition to this Ordinance since its inception. The Board voted to recommend denial of the amendment.

Motion to deny was made by Thomas Reniewicz and seconded by Samuel Shumsky. Vote was 4-0 to recommend denial to the City Council.

Member	Approve	Deny	Table	Abstain
Michael Sarnelli, Chair		X		
Cynthia Labrie		X		
Tom Reniewicz		X		
Samuel Shumsky		X		

ITEM 2: Preliminary Site Plan for the construction of a self-storage facility to be located on Shawinigan Dr. (Assessor Map 187, Parcel 1B). Applicant: JLL Real Estate, LLC., 5 Wandering Meadows Lane, Wilbraham, MA 01095

Notes: The Applicant requested to table their Preliminary Site Plan application to April 7, 2022. Chair Michael Sarnelli read the letter requesting to table into the record of the meeting. The Board voted to accept the request to table to April 7, 2022.

Motion to table was made by Thomas Reniewicz and seconded by Cynthia Labrie. Vote was 4-0 to table the Preliminary Site Plan application to April 7, 2022.

Member	Approve	Deny	Table	Abstain
Michael Sarnelli, Chair			X	
Cynthia Labrie			X	
Tom Reniewicz			X	
Samuel Shumsky			X	

ITEM 3: Liquor License - New Annual Beer/Wine Package Store License. Location: 398 Front St. Chicopee, MA Applicant: Fruit Life Inc. D/B/A Fruit Fair, c/o Jared Newell, 44 Buckingham St., Springfield, MA 01109

Notes: The Applicants/Owners presented their request for a Liquor License to the Board. They explained that they had made many improvements to the Fruit Fair grocery store including adding a hot food buffet and it was their desire to add sales of beer and wine to what they offered at the store. One Abutter spoke about the improvements that had occurred and noted the Applicants/Owners were responsive of her concerns, she was in favor of the Liquor License. The Board voted to recommend approval of the license to the License Commission.

Motion to recommend approval was made by Thomas Reniewicz and seconded by Samuel Shumsky. Vote was 4-0 to recommend approval to the License Commission.

Member	Approve	Deny	Table	Abstain
Michael Sarnelli, Chair	X			
Cynthia Labrie	X			
Tom Reniewicz	X			
Samuel Shumsky	X			

ITEM 4: ANRs

Notes: Staff noted there were no ANRs to act on.

ITEM 5: Minutes from February 3, 2022

Notes: Thomas Reniewicz abstained from the vote on the minutes as he was not in attendance for the February 3, 2022 meeting.

Motion to approve was made by Samuel Shumsky and seconded by Cynthia Labrie. Vote was 3 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention.

Member	Approve	Deny	Table	Abstain
Michael Sarnelli, Chair	X			
Cynthia Labrie	X			
Tom Reniewicz				X
Samuel Shumsky	X			

ITEM 6: New Business/Discussion

Notes: Staff explained that beginning April 7, 2022 the Board meetings would be back to in person for all Board Members.

Staff reminded the Board Members that Board Elections would be held at the April 7, 2022 meeting.

ITEM 7: Adjournment next meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2022.

Motion to adjourn was made by Cynthia Labrie and seconded by Samuel Shumsky. Vote was 4-0 to adjourn.

Member	Approve	Deny	Table	Abstain
Michael Sarnelli, Chair	X			
Cynthia Labrie	X			
Tom Reniewicz	X			
Samuel Shumsky	X			

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.