

Council met in **PUBLIC HEARING** on Monday, November 14, 2011, at 7:26 P.M. in Council Chambers with President Maurer presiding. Members present: Anderson, Avant, Judge, Lysenko, Megyes, Soyars, Suboticki, and Wagner. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to discuss a **text amendment to the Barberton Development Code regarding “Alternative Energy Systems,” Section 1250.10.**

President Maurer said Mr. Stefan, Assistant Planning Director, has requested a public hearing on an ordinance that has been reviewed and has a certain sense of urgency to it regarding renewable power systems that may be appearing in the City in the relatively near term.

Mr. Stefan, Assistant Planning Director, said this public hearing is to discuss a text amendment to Chapter 1250 of the Barberton Development Code entitled “Alternative Energy System Regulations.” He said there was also a public hearing held last Wednesday, November 9, 2011, before the Planning Commission. He said at that meeting, the Planning Commission unanimously recommended to City Council to go forward with this text amendment ... with corrections. He said those corrections have been made and they are included in the packet everyone has received.

Mr. Stefan said he would like to thank Mr. Bauschlinger, Building Commissioner, for all the time he put into working on this legislation with him. He said they created a text amendment that deals with alternative energy systems. He said those alternative energy systems are wind power, solar power, as well as outdoor furnace or burning of approved fuels. He said this text amendment regulates where they can be built, how they can be built, and any setbacks that go with them, approved fuels, as well as definitions of all of those systems.

Mr. Stefan said, as mentioned, a Planning Commission Meeting was held last Wednesday and a few people did speak at that meeting. He said he wants to thank the Planning Commission for all their time and effort because the public hearing turned into more of a work session that lasted over two hours. He said the Mayor was there for a portion of the meeting as well as Mr. Palmer. He said they went page by page through the document created by the Building Commissioner and Planning Department and addressed all the different issues to come up with a document that is before you right now.

Mr. Stefan asked if there were any questions from Council or the public.

Mr. Stefan said everyone was given a copy of the draft prior to the Planning Commission Meeting. He said that draft is what the Planning Commission worked through and made some corrections. He said those changes were discussed in the Planning Committee.

President Maurer asked if there were any questions regarding this public hearing.

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There were none.

President Maurer said hearing no questions or comments, this public hearing was closed.

Adjourned 7:30 P.M.

Frederick S. Maurer
President of Council

Susan Matuch
Clerk of Council