

MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING
JULY 15, 2013 – 6:15 P.M.

ORDINANCE NO. 16-13 AMEND CHAPTER 19, ZONING
ORDINANCE, SECTION 25 – DEFINITIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 17-13 AMEND CHAPTER 19, ZONING
ORDINANCE – TABLE OF USES, TABLE 4.A.5

Mayor Spencer opened the public hearing at 6:15 p.m.

Development Services Director Sharples gave a description of the proposal. He indicated that earlier in the year the City Council held a goal-setting session and started talking about the downtown improvement project. A few uses were brought up that they did not feel belong in the downtown area.

City Manager Belmore added that the proposed changes reflect our Master Plan and how to create revitalization in the downtown area.

Director Sharples described the business district. The creation of a central business district was formed by a proposal from the City Council goal-setting session and looking at the Master Plan. The uses discussed coincided with what is before you tonight. The proposed uses went forward to the Planning Board and they recommend approval. The proposal would prohibit laundries/dry cleaning establishments, convenience/motor vehicle repair shops and motor vehicle services. There are five repair businesses in the business district, and they would be grandfathered in perpetuity. The purpose of the proposal is to prohibit gas stations, not convenience stores.

Councilor Sprague said he is concerned with the auto aspect of this. If rail and other modes of transportation come in to our community, he would hate to see someone come in and not have the needed services. We also need to think about the future. We could amend this in the future as we are doing with convenience stores.

Councilor Witham said we could pass this as is tonight and move forward and better design motor vehicle services in the future to meet what is needed.

Mayor Spencer closed the public hearing at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. DuBois, City Clerk

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ORDINANCE NO. 18-13 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR
THE PURCHASE OF THE FORMER POLICE STATION

Mayor Spencer opened the public hearing at 6:30 p.m.

There were no comments from the public

Mayor Spencer closed the public hearing at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. DuBois, City Clerk