



**City of Hamtramck Meeting**  
Department of Community and Economic Development  
Regular Plan Commission Meeting  
December 2, 2020  
6:30 P.M.  
Zoom/Facebook Live  
313.800.5233 ext. 316

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**Agenda**

1. **Call to Order**
  - A. The meeting was called to order at 6:37pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
  - A. All stood for the pledge of allegiance.
3. **Roll Call**
  - A. Present: Tom Habitz, Mayor Majewski, Galaan Dafa, Mohamed Alsomiri. Scott Collins came at 7:08. Councilmember: Fadel Al-Marsoumi
  - B. Absent: Farhana Islam.
4. **Approval of Minutes:**
  - October 7, 2020
  - Dafa motioned and Majewski seconds to approve the minutes. The motion passes unanimously.
5. **Public Comment (2 Minutes per Person)**
  - A. The following members of the public spoke.
    - i. Aziz Saleh- in favor of enclosed porches that meet all safety standards
    - ii. Luqman Saleh- in favor of enclosed porches
    - iii. Sam Alasri- in favor of enclosed porches and leaving the choice up to homeowners
    - iv. Nasser Kaid- in favor of enclosed porches. People should choose what they want to do.Habitz closed public comment.
6. **Old Business**
  - A. There was no old business.
7. **New Business**
  - A. **Discussion of potential zoning ordinance change to porch requirement with council rep**
    - i. PC members and Councilman Al-Marsoumi discuss why the plan commission did not recommend the amendment to remove the requirement for unenclosed front porches and multiple councilmembers are in support of it.
    - ii. Stamper explains that removing the requirement would allow any homeowner in the city to enclose their porch because that would not leave anything in the zoning ordinance regulating porches.

- iii. Stamper reads the letter from the Fire Marshall included as a separate document with these minutes.
- iv. Al-Marsoumi discusses the reasoning for the amendment, that homeowners are seeking more privacy for religious and cultural reasons.
- v. Alsomiri wants to help the people that want to close their porches, says it's not everyone.
- vi. Habitz, Collins, Dafa discuss urban design concerns with removing the requirement.
- vii. Majewski asks what the next steps are- should the city (whether the PC, different departments, etc) come to agreement of guidelines for enclosed porches before council removes the requirement?
- viii. Decision is ultimately up to council, but PC members and Al-Marsoumi discuss adding some guidelines for enclosed porches to alleviate the concerns of the Fire Marshall and provide some design standards.
- ix. **Collins motions to recommend that City Council table any action on changes to the porch ordinances and work with the city, Plan Commission, and the Fire Marshall to come up with a revised ordinance that satisfies the best practices of urban and master planning and satisfies the diverse population in the city and everyone's interests in the matter to the greatest extent we can. Majewski seconds. The motion passes unanimously.**

#### 10. Commission Announcements

There were no commission announcements.

#### 11. Staff Announcements

- a. **Welcome new members.**
- b. **2021 meeting dates (unofficial)**
  - i. Stamper will send out the 2021 schedule.

#### 12. Adjournment

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