

**CITY OF NORWALK
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION & ZONING COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 21, 2016**

DRAFT NOT APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONS

PRESENT FOR THE ZONING COMMISSION: Adam Blank, Chair; Nate Sumpter; Douglas Stern; Roderick Johnson; Michael Witherspoon; Joseph Passero; Galen Wright-Wells; Michael O'Reilly; Richard Roina; Louis Schulman

PRESENT FOR THE PLANNING COMMISSION: Frances DiMeglio, acting as chair; Walter McLaughlin; Steven Ferguson; David Davidson; George Tsiranides; William Dunne and Nora King (both arrived just as Mr. Wrinn finished calling the roll.)

STAFF: Mike Wrinn

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Blank called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Mr. Wrinn first called the roll for the Planning Commission and then for the Zoning Commission.

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

**** MR. BLANK MOVED:** for the Planning and Zoning Commissioners to go into Executive Session. Before the commissioners went into Executive Session, Mr. Davidson read a statement into the record as follows: "In the interest of public transparency I the discussion of the staffing the Planning and Zoning Office, that is on our agenda this evening, I requested of the Corporation Counsel the possibility of discussing the preparation of the job description and of the search process for that position in open session. The Corporation Counsel indicated that discussion of these subjects are only proper during executive session."

Mr. Witherspoon seconded.

Adam Blank, Chair; Nate Sumpter; Douglas Stern; Roderick Johnson; Michael Witherspoon; Joseph Passero; Galen Wright-Wells; Michael O'Reilly; Richard Roina; Louis Schulman; Frances DiMeglio, acting as chair; Walter McLaughlin; Steven Ferguson; George Tsirandes; William Dunne and Nora King voted in favor. No one opposed. David Davidson abstained.

All of the commissioners agreed to go into Executive Session. At this point everyone left the room.

a. Discussion of staffing for Planning & Zoning office

IV. RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Special Meeting resumed at 7:55 p.m. when the commissioners returned from Executive Session.

V. REPORT OF ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEES: Planning Commission & Zoning Commission

a. Action on staffing of Planning & Zoning office – Report & recommended action

**** MR. BLANK MOVED:** to accept the recommendation of the Search Committee to hire Steven Kleppin as the Director of the Planning and Zoning Department.

Mr. Sumpter seconded.

Adam Blank, Chair; Nate Sumpter; Douglas Stern; Roderick Johnson; Michael Witherspoon; Galen Wriugh-Wells; Michael O'Reilly; Richard Roina; Louis Schulman.

No one opposed.

Joseph Passero abstained.

**** MS. DIMEGLIO MOVED:** to accept the recommendation of the Search Committee to hire Steven Kleppin as the Director of the Planning and Zoning Department.

Steven Ferguson seconded.

Before the vote, Mr. Davidson read another statement into the record as follow: I will be abstaining from the vote for the proposed Director of Planning and Zoning. This abstention is due to my objection to the process used in selecting the candidate, both in how the job description used in the selection was prepared and in how the job search process was conducted. It is not a declaration as to the quality of the candidate.

Frances DiMeglio, Walter McLaughlin; Steven Ferguson; David Davidson; George Tsirandes; and Nora King voted in favor.

William Dunne opposed.

David Davidson abstained.

VI. COMMENTS OF ACTING DIRECTOR

Mr. Wrinn welcomed Mr. Kleppin.

VII. COMMENTS OF COMMISSIONERS

Ms. DiMeglio thanked Mr. Wrinn for his outstanding job in continuing the work of the Planning and Zoning Department as well as his work ethic and dedication in all the months prior to this.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Palmentiero