

April 8th, 2024

Mayor Sharrard opened the regular meeting of the Gaylord City Council with a prayer by Council Member Wilson at 7:00pm on Monday April 8th, 2024, in the City Council Chambers, located in the Gaylord City Hall, 305 East Main Street, Gaylord, Michigan. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America followed the invocation.

Members Present: Sharrard, Awrey, Ouellette, Jaques, Ryan, Witt, Wilson

Members Absent: None

Motion by Ouellette, supported by Awrey to amend the agenda and add the Cost Adjustments for MDOT S. Otsego Business Loop Project as item #28.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Witt, supported by Wilson to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and to accept them as presented.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Public Hearing regarding the Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate Application was opened at 7:02pm.

Public Comment:

Henry Mason, Livingston Township, spoke during public comment.

Public hearing closed at 7:23pm.

New Business:

Motion by Witt, supported by Jaques, to approve the Resolution approving the Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate application.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Wilson, supported by Witt, to approve the following amendments to the sign ordinance, second reading.

THE CITY OF GAYLORD ORDAINS:

Section 1: Amendment of Section 7a(2).

Section 7a titled "Permitted Signs in C-1 (General Commercial) District" is amended at subsection (2) to read as follows:

2. *All other businesses located in a C-1 District have an aggregate sign area on the primary front of the business not exceeding two (2) square feet per lineal foot of primary frontage. If the business has one or more non-primary frontages along public roadways, the business may elect one secondary front. The secondary front has additional aggregate sign area not exceeding two (2) square feet per lineal foot of secondary frontage. No portion of the aggregate sign area of a front may be used for the other. Businesses may utilize canopy signs, free-standing signs, marquee signs, projecting signs, under-canopy signs and wall signs as long as the aggregate square footage of all signs do not exceed the square footage allowed in this section.*

Section 2: Amendment of Section 7b(2).

Section 7b title "Permitted Signs in C-2 (Central Commercial) District" is amended at subsection (2) to read as follows:

2. *All other businesses located in a C-2 District have an aggregate sign area on the primary front of the business not exceeding two (2) square feet per lineal foot of primary frontage. If the business has one or more non-primary frontages along public roadways, the business may elect one secondary front. The secondary front has additional aggregate sign area not exceeding two (2) square feet per lineal foot of secondary frontage. No portion of the aggregate sign area of a front may be used for the other. Businesses may utilize canopy signs, free-standing signs, marquee signs, projecting signs, under-canopy signs and wall signs as long as the aggregate square footage of all signs do not exceed the square footage allowed in this section.*

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Wilson, supported by Witt, to approve the outdoor café permit application for El Patron.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried

Motion by Jaques, supported by Witt, to approve the charitable solicitors permit application for Tanner Catt and the donation station at 829 W Main St.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Witt, supported by Ouellette, to approve the proclamation-Sexual Assault Awareness Month-April 2024

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Ouellette, supported by Jaques, to approve the employee agreement-Assistant DPW Superintendent.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Ouellette, supported by Wilson, to deny the zoning ordinance change-migrant housing in the M-1 district.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 1. Motion carried

Motion by Wilson, supported by Ouellette, to approve the DDA Liquor License at 330 W Main St.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Witt, supported by Wilson, to approve the Assessment Records Access Policy.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Witt, supported by Wilson, to approve the expenditures.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Wilson, supported by Witt, to approve the cost adjustments for MDOT's S. Otsego Business Loop Project.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

There being no further business for discussion, motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Travis Hewitt, City Treasurer

Todd Sharrard, Mayor

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
APPROVAL OF COMMERCIAL REHABILITATION EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE APPLICATION**

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127 West Main Street - COM 177 FT E OF INTER OF S LINE OF MAIN ST & E LINE OF F ST AS POB TH E 48 FT, S 132 FT, W 66 FT, N 92 FT, E 18 FT, TH N 40 FT TO POB, SEC 4 T30N R3W OUTLOT 85 2014 DESCRIPTION CORRECTED TO INCLUDE THE SOUTH 16 FT OF THIS DECRPTION WHICH WAS PREVIOUSLY LEFT OFF BECAUSE OF AN UTLITY EASEMENT, Tax Parcel No.: 101-104-000-100-00.

Approval of a Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate will allow the City to grant a tax abatement to new qualified Commercial Building Rehabilitation to occur on this property. It does not change existing property values nor does it allow for abatement of taxes on the existing building. It does, however, allow for exemption from local taxes on new investment or improvements made for a period of up to 10 years.

Written and oral comments will be heard during the public hearing. Written comments can be mailed to the attention of the Gaylord City Council, City of Gaylord, 305 East Main Street, Gaylord, MI 49735 or via email at molskij@cityofgaylord.org

Jennifer Molski
Clerk

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