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**PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Date:** Thursday, September 3, 2020  
**Time:** 10:30 a.m.  
**Location:** Remotely via Zoom/Broadcast on Gardner YouTube Channel\*

*ANNOUNCEMENT - Any person may make a video or audio recording of an open session of a meeting, or may transmit the meeting through any medium, subject to reasonable requirements of the chair as to the number, placement and operation of equipment used so as not to interfere with the conduct of the meeting. Any person intending to make such recording shall notify the Chair forthwith. All Documents referenced or used during the meeting must be submitted in duplicate to the Chair, pursuant to the Open Meeting and Public Records Law. All documents shall become part of the official record of the meeting.*

- I. Review and Approval of the March 2, 2020 Meeting Minutes.
- II. FY2021 Budget Hearings with Departments within the Committee's Oversight.
- III. #10305 – A Petition by Traven Development LLC to renew the designation of two (2) parcels at 525 Parker Street as a Development Overlay District 1 (*In City Council and Referred to Public Welfare, 8/3/2020*).
- III. Other Business.
- IV. Adjournment

*NOTICE: The listing of Agenda items are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.*

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*\*Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §20, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Public Welfare Committee will be conducted via remote participation and broadcast live on the City's YouTube Channel. The audio recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of proceedings will be posted on the City's website as soon as possible after the meeting.*

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Councillor Scott Joseph Graves, Chairman of the Public Welfare Committee, called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, Room 219. Committee member Councillor Judy Mack was also present. Councillor James Boone was absent. City Clerk Alan Agnelli was also present.

**Minutes of Prior Meetings**

On a motion by Councillor Judy Mack and seconded by Chairman Scott Joseph Graves, it was voted to accept the January 15, 2020 Meeting Minutes, as printed.

**#10207, An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Gardner, Chapter 675 Thereof, Entitled “Zoning,” to Amend Section 675-610, General Requirements, Sec. F and Section 675-1050, Fences and Hedgerows (In City Council and Referred to Public Welfare, 11/18/2019).**

Chairman Graves noted that the Public Hearing was held and that resident Chris Pera offered several suggestions. The Planning Board then submitted recommended changes to the City Council. He spoke with Roland Jean and he said that he is fine with the Planning Board’s recommended changes to “curb lines.”

On a motion by Councillor Judy Mack and seconded by Chairman Graves, it was voted to recommend to the City Council that the following Ordinance be ordered to First Printing (AMENDED TO INCORPORATE THE PLANNING BOARD’S RECOMMENDATIONS OUTLINED IN ITS FEBRUARY 3, 2020 CORRESPONDENCE (Changes are yellow-highlighted)).

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GARDNER, CHAPTER 675 THEREOF, ENTITLED “ZONING,” TO REVISE ARTICLE VI, DENSITY AND DIMENSIONAL REGULATIONS, AND ARTICLE X, SUPPLEMENTAL REGULATIONS.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Gardner, as follows:

Section 1. Section 675–610. General Requirements, Section F, of the Code of the City of Gardner, is amended by deleting and repealing Section F in its entirety and inserting in place thereof, the following:

Within an area formed by the **curb** lines of intersecting streets and a line joining points on such lines **30** feet distant from their point of intersection or, in case of a rounded corner, from the point of intersection of their tangents, no structure shall be erected and no foliage maintained between a height of 3 feet and a height of eight feet above the plane through their **street** grades.

Section 2. Section 675–1050. Fences and hedgerows, is hereby amended by deleting and repealing Section 675-1050 in its entirety and inserting in place thereof, the following:

Fences dividing property or facing the street shall have the smooth or unclimbable side facing out. At corners, no fence or hedgerow shall be allowed to block vision over **3** feet above the street grade within an area formed by the intersecting **curb** lines and straight line joining the point of said **curb** lines **30** feet back from their points of

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intersection. Fencing and hedgerows running perpendicular to the streets shall not be allowed to block vision over 3 feet above the street grade for a distance of 15 feet along driveways immediate in location.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall become effective upon passage and publication as required by law. Any claims of invalidity by reason of any defect in the procedure of adoption may only be made ninety days after the posting or the second publication.

**Adjournment**

On a motion Councillor Judy Mack and seconded by Chairman Graves, it was voted to adjourn at 6:52 p.m.