

**PUBLIC HEARING OF FEBRUARY 21, 2017**

Tuesday evening, February 21, 2017. Joint Public Hearing of the City Council and Planning Board held in the Council Chamber, City Hall.

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Ronald Cormier called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00 o'clock p.m.

CALL OF THE ROLL

City Clerk Alan Agnelli called the Roll of City Councillors. Eleven (11) members were present, including President Ronald Cormier and Councillors James Boone, Nathan Boudreau, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Scott Graves, Karen Hardern, James Johnson, Marc Morgan, Paul Tassone, and Matthew Vance.

The City Clerk called the Roll of Planning Board Members. Five (5) members were present including, Robert Bettez, Sr., Laura Casker, Allen Gross, Mark Schafron, and Robert Swartz.

President Cormier announced that the Public Hearing was called, as follows:

Pursuant to G.L. c. 40A, § 5, notice is hereby given that the City Council and Planning Board will conduct a Joint Public Hearing on **Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.** in the City Council Chamber, Room 219, City Hall, to consider amending the Code of the City of Gardner, Chapter 675: Zoning, by changing the classification from General Residential III to Commercial I for a portion of a certain parcel of land situated at 229 Parker Street. The complete amendment is available for viewing in the City Clerk's Office; the Department of Community Development & Planning; or on the City's website at www.gardner-ma.gov under "**MEETINGS.**" All persons interested in this matter and desire to offer testimony are invited to attend the hearing.

GARDNER CITY COUNCIL
ALAN L. AGNELLI, City Clerk

President Cormier asked if any person in attendance wished to speak in favor of the proposed Ordinance amendment.

Trevor Beauregard, Community Development & Planning Director, stated that the Planning Board voted at its January 10, 2017 meeting to recommend passage of the change of a portion of the parcel of land at 229 Parker Street from Residential 3 to Commercial I.



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David Bojarczuk, GFA Chief Financial Officer, testified that the GFA has been operating at 229 Parker Street and is planning an expansion to its facility in the area that is already commercially zoned and would benefit by having the entire parcel commercially zoned.

President Cormier asked three times if any person in attendance wished to speak in opposition to the proposed Ordinance. No one responded.

There being no response, President Cormier declared the Hearing closed at 7:04 p.m.

Accepted by the City Council: *March 6, 2017*