

Brookville City Council
Special Meeting
September 17, 2019

The Special Meeting for a joint Public Hearing of the Brookville City Council and Brookville Planning Commission was called to order by Mayor Letner at 6:30 p.m. on September 17, 2019 in the Brookville Council Chambers. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Council Members Crane, Schreier, Swabb, Wilder, and Zimmerlin; City Manager/Interim Finance Director Keaton, Police Chief Jerome, Zoning Officer Snedeker and Law Director Stephan were present. Member Fowler, Clerk Wheeler and Fire Chief Fletcher were absent.

Roll Call by City Manager/Interim Finance Director Keaton.

Motion by Zimmerlin, second by Schreier to approve the Agenda as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Law Director Stephan advised the Public Hearing tonight is to receive public testimony on Ordinance No. 2019-05, which would amend the zoning of part of Lot 2652, formerly part of Lot 2173, of the City of Brookville from its present classification of Highway Service District to the new classification of I-2 General Industrial District. He informed notice of this Public Hearing was published in the Brookville Star, and notices were sent to adjoining property owners as required by 4.11 of the Charter of the City of Brookville. He stated the property under consideration is approximately 9.4 acres currently zoned Highway Service and located within Lot 2652 of the City of Brookville. He informed the parcel is adjacent to West Campus Boulevard and Collective Way and the area to be re-zoned is within the green area on the map presented to City Council and displayed on the overhead screen for the public.

Law Director Stephan stated anyone who wishes to participate in the Public Hearing will need to be sworn in. He asked if there is anyone who would like to testify?

Law Director Stephan swore in members of the audience who would like to speak during the Public Hearing.

John Blanchard, of GM's Local Government Relations Office located at 300 Renaissance Center in Detroit, Michigan, stated he has been sworn in. Mr. Blanchard stated he is happy to be here on behalf of General Motors. He stated this is a critical project for them. He informed the project would feature a 250,000 square foot facility and would bring 117 new jobs to Brookville. He informed if the project goes through, it would support the Duramax plant in Moraine.

Law Director Stephan asked if there was anyone else who would like to speak?

Law Director Stephan swore in Jeff Reichard, of Reichard Chevrolet in Brookville.

Jeff Reichard, of Reichard Chevrolet in Brookville, stated this project would be very important to the community and also important for his business. He stated in his opinion, this facility would actually bring in more than the estimated 117 jobs because of the suppliers it would bring in.

Law Director Stephan swore in Troy Pitsch, Civil Engineer from Ghafarri, the engineering company for the facility.

Troy Pitsch, Civil Engineer from Ghafarri, the engineering company for the facility, stated the rezoning of this area will make it a site with zoning appropriate for what is going in there.

Motion by Zimmerlin, second by Crane to adjourn. All yeas, motion carried.


Sonja Keaton, City Manager


Charles Letner, Mayor