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HEARING NOTES

Ordinance: 20-0539

Rezoning - 555 Dundalk Avenue and Block 6694, Lot 142

Committee: Land Use
Chaired by: Councilmember Edward Reisinger

Hearing Date: August 19, 2020
Time (Beginning): 1:00 PM
Time (Ending): 1:20 PM
Location: Webex Virtual Hearing
Total Attendance: Approximately 35 people

Committee Members in Attendance:
Edward Reisinger Shannon Sneed
Mary Pat Clarke Eric Costello
Ryan Dorsey Sharon Green Middleton
Leon Pinkett Robert Stokes

Bill Synopsis in the file? [X] YES [] NO [] N/A
Attendance sheet in the file? [X] YES [] NO [] N/A
Agency reports read? [X] YES [] NO [] N/A
Hearing televised or audio-digitally recorded? [X] YES [] NO [] N/A
Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file? [X] YES [] NO [] N/A
Evidence of notification to property owners? [X] YES [] NO [] N/A
Final vote taken at this hearing? [X] YES [] NO [] N/A
Motioned by: Middleton
Seconded by: Clarke
Final Vote: Fav. with Amendments

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

Matt DeSantis, Department of Planning
Victor Tervalá, Law Department
Caroline Hecker, Representative for the Applicant

Major Issues Discussed

1. Chairman Reisinger called the hearing to order; read the bill number, title, and purpose; and confirmed that the public notice requirements were met.
2. Councilman Cohen explained that the bill corrects a mistake in the zoning for the property from the last comprehensive rezoning. He further noted that he supports the amendment proposed by the Planning Commission to rezone the property to C-4.
3. Matt DeSantis summarized the Planning Staff's report and the Planning Commission's recommendation. He emphasized that the current zoning was a mistake based on the former commercial zoning of the site, its historic use as a commercial property, and its relatively small size making it non-viable for industrial use. He further discussed the rationale behind the Planning Commission's proposed amendment.
4. Representatives from the other City agencies confirmed the recommendations in their written reports.
5. Caroline Hecker explained the reasoning for the applicant's original rezoning request and noted that the applicant supports the Planning Commission amendment to rezone the property to C-4.
6. The committee voted to approve the findings of fact.
7. The committee voted to recommend the Planning Commission amendment.
8. The committee voted to recommend the bill favorably as amended.

Further Study

Was further study requested?

Yes No

If yes, describe.

Committee Vote:

E. Reisinger: **Yea**
S. Sneed: **Yea**
M. Clarke: **Yea**
E. Costello: **Yea**
R. Dorsey: **Yea**
S. Middleton: **Yea**
L. Pinkett: **Yea**
R. Stokes: **Yea**



Matthew L. Peters, Committee Staff

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