



Legislation Text

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Discussion of issues related to a possible request to the Planning and Zoning Commission to amend the zoning ordinance to allow the use of external shipping containers under certain conditions in the General Commercial zoning district.

Summary:

This item is a continuation of the discussion regarding Wal-Mart's request for use of seasonal external shipping containers, which was discussed at Council workshop on June 20 and July 18, 2017. On June 20th Council heard from Wal-Mart officials regarding their seasonal needs for outdoor storage. That discussion concluded with consensus that staff and City Attorney Jim Fox would work to draft an ordinance for Council's future consideration which accommodated Wal-Mart while upholding certain standards specified by the City.

Staff then sought assistance on this matter from attorney Kim Mickelson with the firm Olson and Olson, who previously assisted the City in the creation of our new Master Comprehensive Plan, Zoning Ordinance update, and Subdivision Ordinance update. Ms. Mickelson prepared a draft ordinance which was discussed at the July 18th workshop. Council provided input and requested the City Attorney bring back the draft ordinance with certain changes to the August 1, 2017 workshop and regular meeting.

At the August 1st workshop Council will have further discussion of the latest draft of the ordinance. At the August 1st regular meeting Council will consider possibly referring the proposed ordinance to the Planning and Zoning Commission to consider an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to allow the use of external shipping containers under certain conditions in the General Commercial zoning district.

The timetable to consider the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance is as follows:

August 1: Council referral to P & Z

August 7: P&Z schedules a Preliminary Public Hearing

September 11: Preliminary Public Hearing. P&Z makes a report to Council.

September 19: Council considers report from P&Z and calls a Joint Public hearing with P&Z for October 17th

October 17: Council and P&Z conduct Joint Public Hearing. Council votes on Ordinance

Fiscal/Budgetary Impact:

N/A

Discussion only.