

**CITY OF SALEM
CONTINUATION JOINT PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING BOARD
SEPTEMBER 30, 2021, AT 7:00 P.M.**

A Continuation of a Joint Public Hearing of the City Council and Planning Board was held remotely on Thursday, September 30, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. for the purpose of discussing a Zoning Ordinance Amendment relative to the Waterfront Industrial Overlay District (WIOD). The complete text of the proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance is noted below and on file and available for inspection by calling or emailing the City Clerk's Office, 93 Washington Street, Salem, MA at 978-619-5610 or isimon@saalem.com or the Department of Planning & Community Development, 2nd floor, City Hall Annex, 98 Washington Street, Salem, MA. 978-619-5685.

Notice of this meeting was posted on September 17, 2021, at 9:30 A.M. and advertised in the Salem News on June 30, 2021, and July 7, 2021.

Councillor Flynn and Councillor Prosniewski were absent. Councillor Dominguez arrived at 7:08 pm.

Councillor Christine Madore Presiding

The Planning Board members present were Bill Grisct, Chair, Zach Caunter, Carole Hamilton, Sara Tarbet, Todd Waller, Helen Sides and Tom Furey.

Also in attendance were the following: Amanda Chiancola, Assistant City Planner and Cassandra Moskos.

AMENDING ZONING RELATIVE TO THE WATERFRONT INDUSTRIAL OVERLAY DISTRICT (WIOD)
(SEE COMPLETE TEXT BELOW)

In the year two thousand and Twenty-One

An Ordinance to amend an Ordinance relative Zoning

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Salem, as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 8.6 – Waterfront Industrial Overlay District (WIOD) of the City of Salem Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended by adding a new table entry to 8.6.3 – Permitted Uses with the following:

PRINCIPAL USES	WIOD
C. HOUSING USES	
Planned Unit Development.....	N

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect as provided by City Charter.

Councillor Turiel stated he was looking to move the meeting until November 16th because of ongoing talks between the City Solicitor's office and Shetland. Shetland is trying to come up with a stakeholder group.

Councillor Dibble stated that businesses at Shetland are concerned that they will be evicted and they will lose their businesses and jobs. Wants to know what everybody's thoughts are. Councillor Dibble is against housing there. Businesses haven't had leases renewed, some rents went up and they lost parking.

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Councillor Turiel stated the entire reason we are here is due to the threat of what is happening there. He doesn't have a problem housing at site but has a problem with businesses being displaced for housing. This is why we have a stakeholder group. If we have an agreement, then we can continue as long as meeting stays open nothing else can happen. Goal is for all businesses serving Salem residents and employing Salem residents.

Bill Griset, Planning Board Chair stated that Councillor Turiel hit the nail on the head. Agrees that Salem businesses employ salem residents. And it is a good opportunity for stakeholders to meet an make this a better project. Important that businesses be maintained.

Tom Furey, Planning Board Member, stated that the waterfront and harbor new frontier. Look at the City of Beverly; it was United Shoe and now it is the Cummings Center. This could give us an opportunity to have the same. It has infinite possibilities. We should not limit it. It will be positive for the neighborhood.

Councillor McCarthy had some legal questions. We need to keep this hearing open. We were all shocked when Shetland filed with the State. Since then they have stepped back. We need to engage them and bring them back to the table. Don't want development to overpower the neighborhood or city.

Councillor Turiel moved that the Public Hearing remain open until November 16, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. The motion was adopted by a roll call vote of 9 Yeas, 0 Nays and 2 Abs

Councillor Turiel moved that the meeting by adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm by a roll call vote of 9 Yeas, 0 Nays and 2 Abs

ATTEST:

ILENE SIMONS

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