



Westfield City Council Report

Ordinance Number: 12-31
APC Petition Number: 1210-ZOA-03
Petitioner: City of Westfield
Requested Action: The City of Westfield is proposing ordinance 12-31 to update the Park Impact Fee.
Filing Date: September 28, 2012
Referral Date to APC: October 8, 2012
APC Public Hearing: October 15, 2012
APC Recommendation: October 15, 2012
Eligible for Adoption: October 29, 2012

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PETITION HISTORY

This item was introduced to the City Council on October 8, 2012. The Advisory Plan Commission (the "APC") held a public hearing on October 15, 2012. It was approved by the APC during the October 15, 2012 meeting. Certification of the vote is provided as Exhibit 1.

PROCEDURAL

- Park Impact Fee Ordinances are required to be adopted in the same manner as zoning ordinances per Ind. Code § 36-7-4-1311.
- The Advisory Plan Commission (the "APC") held a public hearing on October 15, 2012, at the direction of the City Council.
- Notification of the October 15, 2012 public hearing was provided in accordance with the Advisory Plan Commission Rules of Procedure.
- The Westfield City Council may take action on this item at the October 29, 2012 meeting.
- The existing City of Westfield Park Impact Fee Ordinance 07-32 will expire June 10, 2013; therefore, action must be taken on this item by December 10, 2012 per Ind. Code § 36-7-4-1300 series.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Project Description

State statute, Ind. Code § 36-7-4-1300, requires the City Council to review and approve the Zone Improvement Plan (the “ZIP”) (1209-CPA-02) prior to making changes to a park impact fee. The Westfield Park Impact Fee Ordinance (the “Ordinance”) establishes a fee and schedule of implementation for a park impact fee.

The Ordinance complies with the statutory requirements for a park impact fee ordinance. The Ordinance would apply to residential development within the City’s corporate limits. Collected fees could then be applied to public parks within the corporate limits.

There were no comments were received from the public during the public hearing on October 15, 2012 or in writing prior to the meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTIONS

- Community Development Department [October 15, 2012]
The Westfield Economic and Community Development Staff, made a recommendation that the APC forward a favorable recommendation to the City Council.

- Advisory Plan Commission [October 15, 2012]
The Westfield-Washington Advisory Plan Commission has forwarded a unanimous favorable recommendation to the City Council (7-0).

- City Council
 - Introduction: [October 8, 2012]
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