
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Subject: Continue discussion of request from Rick Cordes to construct an accessory structure in the 1000 block of Sixth Avenue

Background Summary:

At the May 12, 2021 planning session, Rick Cordes presented a request to build an accessory structure (three stall garage) on a vacant lot located on the south side of Sixth Avenue east of J Street. Since Mr. Cordes lives outside of the Charles City corporate limits, Ordinance 1139, which allows City residents to construct accessory structures on vacant lots, does not apply. The topic was discussed at length but no solution or resolution to the matter was decided.

Mr. Cordes is seeking additional consideration for his request to construct the garage on the vacant lot on Sixth Avenue. The Council is scheduled to again discuss this matter with Mr. Cordes at Monday's planning session.

Since Ordinance 1139 cannot be used in this situation, the Council can take no action and Mr. Cordes' building permit request will be denied, or the Council can direct the Planning and Zoning Commission to study the ordinance and make a recommendation for a revision to the ordinance. A revision can be implemented through the ordinance amendment process or made a part of the new unified development ordinance (zoning ordinance).

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