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Yellow Pages

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Honorable Mark D. Boughton, Mayor
Common Council Members

May 20, 2008

Chair Colleen Stanley called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. In attendance were committee members Councilman Johnson and Councilman Visconti. Atty. Laszlo Pinter, Corporation Counsel and the petitioner, Lynn Taborsak were also in attendance.

Chair Stanley stated that the call of the meeting was to discuss the unwanted Yellow Pages left on public and residents' property.

Atty. Pinter read the letter from the petitioner, Lynn Taborsak regarding the Yellow Pages distribution in August, 2007. He stated that the ordinance could be amended to include this type of material. The Police Department or UNIT could be the designated enforcer. Any ordinance would need to be crafted to protect the rights of people who wish to receive such materials.

It was noted that the Yellow Book and NewsTimes advertisements are distributed in the same manner.

Councilwoman Stanley suggested writing a letter to the Yellow Book, Yellow Pages and NewsTimes stating the concerns and advising them of the ordinance. She stated that she spoke with Yellow Book personally and that they said that they were unaware of any issue.

The petitioner referred to Sec.4-4 Obstruction to Public Travel Ordinance. Atty. Pinter advised that Sec.4-4 was written in 1925 as a public travel matter and the issue under discussion would be better suited in the litter ordinance.

Councilman Johnson moved to notify the Yellow Book, SNET and NewsTimes by letter that there is an ordinance regarding litter, there have been numerous complaints about the books and that they could be fined for leaving the materials on the ground for long periods of time. The unwanted books should be picked up and disposed of. Councilwoman Stanley amended the motion to state the consequences of leaving the material after a determined amount of time. Second by Councilman Visconti. **Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

Councilman Visconti moved to adjourn at 6:55P.M. Second by Councilman Johnson. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Stanley, Chairwoman

James Johnson

Fred Visconti