

CITIZENS COMMENTS
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The number and location of the sites listed in Resolution 73-2023 decimate the current zoning ordinances and districts. It will erase the need for a Zoning Board of Adjustment and appears to cripple the authority of the Planning Board. Please provide the rationale for the possible adoption.

I request that you not pass this resolution. Please obtain and share with us residents an analysis of the effect on the zoning ordinances and prospective new construction of housing and apartment buildings.

Relative to all of this, would you consider adjusting the schedule for submission of agenda items from both the council members and administration? Instead of a Wednesday deadline for the agenda before your meeting, schedule the deadline one week earlier. It would give all ample time for all members to read and digest the items and supporting documents. Then the members could alert you about any concerns that they have. All of you then would become prepared to discuss them with the department heads who, in turn, could address your concerns before the public at your meetings.

Finally, each meeting the council introduces and passes named days or celebrations in honor of some cause or previously adopted item. They appear to recur annually. Are you able to pass it once and note them on a calendar on the website or in some type of public notice published in the newspapers?

Be assured that residents do appreciate that you sacrifice time and energy. The suggestions appear to contribute to a humane lifestyle. A major advantage of having the agenda according to such a schedule is that it would allow each member of the council to have ample time to complete whatever research they need. Moreover, with the escalating public obligations, you still would have time to enjoy, fulfill your public obligations, and maintain a family life during the weekends.