



CITY OF PARK RIDGE

MEMORANDUM

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

DATE: June 18, 2018
TO: Elected Officials
FROM: Mayor Marty Maloney
RE: Mayoral Veto of the Ordinance granting a Special Use for a Professional Office (Ground Floor) at 104 Main Street

Tonight I am taking action to veto the Ordinance granting Special Use for a Professional Office (Ground Floor) at 104 Main Street.

I have taken time to review the meeting video from the two readings that came to Council and passed as well as the minutes of the minutes and findings of fact put forward by the Planning and Zoning Commission. While I appreciate the desires of the applicant as well as the property owner, I cannot overlook what else is happening on that block of Main Street. We have businesses that are drawing people to the area, and taking advantage of their unique position near the train station to actually bring people to the area who do not live in Park Ridge. This Special Use will not draw people to Main Street, which is what is happening with the other businesses on that block. There is momentum growing based upon the businesses that are in place and this Special Use will not be consistent with what else we are seeing there. It is unclear to me if this location will employ new employees to the area or simply housing employees that will be moved from one location to the other, and I do not see this as one that bring people into the area / city.

We have already granted a Special Use for this applicant on Prospect and in that space, I feel, they did not live up to what they stated to council they would do in return for the Special Use. Only when they had a second special use coming to Council did they follow through on what they had promised they would deliver, and even then it was only after I contacted them directly to share some of the concerns that had been expressed to me.

The granting of this Special Use might make sense if this location were outside of our core business district. We are allowing this use to remove a location on Main Street that could provide retail, service, dining, or some other opportunity that would capitalize on everything that is happening on that block and in that area.

I appreciate the time and effort that everyone has put into their decision making, but I believe that the use should be different and be something that is attractive and more consistent with those directly around it and provide the same benefit to the community that those businesses do.

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THE CITY OF PARK RIDGE IS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING EXCELLENCE IN CITY SERVICES IN ORDER TO UPHOLD A HIGH QUALITY OF LIFE, SO OUR COMMUNITY REMAINS A WONDERFUL PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK.