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Minutes of the Building and Lands Committee Meeting held September 21, 2026, at 7:15 P.M. Present in Council Chambers were Chairman Janik, Mr. Dembinski, Mr. Nahorn, Mr. Wachholz, Ms. Harmych, Mr. Mowcomber, Mr. Winiarski, Council President Wasilk, Mayor Costilow, Auditor Phillips, Treasurer Miller, Law Director Pecora, Assistant Law Director Rachel Reinbolt, and Safety Service Director Jeffreys.

A-26-38 Ordinance to establish a temporary moratorium on the Construction of DATA Centers within the City of Amherst until June 20, with an automatic six month extension.

Mr. Dembinski summarized the July meeting about data centers and the proposal for them at the Nordson property. The majority of opinions of those who spoke were against Data Centers. Going through the Zoning Board would follow due process. We have other commercial properties and the Building Department said Data Centers would need a variance. The measure would prohibit data centers larger than 2.5 megawatt until June 30, 2027. Explanation clause Section 3 enables businesses to look at properties like #2 Nordson with potential to reach technology at other corporate offices.

Mr. Winiarski spoke to the Law Director's comments and instead of a one-year moratorium, six months is looked on more favorably by the courts.

Mrs. Wasilk felt the word "temporary" seems redundant. Mr. Mowcomber agreed and said Section 2 should be amended to remove the automatic six-month extension.

There was more discussion about making any amendments at the upcoming council meeting. It was then sent to council floor without any changes. Changes may be made at the Council meeting during the first reading.

Mr. Winiarski motioned to take this to the floor of Council. Seconded by Mr. Nahorn. Voice vote 7-0 to take to the floor of Council.

Mr. Winiarski motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Wachholz. Vote 7-0 to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

David Janik, Chairman
Building and Lands Committee