

expenditure of public funds; to make adequate provisions for traffic; to secure safety from fire, panic, and other dangers; to prevent the overcrowding of land and to avoid undue concentration of population; to provide adequate light and air; and to make adequate provision for public utilities, water, sewage disposal, parks, and other public requirements.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

176. There shall be a planning and zoning commission which shall consist of five members. Four members of the commission shall be appointed by the mayor with the advice and consent of the board of aldermen. One alderman appointed by the board of aldermen shall serve as an ex officio member of the commission. The members of the planning commission and of the zoning commission of the city at the time this charter becomes effective shall serve as members of the planning and zoning commission until the expiration of their present terms of office. The first appointment made to the commission under the provisions of this charter shall be a member of the board of aldermen appointed by the board of aldermen as above provided. All members of the planning and zoning commission appointed under the provisions of this charter shall serve for terms of four years. The commission shall appoint one of its members as chairman. The compensation of the members of the commission shall be determined by the board of aldermen except that the ~~aldermen~~ ALDERMAN shall receive no additional compensation for his services.

VACANCIES

177. If the member of the board of aldermen serving on the planning and zoning commission ceases to be a member of the board of aldermen before the expiration of his term on the planning and zoning commission, the board of aldermen shall appoint another alderman to serve on the planning and zoning commission for the remainder of the unexpired term. Vacancies among the other four members of the commission shall be filled by the mayor with the advice and consent of the board of aldermen for the remainder of the unexpired term.

DUTIES

178. The planning and zoning commission shall have the power and shall be required: