

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 1, 2022

Call to Order

Councilwoman Jenny Hill, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:37 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the John P. Franklin, Sr. City Council Building. A quorum was present that also included Chairman Darrin Ledford and Councilpersons Chip Henderson, Ken Smith, Isiah Hester, Carol Berz, and Marvene Noel. Councilwoman Demetrus Coonrod joined the quorum at 3:40 p.m. Others present were Phil Noblett, Deputy City Attorney, and Kyana Grady, Council Administrative Assistant. Vice Chair Raquetta Dotley was not present in this meeting.

Others in Attendance

Mayor's Office: Joda Thongnopnua, Chief of Staff; Regional Planning: Karen Rennich, Deputy Director.

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Chairman Ledford, the minutes of the last meeting (October 4, 2022) were approved as published.

Zoning Code Update

Ms. Rennich updated the Council on the Zoning Code updates, advising of public meetings being held to address any concerns and gain input from residents. She welcomed members of the public to attend the meetings, noting that the details are listed on the RPA website.

Ordinances (Final Reading)– Agenda Item 5A

This item had been discussed at previous open meetings. Upon no questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Item 7H & 7I

These items had been discussed at previous open meetings. Upon no questions or comments, the issues were closed.

Next Week's Agenda:

October 11, 2022

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Item 6A

Ms. Rennich presented the case to the Council. Councilman Henderson informed the Council that he has spoken with the applicant and was informed of their intent to withdraw this item. Councilman Henderson inquired with Ms. Rennich of her knowledge of the intent and questioned if she was able to verify with the applicant. Ms. Rennich advised she had been in

contact with the applicant and received verification from the applicant via email before the meeting. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Item 6B – 6E

These items had been discussed at previous open meetings. Upon no questions or comments, the issues were closed.

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Item 6F

Ms. Rennich presented this case to the Council. Councilwoman Berz informed the Council that she has meetings with the applicant this week to verify, but this item may be withdrawn or deferred.

Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Item 6G

Ms. Rennich presented this rezoning ordinance at 7725 Lee Highway to the Council. Councilwoman Berz expressed gratitude to her colleagues for their diligence in preparation of this item. She stated she has had multiple meetings with the surrounding area leadership, referencing Silverdale Baptist Church and Silverdale Academy. She then read a statement given by the leadership of the community to put the statement on record.

Councilman Henderson informed the Council of his intention to propose a resolution next week to codify Mayor Kelly's agreement with the community leadership, presented at the October 26th Community Meeting. He wanted the resolution to direct Administration to include the agreement for RPA consideration. He advised he was proposing the resolution to coincide with the zoning request for the community.

Chairman Ledford asked Mr. Thongnopnua about the need to rezone the area if the number of rooms were not being altered. Mr. Thongnopnua deferred the question to Ms. Rennich who informed the Chairman it was required due to density regulation.

Councilwoman Coonrod noted her concern with statements made to her from constituents on this matter. She requested the proposed resolution and the Community Agreement be given to Council to review prior to being submitted to the Agenda.

Councilman Smith inquired if the resolution had already been approved to be added to the agenda for next week, and when it would appear. Chairman Ledford informed that he has not reviewed the resolution in question and recommended approaching with caution.

Councilwoman Hill inquired about the community members included in the Community Agreement. She then commented on considering every aspect of the composition of the agreement.

A discussion ensued among Council and Mr. Thongnopnua regarding the following:

- Postponing the resolution for Council to review and provide feedback;
- Considering alternate implementations to enforce the Community Agreement;
- Ensuring Administration accountability.

Upon the conclusion of the discussion, Councilman Henderson advised that he would compose the proposed resolution and disburse it among Council to review and give input. Councilwoman Hill advised Councilman Henderson to ensure the submittal aligned with the zoning timeline if he intended to have the two items incorporated. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Item 6H – 6J

These items had been discussed at previous open meetings. Upon no questions or comments, the issues were closed.

Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Item 6K

Ms. Rennich presented this case to the Council and responded to Councilwoman Coonrod on why the item was recommended for denial by staff. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Councilwoman Hill adjourned the meeting at 4:18 p.m.