



PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION MINUTES

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

7:00 pm

1. Invocation - Suspended
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Call to Order – **The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.** All members were present.
4. Public Comment – There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Paul Moore and seconded by Fred Edwards to close the public hearing. The motion passed unanimously 7-0.

5. Approval of Action Minutes – November 17, 2010 Planning Commission Meeting.

A motion was made Paul Moore and seconded by Jennifer Fletcher to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously 5-0-2 with Commissioner Edwards and Creamer abstaining.

6. **New Business-** 1) Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for 2011.

Paul Moore nominated George Ragsdale for Chairperson, seconded by Curtis Mills. There were no additional nominations. Paul Moore made a motion to close nominations, seconded by Fred Edwards. The Commission voted unanimously 7-0 to elect George Ragsdale as Chairperson.

Curtis Mills nominated Paul Moore for Vice-Chairperson, seconded by Joe Creamer. There were no additional nominations. Paul Moore made a motion to close nominations, seconded by Fred Edwards. The Commission voted unanimously 7-0 to elect Paul Moore as Vice-Chairperson.

7. **Old Business-** 1) Continued discussion of Code Enforcement and possible implementation of a code violation matrix. City Attorney Ken Jarrard will be present to answer the Planning Commission's questions.

After lengthy discussions regarding code violations and how to most effectively implement them, it was decided that the Planning Commission would craft the purpose of utilizing a violation matrix. This would be discussed with the Municipal Judges and Solicitor by representatives of the Planning Commission and City Staff prior to any further implementation.

- 2) Discussion of RZ10-06 and RZ10-08 amending Sections 64-1820 and 64-1 for the Landscaping business Use Permit and



Definition as requested by the Mayor and City Council at their December 20, 2010 meeting.

Staff presented the Planning Commission points from the Mayor and City Council's discussion on December 20, 2010 for the Planning Commission to discuss. There was lengthy discussion regarding the various issues between Staff, City Attorney and the Planning Commission.

RZ10-06 - A motion was made by Paul Moore and seconded by Curtis Mills to recommend that Landscape Businesses not be permitted within the AG-1 (Agricultural) District and withdraw the recommendation to amend RZ10-06. Commissioners Moore, Mills and Fletcher voted in favor of the motion, Commissioners Ragsdale, Doty, Creamer, and Edwards voted against the motion. The motion failed.

A new motion was made by Chairman George Ragsdale and seconded by Paul Moore to recommend to the Mayor and City Council they approve one of the following two alternatives: 1) To approve the Planning Commission's amendments to RZ10-06 to the Use Permit for a Landscape Business with the changes recommended by the City Attorney and to explain to the City Council the Planning Commission's reasoning for the amendments or 2) To delete landscape businesses from the AG-1 (Agricultural) district and allow it in C-1 (Community Business) district. Commissioners Ragsdale, Moore, Doty, Fletcher, Creamer, and Edwards voted in favor of the motion and Commissioner Mills voted against the motion. The motion was approved 6-1.

RZ10-08 – A motion was made by Paul Moore and Seconded by Joe Creamer to approve the amended definition for Landscape Business with the recommended changes as discussed. Commissioners Ragsdale, Moore, Doty, Fletcher, Creamer, and Edwards voted in favor of the motion and Commissioner Mills voted against the motion. The motion was approved 6-1.

- 3) Update on Joint Work Session with the Hwy 9 Design Guidelines Committee and future text amendments to SR 9 Overlay District and new Deerfield Overlay District.

Mr. Vince Catanzaro, a volunteer in behalf of the Milton Disabilities Awareness Committee (MDAC) asked that MDAC be contacted regarding the proposed text amendments. The Planning Commission agreed to meet prior to the March



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regular Planning Commission meeting to have a work session to discuss the text amendments. They asked Staff to invite the Hwy 9 Design Guidelines Committee to join them on Wednesday, March 9, 2011 at 7:00 pm.

- 4) Update on Future Text Amendments/Projects for the Planning Commission.

Director Lynn Tully updated the Planning Commission on the various projects that are ongoing and in the future.

8. Adjourn

A motion was made by Joe Creamer and seconded by Paul Moore to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously 7-0. Time of adjournment was 9:39 p.m.

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Date Approved

GRagsdale

George Ragsdale, Chairperson