

MINUTES
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING

Monday, October 1, 2007 - 6:00 P.M.
CITY HALL
209 South Washington Street, Kaufman, Texas 75142

CHAIRMAN	ANITA HALL	
VICE-CHAIRMAN	BURTON BROWN	
COMMISSIONER	TIM KING	(Absent)
COMMISSIONER	PATSY LEFTWICH	
COMMISSIONER	LARRY NELSON	
COMMISSIONER	LOUIS TIJERINA	
COMMISSIONER	KENNY CAMPBELL	

CALL TO ORDER

CHAIRMAN STATES TIME AND DATE; DECLARES A QUORUM PRESENT.

Chairman Hall called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Monday, October 1, 2007. Commissioners present were Chairman Anita Hall, Vice-Chairman Burton Brown, Commissioner Patsy Leftwich, Commissioner Larry Nelson, Commissioner Louis Tijerina, and Commissioner Kenny Campbell. Chairman Hall declared a quorum present. Director of Development Services Terry was also present. There was not anybody present in the audience.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA

CONSIDER AN AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE O-02-07, AT THE REQUEST OF THE CITY COUNCIL, REGARDING TEXT REVISIONS TO SECTION 44.7A - GENERAL SIGN REGULATIONS – FLAGS, IN ORDER TO IMPROVE CONSISTENCY WITH OTHER SECTIONS OF THE SIGN ORDINANCE AND CLARIFY LANGUAGE REGARDING THE DISPLAY OF FLAGS. THE PROPOSED TEXT REVISIONS ARE TO BE APPLIED CITY-WIDE AND WILL NOT CHANGE ANY ZONING DISTRICT BOUNDARY OR THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION ON ANY REAL PROPERTY. (ZONING CASE Z-03-07)

a. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Hall declared the Public Hearing open at 6:06 p.m. Not hearing any requests to speak, Chairman Hall declared the Public Hearing closed at 6:07 p.m.

b. ACT UPON A RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL

Terry Capehart stated a recent request for a variance to the Zoning Ordinance, Section 44.7A, General Sign Regulations – Flags, revealed several inconsistencies and conflicts in the language of the Sign Ordinance. The variance was denied by the Zoning Board of Adjustments and the City Council has remanded this issue back to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a recommendation. The current ordinance limits flag pole heights to twenty-five feet (25') in residential zoned property and thirty-five feet (35') in nonresidential zoned property rather than equal the allowed sign height in each district. Also, it is a concern that grossly oversized flags may be used to simply attract attention and detract from the traditional purpose of displaying a flag which is to show patriotism, honor and corporate and community pride and thus a proportionality element is needed in order to balance the size of flag to the height of the pole. A maintenance clause has also been included in order to insure that flags are maintained in good condition so as to reflect favorably on the property owner and the community. The proposed amendments are attached in the following Exhibit "A".

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to approve a text revisions to Section 44.7A - General Sign Regulations – Flags, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina. Vice-Chairman Brown called for a vote with all voting AYE, the motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

CONSIDER AND ACT UPON APPROVAL OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 6, 2007 REGULAR MEETING.

Commissioner Leftwich made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 6, 2007 Regular Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Campbell. Chairman Hall called for a vote with all voting AYE, the motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chairman Brown made a motion to adjourn at 6:17 p.m., seconded by Chairman Hall. Chairman Hall called for a vote with all voting AYE, the motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

ANITA HALL
CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

JOY HENDERSON
PLANNING TECHNICIAN