



Planning and Zoning Commission MINUTES

March 3, 2020 | 1:30 p.m. | Abilene, Texas City Hall – Council Chambers

Commissioners Present:

Mr. Fred Famble, Chairman
Mr. Mitch Barnett
Mr. Bill Noonan, Secretary

Mr. Clint Rosenbaum, Pro Tem
Ms. Alex Russell, Sergeant-at-Arms

Commissioners Absent:

Rev. Iziar Lankford

Mr. Brad Benham

Staff Present:

Mr. Michael Rice, Assistant City Manager
Mr. Mike Warrix, Director of Planning and Development Services
Ms. Cheryl Sawyers, Planning Services Manager
Mr. Brad Stone, Planner III
Mr. Jared Smith, Planner II
Mr. Nick Watts, Planner I
Ms. Melissa Farr, Executive Assistant
Mr. Stanley Smith, City Attorney

Others Present:

Mr. Jeff Prince

CALL TO ORDER

The Planning and Zoning Commission convened in a regular meeting. Melissa Farr took the roll call noting the following commissioners present:

Present: 5 – Barnett, Russell, Rosenbaum, Noonan, Famble

INVOCATION

Mr. Famble delivered the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Ms. Russell moved to approve the minutes for the Planning and Zoning Commission regular meeting of February 4, 2020. Mr. Noonan seconded the motion. The motion to approve prevailed by the following vote:

AYES: Barnett, Russell, Rosenbaum, Noonan, Famble

NAYS: None

PLATS

PP-0820: Southern Meadows Addition, Section 5, City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas

PP-0920: Highland Farms, Section 2, City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas

Mr. Rainbow presented the plats.

Mr. Famble opened the public hearing. Seeing no one present and desiring to be heard, the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Rosenbaum moved to approve the plats, and Ms. Russell seconded the motion. The motion to approve prevailed by the following vote:

AYES: Barnett, Russell, Rosenbaum, Noonan, Famble

NAYS: None

ZONING

TC-2020-04: Public hearing and possible vote to recommend approval or denial to City Council on a request from the City of Abilene to abandon public right of way within an 80' wide segment of Cedar Street extending 300' between the north line of right of way for North 5th Street and the south line of right of way for North 6th Street; and a request to abandon public right of way within a 20' wide alley extending 300' between the north line of right of way for North 5th Street and the south line of right of way for North 6th Street, midway and parallel between Cypress and Cedar Streets

Mr. Nick Watts presented this item. The request is to abandon a 300-foot section of Cedar Street right of way and a 300-foot section of a platted alleyway between North 5th and North 6th streets.

Mr. Famble opened the public hearing. Mr. Michael Rice spoke in favor of this request and was available for questions. Seeing no one else present and desiring to be heard, the public hearing was closed.

Property owners within a 200-foot radius were notified of this request. Eight (8) responses were received in favor, with zero (0) received in opposition.

PLANNING STAFF RECOMMENDATION: City Staff recommends approval subject to approval and subsequent recording of a re-plat showing how the right-of-way (authorized to be abandoned) will be integrated with one or more adjacent new lot(s).

Mr. Noonan moved to approve this request. Ms. Russell seconded the motion. The motion to approve prevailed by the following vote:

AYES: Barnett, Russell, Rosenbaum, Noonan, Famble

NAYS: None

TC-2020-05: Public hearing and possible vote to recommend approval or denial to City Council on a request from Jeff Prince Operating, L.P., to abandon public right of way within an unimproved 60' wide segment of South 23rd Street extending approximately 500 feet between the east line of right of way for South Treadaway Boulevard and the west line of right of way for the Abilene & Southern Railway

Mr. Jared Smith presented this item.

Mr. Famble opened the public hearing. Mr. Jeff Prince spoke in favor of this request. Seeing no one else present and desiring to be heard, the public hearing was closed.

Property owners within a 200-foot radius were notified of this request. One (1) response was received in favor with none (0) received in opposition.

PLANNING STAFF RECOMMENDATION: City staff recommends approval subject to approval and subsequent recording of a re-plat showing how the right-of-way (authorized to be abandoned) will be integrated with one or more adjacent new lot(s). Abandoning this right-of-way will help promote re-subdivision and redevelopment of adjoining properties.

Mr. Rosenbaum moved to approve this request. Mr. Noonan seconded the motion. The motion to approve prevailed by the following vote:

AYES: Barnett, Russell, Rosenbaum, Noonan, Famble


NAYS: None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Warrix announced recent decisions made by City Council on items recommended from the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Mr. Famble adjourned the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

APPROVED

Mr. Fred Famble, Chairman