



MEETING MINUTES- DRAFT
LAURENS COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
November 19, 2019
Hillcrest Square Administration Building
5:30 P.M.

Commissioners: Sylvester Grant, Danny Horne, Ed Burns, Jim Royer, Oscar Tribble(absent), Posey Copeland

Please note October 15, 2019 meeting was not held due to lack of quorum. Members present Commissioners Burns, Royer, and Horne

Item #1: Call to Order- Planning Commissioner Tibble was absent.

Item #4 Approval of Agenda: Commissioner Burns made a motion to approve the agenda, Commissioner Horne seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

Item #5 Approval of Minutes from 9/17/19: Commissioner Horne made a motion to approve the minutes, Commissioner Royer seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

Item #6a: International Codes Update

CBO Chuck Bobo explained that he would like to add the option for permittees to build under the International Existing Building code for commercial structures. This would allow existing buildings especially older historic buildings to be remodeled more cost effectively than the current code allows.

He also explained that he would like for the County to adopt the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code. Currently the Codes office can not enforce protections from pools and spas but this code would allow them to enforce protections. This will protect children from drowning by requiring a fence around these structures with a gate that automatically closes and latches.

Commissioner Horne asked why a second fence around a pool or spa would be needed if a persons property had a fence around it. Mr. Bobo explained that as long as the property fence had gates that are self closing and latched a secondary fence would not be required.

After further discussion, Commissioner Copeland and made a motion to support sending this to County Council for action, seconded by Commissioner Royer and passed 5-0.

Item #6b: Lake Greenwood Impact Ordinance

Chuck Bobo explained that DHEC does not have the resources to monitor erosion and sediment control from smaller construction sites. He stated that this ordinance would help Laurens County Lakefront property owners protect their property values as well as protect the drinking water source for a majority of Laurens County.

The PC went over the draft ordinance in detail. Commissioner Copeland questioned if the ordinance was zoning. He stated that the voters voted to deny zoning in LC. Other PC members disagreed that this was zoning and stated that this was only to protect the lake. Administrator Caime stated that he would have the County Attorney review this question. No action was taken.

Item #6c: RV Park Ordinance

The Commissioners had a final discussion on the final draft update to the RV park ordinance. At the prior PC meeting a public hearing was held with all RV Park owners of record being invited to provide input. Commissioner Burns made a motion to send this ordinance to the County Council for adoption, seconded by Commissioner Grant and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Grant then exited the meeting for a family emergency.

Item #7a: BTR RV Park

BTR requested approval of an RV park on parcel 902-02-03-055. They explained that the former park was full of old dilapidated mobile homes. They cleaned out all the older dilapidated mobile homes and provided spaces for RVs. CBO Bobo explained that the RV park met the requirements of the current RV park ordinance.

Commissioner Burns made a motion to approve this request, seconded by Commissioner Copeland and passed 4-0.

Item #7b: Chairman Selection

Commissioner Royer made a motion to appoint Commissioner Horne as Chairman, seconded by Commissioner Burns and passed 3-0 (Commissioner Horne abstained).

Item #7c: Vice-Chairman Selection

Commissioner Burns made a motion to appoint Commissioner Royer as Vice-Chairman, seconded by Commissioner Copeland and passed 3-0 (Commissioner Royer abstained).

Item #7d: Cancel December Meeting

Commissioner Copeland made a motion to cancel the December meeting, seconded by Commissioner Burns Copeland and passed 4-0.

Item #10 Adjournment: With no further business Commissioner Copeland and made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Horne and passed 4-0.