

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

January 6, 2020

Vice Chairman Denico called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance led by Vice Chairman Denico.

Present: Michael HoShing, David Prins, Mike Denico

Absent: William Stefanski, Robert Baker

Quorum Established

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

1) November 4, 2019

Motion by Member Prins to approve the Planning Commission Meeting minutes from November 4, 2019; this motion was seconded by Member Ho-Shing. **Motion carried unanimously by Voice Vote.**

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Election of Chairman and Election of Vice-Chairman

Postponed until the February 2020 meeting.

Draft update of the Landscaping Section of Article 3 of the Polk City Land Development Code is provided for the Planning Commission Review

City Manager Jackson stated Member HoShing has made recommendations to the Landscape Ordinance. However, he has a conflict of interest due to Code Enforcement issues. After conversation with the City Manager, he has agreed to complete the Division of Ethics Voting Conflict of Interest form. Member HoShing is still permitted to talk and/or ask questions; but, will need to recuse himself from voting on this item and if he desires to speak on this item, he would need to step away from the dais and address the Planning Commission from the podium. Member HoShing is in agreement that there is a conflict of interest.

Jeff Schmucker (CFRPC) provided an overview of the draft amendments and addressed any questions or concerns from the Planning Commission.

Laura Lambert (414 Meandering Way) discussed the consensus of the Planning Commission as there were members absent.

City Manager Jackson clarified there is a consensus with three members.

Member HoShing (505 Orange Boulevard) made a presentation to the Planning Commission on his case regarding rain barrels, aesthetics, zeroscopic landscaping.

Jeff Schmucker responded to Mr. HoShing's presentation stating the LDC clearly addressed all points. The Code from aesthetics should work hand-in-hand being sensitive to design as it provides quite a bit of flexibility. Rain barrels - the City cannot mandate a property owner to have a rain barrel on their property.

Zeroscopic is now called Florida Friendly. These are plants that can be planted without irrigation, but are not advised, so plants can stay healthy. Referred to the LDC Chapter 3.07.041 (Florida Friendly).

Motion by Member Prins to approve the Draft update of the Landscaping Section of Article 3 of the Polk City Land Development Code is provided for the Planning Commission Review; this motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Denico.

Voice Vote: Member Denico – aye, Member Prins – aye, Member HoShing – Abstain
(Conflict of Interest)

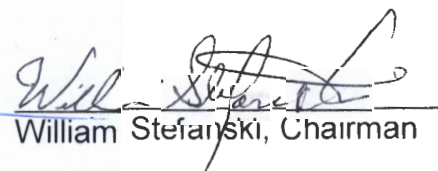
Motion carried 2/2.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

ADJOURNMENT- 6:13 pm



Patricia Jackson, City Manager



William Stefanski, Chairman