

**MINUTES
CITY OF GOOSE CREEK
PLANNING COMMISSION
TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2021, 6:30 P.M.
MARGUERITE H. BROWN MUNICIPAL CENTER**

I. CALL TO ORDER – CHAIRMAN JOSH JOHNSON

Action: Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.
Present: Josh Johnson; Lisa Burdick; Heather Byrd; Judie Edwards; Gena Glaze; Rob Wiggins
Absent: Paul Connerty
Staff Present: Planning Director Mark Brodeur; Planning Technician Brenda Moneer

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: A motion was made to approve the agenda. **Moved by** Commissioner Edwards; **Seconded by** Commissioner Byrd.
Discussion: There was none.
Vote: All voted in favor. The motion carried (6-0).

III. REVIEW OF MINUTES: FEBRUARY 2, 2021

Motion: A motion was made to approve the minutes with a typographical correction. **Moved by** Commissioner Wiggins; **Seconded by** Commissioner Edwards.
Discussion: There was none.
Vote: All voted in favor. The motion carried (6-0).

IV. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2020 FINAL REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION

Mr. Brodeur stated the comprehensive (comp) plan before you this evening represents a road map for the community's collective vision for the next ten (10) years. As the guiding force, the Planning Commission has been the primary recipient of progress updates and virtual workshops. He stated it is only appropriate that the commission be the first to endorse this plan before it goes to City Council. Mr. Brodeur stated, to fulfill State requirements, the document must include the following components: an inventory of existing conditions, a vision statement with corresponding needs and goals, an assessment of nine (9) required elements and an implementation strategy with practical steps, actions, responsible parties, and time frames for achievement. The document before you this evening includes these requirements. He stated implementing the comp plan is accomplish by revising the City's Zoning Ordinance and reversing the single zone, single use mentality of our previous plan in order to permit mixed-use villages. The first step in making all of these great ideas a reality is to endorse the plan before you and send a strong message of support to City Council.

Chairman Johnson stated the commission received an early copy of the draft comp plan and several commissioners had the opportunity to submit comments. Mr. Brodeur stated that comments and corrections have been submitted in version two (2). Mr. Brodeur answered questions from the commission. Chairperson Johnson read a resolution recommending the City of Goose Creek's 2021 Comprehensive Plan to City Council.

Motion: A motion was made to submit the recommendation to City Council for their potential approval. **Moved by** Commissioner Edwards; **Seconded by** Commissioner Byrd.

Discussion: Mr. Brodeur stated there is a new requirement in State Law called a resiliency element of the Comprehensive Plan. He stated this will be brought back to the Commission at a later date as an addition or amendment to this comp plan.

Vote: All voted in favor. Motion carried (6-0).

V. DISCUSSION: SECTION 151.084 SIGN ORDINANCE REGULATIONS

Mr. Brodeur presented a Power Point presentation. He stated the following is the purpose for the revision:

1. Legal review of REED vs. Gilbert content review.
2. Remove internal inconsistencies. Add clarity.
3. Address new prohibited sign types such as feather, bandit, pole, roof, and can signs.
4. Prohibit use of dated/ugly/obtrusive sign types.
5. Exempt more sign types that pose no negative impact.
6. Replace ARB review with Zoning Administrator review.
7. Minimize changes to allowed sign size consistent with past.
8. Plan for the eventual removal of non-conforming signs to ten (10) years or less.
9. Allow LED for fuel pricing only.

Mr. Brodeur's power point presentation displayed photos of signs that will be prohibited and allowed. Discussion occurred between the commission and staff. It was decided that a special call meeting will be set up to discuss the revised sign ordinance.

VI. DISCUSSION: MODIFY MEETING TIMES FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSION

- A. SPECIFICALLY NOTING ALL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS TO MEET AT 6:00PM; AND HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING FOR A TEXT AMENDMENT WITHIN THESE ORDINANCE SECTIONS AS APPLIES.

Mr. Brodeur stated we are trying to move as a city to normalize all of our start times for Boards and Commissions. He stated in the City code there are two Boards that have the start time designated (ARB and ZBA). He stated these will have to be amended. He stated he wanted to know if there is any opposition to move from a start time of 6:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. He stated amendments will be brought before the Planning Commission to make the approval official. The Planning Commission did not oppose.

VII. CLOSING REMARKS & ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Lisa Burdick introduced herself as the new member.

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Wiggins seconded. All voted in favor (6-0). The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:54 pm.

Mr. Josh Johnson, Chairman

Date: _____