

**MINUTES
CITY OF GOOSE CREEK
PLANNING COMMISSION
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2018, 6:30 P.M.
GOOSE CREEK MUNICIPAL CENTER
519 N. GOOSE CREEK BLVD.**

I. Call to Order – Chairman Allen Wall

Action: Chairman Allen Wall called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
Present: Paul Connerty (6:32), Jeanette Fowler, Joshua Johnson, Jeffrey Smith, Allen Wall, Barry Washington
Absent: Gary Berenyi
Staff Present: Daniel Moore, Brenda Moneer

II. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Made a motion to accept the Agenda as posted., **Moved by** Jeffrey Smith; **Seconded by** Barry Washington
Discussion: There was none.
Vote: All voted in favor. The motion carried. (5-0)

III. Review of Minutes from October 2, 2018, and November 12, 2018

Mr. Johnson noted a minor correction to the October minutes, under section IV, should state a vote of 5-1 due to his recusal.

Motion: Made a motion to accept the modified minutes from October 2, 2018 as recommended by Mr. Johnson., **Moved by** Jeffrey Smith; **Seconded by** Jeanette Fowler.
Discussion: There was none.
Vote: All voted in favor. The motion carried. (6-0)

Mr. Johnson noted a minor correction to the November minutes, under section V, should state a vote of 4-0.

Motion: Made a motion to accept the modified minutes from November 12, 2018 as recommended by Mr. Johnson., **Moved by** Jeanette Fowler; **Seconded by** Jeffrey Smith.
Discussion: There was none.
Vote: All voted in favor. The motion carried. (6-0)

IV. Discussion – Proposal to Amend the Zoning Ordinance Section 151.028; Definitions of Words and Terms; specifically, terms outlining signs

Chairman Wall opened the discussion. The Commission reviewed, discussed, and made modifications to the language as presented by Staff.

V. Discussion – Proposal to Amend the Zoning Ordinance Section 151.084; Sign Regulations in its entirety

Chairman Wall opened the discussion. The Commission reviewed the proposed changes to include language for shopping centers, industrial areas, temporary signs, number of signs allowed per business, and overall allowed sign height. There was a detailed discussion regarding shopping center signage criteria. There was also discussion regarding banners and the quantity allowed per year, per business, and the number of days each banner could be displayed.

- Motion:** Made a motion to accept the proposed ordinance modifications for §151.028, Definitions of Words and Terms; and §151.084, Sign Regulations for Public Hearing in January of 2019; **Moved by** Jeffrey Smith; **Seconded by** Jeanette Fowler.
- Discussion:** There was none.
- Vote:** All voted in favor. The motion carried. (6-0)

VI. Discussion – Tree Ordinance

Chairman Wall opened the floor to discuss the language of the tree ordinance. Mr. Johnson stated that he had discussed and suggested some modifications with Ms. Browder, Planning Director for the tree ordinance. He added that a summary along with the proposed changes had been sent to all Commission members for feedback. He stated that Mr. Berenyi had stated he would come up with some proposed language for drip lines and the tree fund. Mr. Johnson stated he felt the tree fund should be a separate discussion. Mr. Johnson also mentioned the discussion from the last meeting included determining the diameter at breast height by taking the sum of the two largest trunks to determine the diameter of the tree. Chairman Wall stated he felt developers would be able to get what they needed from the current ordinance, or by discussing it with the City Planner. There was discussion regarding fines, clear cutting, and mitigation.

Mr. Moore, Interim Planning Director, stated that review and enforcement of the current ordinance is being looked at closely on a case by case basis. He added that language to add sampling would be beneficial for large projects. There was a brief discussion regarding the suggested methods used for sampling. Mr. Moore stated Staff could use this as an opportunity to give the current ordinance a chance to work in order to identify the gaps, along with what deficiencies may arise.

Mr. Johnson stated concerns for clear cutting with past, current, or future projects. Mr. Moore stated the importance of Staff's responsibility to ensure the language is currently being utilized to its fullest capacity, and to analyze any gaps to make future improvements. Mr. Connerty inquired if Staff felt that additional time to utilize the current ordinance and enforce it to its fullest capacity would help identify any shortfalls within the language. Mr. Moore stated yes. There was discussion to keep the tree ordinance as a standing discussion item until it is resolved.

VII. Comments from the Commission

Chairman Wall thanked Barry Washington for his length of service. He also thanked all those that have served, current members and City Staff for all their efforts. Chairman Wall also mentioned appreciation to the City for the end of year appreciation celebration for Board and Commission members. All Commission members thanked Mr. Wall and Mr. Washington for their service. Mr. Wall wished Mr. Johnson and Ms. Fowler well in their endeavors as Chair and Vice Chair respectively.

VIII. Comments from Staff

Staff presented Mr. Wall and Mr. Washington appreciation plaques and thanked them for their dedication and years of service. There was a discussion regarding FEMA.

IX. Adjournment

Mr. Connerty made a motion to adjourn, and Ms. Fowler seconded. All voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:38pm.

Mr. Allen Wall, Chairman

Date: _____