

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, AT CITY HALL, 1212 AVENUE M, HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS ON THE 6TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2020 AT 5:30 PM.**

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Members present: Woods; Hooten; Whitehead; Thompson; Carpenter

Members absent: Nichols; Jenkins

City staff present: Ridley; Larkins; Byal; Ramachandra

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

*The meeting was called to order by Chairman Woods. [5:30 PM]*

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

- a. U.S. Flag
- b. Texas Flag

**3. INVOCATION**

*Chairman Woods led the invocation.*

- 4. CONSIDER** the application for a Modification and Waiver of Subdivision Standards for the Lonestar Road subdivision located in the ETJ of the City of Huntsville.

**City Planner, Janet Ridley**, noted that the staff discussion form and recommendation has not changed from the January 16, 2020 meeting agenda item. The applicant has submitted an Exhibit showing a proposed separate pedestrian crosswalk. The applicant also provided a letter dated February 4, 2020 from the Office of the County Judge, signed by Ronnie White, County Judge, Pro-Tem on the behalf of County Judge Danny Pierce. The letter makes note of action taken at the February 3, 2020 Walker County Commissioner's Court Special Session to offer no objection to a separate pedestrian bridge to be owned and maintained by a property owners association and to be constructed separately from the proposed vehicular crossing for proposed Lonestar Road at Prairie Branch contingent upon all Walker County permit approvals and the approval of the City of Huntsville.

**Jerry McCrorey, project Engineer**, provided additional information regarding the proposed pedestrian crosswalk construction assuring the Planning Commission that the proposed pedestrian bridge will be constructed concurrently with the construction of the bridges for vehicular traffic upon permit approvals from the Walker County Floodplain Administrator and the City of Huntsville.

**City Engineer, Y.S. "Ram" Ramachandra**, noted that he did not have any comment regarding the proposed pedestrian bridge as plans have not been submitted to the City Engineering Department for review. He confirmed that the construction plans for the pedestrian bridge would have to be submitted for review and approval by the City Engineer. Approval from the Walker County Floodplain Administrator will also be required.

*Commissioner Whitehead moved to grant the waiver to not require sidewalks to be constructed on the bridges with the stipulation that a separate pedestrian bridge will be constructed concurrently with the construction of the vehicular bridges upon permitting/approval by the County Floodplain Administrator and the Huntsville City Engineer. Second was by Commissioner Thompson. The vote was unanimous.*

- 5. CONSIDER** the minutes of the January 16, 2020 meeting.

*Commissioner Hooten moved to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2020 meeting. Second was by Commissioner Whitehead. The vote was unanimous.*

**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*There were none.*

**7. ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST**

*City Planner, Janet Ridley, announced that Commissioner Scott Nichols has tendered his resignation from the Commission upon appointment of a replacement or effective May 31, 2020 at the latest. Ridley extended Staff appreciation and thanks for Commissioner Nichols' service on the Planning Commission.*

*It was noted the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for the Purpose-Built Shared Housing Project to be located in the 2700 Block of Montgomery Road, which the Commission considered on January 16<sup>th</sup>, was approved by the City Council on February 4<sup>th</sup>. All additional conditions that were recommended by the Commission were accepted by the developer and approved by the City Council.*

*Commissioner Thompson noted that he had conveyed his opinion to Mayor Brauningner that most of the concerns expressed by citizens at the Commission Public Hearing for the CUP were over already existing issues and not issues which will be created/caused by the proposed development.*

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

*Chairman Woods adjourned the regular meeting session and moved to the Conference Room for the Workshop Session. [5:42PM]*