

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, AT CITY HALL, 1212 AVENUE M, HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS ON THE 1ST DAY OF APRIL 2021 AT 5:30 PM.

Members present: Woods; Hooten; Thompson; Lynch

Members absent: Carpenter

City staff present: Irones; Sanchez

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 minutes of the March 4, 2021 meeting.

Vice-Chairman Hooten suggested that the second item from the minutes should be corrected to Commissioner Carpenter and Commissioner Thompson, not Chairman.

Commissioner Thompson moves to approve. Second was by Vice-Chairman Hooten.

5. DISCUSS & CONSIDER The Planning Commission 2021 Work Schedule.

City Planner, Armon Irones gave an overview of the Work Schedule. Several commissioners expressed their enthusiasm for these projects and expressed their desire to bring the items to fruition. It was implied that the Tree Preservation Ordinance was at top priority, as well as more citizen-friendly infrastructure, such as bike lanes. Planning Commission would like to see the Planning Department instigate equitable change for the City of Huntsville.

6. DISCUSS Planning Commission vacancies.

It was agreed that the number of commissioners would stay at seven. Vice-Chairman Hooten states that diversity is key to equal representation. City Staff and Planning Commissioners will stay active in recruitment of new members.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

8. ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Announcements concerning items of community interest from the Commission and City Staff for which no action was discussed.

- Planning Technician, Ileana Sanchez, stated that in May, the City of Huntsville will be voting on a bond that would raise property taxes. The excess money would go to improvements at Huntsville High School, new school technology and new sports facilities. As well as, April 1, 2021 was the launch day for the Huntsville Community Peace Coalition which works to restore trust and transparency for citizens and the City.
- A reminder that City offices will be closed on April 2, 2021 in observance of Good Friday.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Lynch moved to adjourn the meeting. Second was by Chairman Thompson. [5:54 PM]