

Regular Session

April 2, 2018

The Planning Commission of the City of Athens, Texas met in Regular Session on Monday, April 2, 2018, 5:30 p.m. in the Development Services Center, 622 S. Prairieville Street, Athens, Texas with the following members present, to wit:

Steve Barksdale, Chair
Paul Ingram
Brady Autry
Kari Wilmeth
J. Armando Rincón

Barbara Holly, AICP, Managing Director Development Services
Sheila Garrett, Development Coordinator

Others present: Monte Montgomery;

constituting a quorum at which time the following proceedings were enacted, to wit:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Barksdale.

CONSIDER APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 5, 2018, REGULAR SESSION.

A motion was made by Member Wilmeth, seconded by Member Autry approve the February 5, 2018 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING A REQUEST FROM THE CITY OF ATHENS TO ALLOW ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS IN AGRICULTURE, SINGLE-FAMILY-15 (SF-15), SINGLE-FAMILY-10 (SF-10), SINGLE-FAMILY-7 (SF-7) AND SINGLE-FAMILY-5 (SF-5) SUBJECT TO SETBACKS, SEPARATIONS AND PARKING (Z-04-18-001).

Barbara Holly, Managing Director of Planning and Development, informed the Commission the City Council asked staff to prepare an ordinance that would allow accessory dwelling units (ADU). Ms. Holly stated these units are known as mother-in-law units, backyard cottages or man-caves. Ms. Holly presented recommended standards for the ADU including size limits, setbacks, parking and not allowing unit to be subdivided or sold separately. Member Ingram questioned whether on street parking would be considered for the parking requirements. Ms. Holly stated more research would be needed to determine if on street parking could be considered for parking requirements.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM THE CITY OF ATHENS TO ALLOW ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS IN AGRICULTURE, SINGLE-FAMILY-15 (SF-15), SINGLE-FAMILY-10 (SF-10), SINGLE-FAMILY-7 (SF-7) AND SINGLE-FAMILY-5 (SF-5) SUBJECT TO SETBACKS, SEPARATIONS AND PARKING (Z-04-18-001).

After a discussion, a motion was made by Member Rincón, seconded by Member Ingram to approve the request by the City of Athens to allow for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) in Agriculture, Single-Family-15 (SF-15), Single-Family-10 (SF-10), Single-Family (SF-7) and Single-Family-5 (SF-5) subject to setbacks, separations and parking. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING A REQUEST FROM THE CITY OF ATHENS TO EXTEND THE TIME FRAME FOR INFLATABLE SIGNS TO ONE YEAR SUBJECT TO PERMITTING AND MAINTENANCE.(Z-04-18-002).

Ms. Holly stated that the City Council ask staff to review and recommend changes to the temporary, promotional signage regulations. Ms. Holly explained the current regulations allow temporary signage for thirty (30) days, with one thirty (30) day extension. Ms. Holly stated because temporary signage is an inexpensive way for businesses to advertise, staff recommends temporary signs be allowed for ninety (90) days with one ninety (90) day extension allowed in each calendar year.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM THE CITY OF ATHENS TO EXTEND THE TIME FRAME FOR INFLATABLE SIGNS TO ONE YEAR SUBJECT TO PERMITTING AND MAINTENANCE.(Z-04-18-002).

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Member Ingram, seconded by Member Autry to approve the request as written. The motion passed unanimously.

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT ON DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY.

Ms. Holly presented the managing director's report.

1. Building permit values
2. Code Enforcement activities
3. Building Inspector duties
4. Substandard Structures
5. Bureau Veritas
6. New businesses

ADJOURN

Chair Barksdale called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Member Rincón, seconded by Member Wilmeth. The motion carried unanimously.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS THE 4th DAY OF JUNE, 2018.

Steve Barksdale, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Sheila Garrett, Development Coordinator