

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
REGULAR SESSION
NOVEMBER 1, 2021

The Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Athens, Texas met in Regular Session on Monday, November 1, 2021, 5:30 p.m. in Meeting Room #2 of the Cain Center, 915 South Palestine Street, Athens, Texas. The following members were present constituting a quorum: Cody Craig, Beverly Peek, Von Thomas, and Brian Schutt.

Director of Development Services Audrey Sloan, Code Enforcement Officer David Campbell, City Secretary Bonnie Hambrick, Administrative Clerk Noemi Lopez, Councilperson Aaron Smith, Councilperson SyTanna Freeman, and Councilperson Mark Carroll were also present.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Craig.

CONSIDER APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 4, 2021 REGULAR SESSION.

Member Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction to the typo regarding the motion for the site plan approval request from Jeff Haygood of GVD Park, LLC. Member Peek seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST.

None.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS.

None.

PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 503 MAPLE ST, ALSO KNOWN AS LOT 15 OF THE BLETHEN ADDITION, T. PARMER SURVEY, ABSTRACT 782. OWNER: ESTATE OF EDWARD STRANGE IN CARE OF MICHAEL MASON.

Chairperson Craig opened the public hearing. Code Enforcement Officer David Campbell discussed the location of the property and gave an overview of the unsafe conditions and the case history. Chairperson Craig closed the public hearing.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER THE SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 503 MAPLE ST, ALSO KNOWN AS LOT 15 OF THE BLETHEN ADDITION, T. PARMER SURVEY, ABSTRACT 782. OWNER: ESTATE OF EDWARD STRANGE IN CARE OF MICHAEL MASON.

Member Peek made a motion to issue a demolition order for the structure. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairperson Schutt and was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING A REQUEST FROM JEANNIE ELISE KLEPPER FOR APPROVAL OF A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT FOR A TATTOO STUDIO FOR BLOCK 4, LOT 8C OF ATHENS ORIGINAL TOWN, T. PARMER SURVEY, ABSTRACT 782; ALSO KNOWN AS 209 N PRAIRIEVILLE ST. OWNER: COLOR ME PRETTY, LLC

Chairperson Craig opened the public hearing. Director of Development Services Audrey Sloan gave an overview of the request. Letters of notification were sent to the nine surrounding property owners within 200 feet. One response was returned. Chairperson Craig closed the public hearing.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER A REQUEST JEANNIE ELISE KLEPPER FOR APPROVAL OF A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT FOR A TATTOO STUDIO FOR BLOCK 4, LOT 8C OF ATHENS

ORIGINAL TOWN, T. PARMER SURVEY, ABSTRACT 782; ALSO KNOWN AS 209 N PRAIRIEVILLE ST. OWNER: COLOR ME PRETTY, LLC

The Commission discussed questions regarding the hours of operation and the location of the tattoo stations within the salon. Member Schutt made a motion to table the request since the applicant was not present to answer the questions raised. The motion was seconded by Member Peek and was approved with three in favor and with Member Thomas abstaining.

PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 22-31 OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ESTABLISH CRITERIA FOR THE EXPIRATION OF SPECIFIC USE PERMITS.

Chairperson Craig opened the public hearing. Sloan discussed the proposed amendment. Chairperson Craig closed the public hearing.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 22-31 OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ESTABLISH CRITERIA FOR THE EXPIRATION OF SPECIFIC USE PERMITS.

Member Peek made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Member Thomas and was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 22-9 OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REVISE CRITERIA USED TO DETERMINE UNDUE HARDSHIPS FOR VARIANCE REQUESTS.

Chairperson Craig opened the public hearing. Sloan discussed the proposed amendment. Chairperson Craig closed the public hearing.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 22-9 OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REVISE CRITERIA USED TO DETERMINE UNDUE HARDSHIPS FOR VARIANCE REQUESTS.

Vice Chairperson Schutt made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Member Peek and was approved unanimously.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS THE 6th DAY OF DECEMBER 2021.

Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Sheila Garrett, Development Coordinator