

Regular Session

September 19, 2017

The Planning Commission of the City of Athens, Texas met in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 19, 2017, 5:30 p.m. in the Development Services Center, 622 S. Prairieville St., Athens, Texas with the following members present, to wit:

Aaron Smith  
Kari Wilmeth  
Paul Ingram  
Barbara Holly, AICP Director Development Services  
Candy Martinez, Executive Assistant  
Sheila Garrett, Development Services Coordinator

Others present: Lt. J.P. Westbrook, Sissy Geddie, Alejandra Anguiano, and Jerry Horn.

Members not present: Chair Steve Barksdale and Member Brady Autry

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

Member Aaron Smith called the meeting to order.

**CONSIDER APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 5, 2017 SPECIAL SESSION**

A motion was made by Member Ingram to approve the minutes, Member Wilmeth seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Member Smith opened Agenda item number two and invited Ms. Barbara Holly, Director of Development Services to give her presentation.

**PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING A REQUEST FROM HVAC MANUFACTURING FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT TO ALLOW INTELLIGENT WEAPONS DESIGN AND MANUFACTURING AT 1010 W. CORSICANA (LOTS 10A, 11, AND 12A OF THE T. PARMER SURVEY) (Z-09-17-001 SUP).**

Ms. Holly stated that HVAC Manufacturing is requesting a specific use permit to allow intelligent weapons design at 1010 W. Corsicana which is currently zoned as industrial. Ms. Holly stated of the 17 notices mailed out, one was returned in favor and none in opposition. The staff recommendation is for approval.

Lt. Westbrook, a concerned citizen, expressed his concerns on the type of weapons that would be manufactured.

Ms. Sissy Geddie, representative for HVAC Manufacturing, answered Lt. Westbrook's questions stating that they are not manufacturing the actual weapons or ammunition, merely the components for the weapons. Lt. Westbrook then stated he no longer had any concerns and had no objections.

Member Smith asked if anyone else had anything else to say, Ms. Alejandra Anguiano came up to the podium and introduced herself and those who came in attendance with her. Ms. Anguiano and her group was concerned that their homes were going to be taken away per the map they received with the

notification. Ms. Holly then clarified that the section on the map only shows those notified of the request because they lived within 200 feet of the property and that no one was going to take their properties. Ms. Anguiano and those in her party were assured by Ms. Holly's clarification and were not opposed to the approval.

Member Smith asked for a motion to close the public hearing, Member Ingram made a motion to close the public hearing and Member Wilmeth seconded the motion.

**DISCUSS/CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM HVAC MANUFACTURING FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT TO ALLOW INTELLIGENT WEAPONS DESIGN AND MANUFACTURING AT 1010 W. CORSICANA (LOTS 10A, 11 AND 12A OF THE T. PARMER SURVEY) (Z-09-17-001 SUP).**

Member Smith asked for a motion to approve, Member Wilmeth made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Member Ingram. The vote was unanimous.

**PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING A REQUEST FROM ATHENS TRAILER AND TRUCK SALES, LLC, FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT TO ALLOW HEAVY EQUIPMENT SALES AT 1200 HWY. 175 WEST. (Z-09-17-002 SUP).**

Member Smith asked Ms. Holly to give her presentation.

Ms. Holly stated that the site plan submitted conforms to all regulations of the city. The staff would like to amend the city's regulation of the fencing that will be on the east & west portion of the property. The code states the fence must be set back 25 feet from the property line. The staff's recommendation is that the request for the specific use permit is approved with the only change being the fencing be placed no closer than five feet to the property line, and if it is not 25 feet off the right of way, they leave the gates open during business hours.

Member Smith asked Mr. Horn if he had anything else to add. Mr. Horn stated that he did not.

Member Smith asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Member Wilmeth made a motion to close the public hearing and it was seconded by Member Ingram. The vote was unanimous to close the public hearing.

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Member Smith asked for a motion to approve the request, Member Ingram made the motion to approve and it was seconded by Member Wilmeth with the caveat on the fencing location. The vote was unanimous to approve the request.

**MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT ON DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY**

Ms. Holly stated that they have revised the way they have been inputting the data and so starting with October the staff will run a fiscal and an annual development report.

**ADJOURN**

Member Smith thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Member Smith then asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Member Ingram to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Member Wilmeth, the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS THE 17<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2017

ATTEST:

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Candance Martinez, Executive Assistant

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Aaron Smith, Acting Chairman