

City of Walnut Grove
Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting
Tuesday, April 6, 2021
7:00 PM Municipal Building

Present:
Chairman Don Cannon
Megan Ragan
Brenda Ramsey
Mayor Mark Moore
Zoning Administrator Craig Ellington
Councilman John Dial

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order by Chairman Don Cannon at 7:05 pm

II. PRAYER

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Brenda Ramsey made a motion to adopt the agenda; seconded by Megan Ragan.

V. PUBLIC HEARING:

1651 Hwy 138; Chairman, Don Cannon reviewed the meeting requirements; he was followed by Speaker Salim Ismail's request for zoning change which began with comments from Zoning Administrator Craig Ellington, who stated the timeline of Mr. Ismail's request, and the actions taken by the city to provide notice of the hearing to Walnut Grove residents. Mr. Salim Ismail took the podium next and stated that the reason for their request for rezoning their property at 1651 Hwy 138, was the current C1 zoning did not allow a gas station in their current location. If they wanted to rebuild the current gas station or do any type of reconstruction, the current zoning restrictions would not allow it. Prior to the 2012 Re-Zoning of Walnut Grove, their property was a C2, after 2012, the zoning was changed to C1, without considering the fact that the current building was already a gas station and did not conform to the C1 zoning requirements.

After Mr. Ismail concluded his request, Chairman Cannon asked for any public comment, no public comment was made at that time.

Recommended Revisions to Section 900 and Section 1311

Secretary Ragan read off the recommended changes to the current Table of Permitted and Special Uses, which was prepared by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Chairman Cannon asked for any public comment, no public comment was made at that time.

Chairman Cannon read the proposed changes to Section 1311 of the city ordinances regarding internally illuminated signs. Chairman Cannon asked for any public comment, no public comment was made at that time.

The public hearing was adjourned at 7:16pm, and the committee began their regular meeting at that time.

VI: CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order by Chairman Don Cannon at 7:16 pm

VII: APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 3/4/21 MEETING

A motion was made by Brenda Ramsey, and seconded by Megan Ragan to approve the meeting minutes from the March 4th, 2021 meeting.

VIII:PUBLIC COMMENT: A request for public comment was made by Chairman Cannon; no comment was made.

IX: OLD BUSINESS

- a. Training for Planning & Zoning Committee Members

It was stated that commission members will be attending an all day training course Planning and Zoning 101 on April 14th, 2021 provided by the Carl Vinson Institute of Government.

X. NEW BUSINESS:

- **Zoning Change for 1651 Hwy 138:** A motion was made by Megan Ragan to approve the zoning request submitted by Mr. Salim Ismail; and was seconded by Brenda Ramsey. The request was unanimously approved by the committee.
- **Section 900 Recommended Revisions to Table of Permitted and Special Uses:** A motion was made by Brenda Ramsey to approve the recommended revisions to Section 900; and was seconded by Megan Ragan. The request was unanimously approved by the committee.
- **Section 1311 Proposed Revision:** A motion was made by Brenda Ramsey to approve the recommended revisions to Section 1311 regarding internally illuminated signs; and was seconded by Megan Ragan. The request was unanimously approved by the committee.
- **Change to regular meeting date:** Due to the current conflict in the meeting date of the Planning and Zoning Committee with the Walton County Board of Commissioners meeting date, it was proposed by Chairman Cannon to change the regular meeting date. A motion was made by Megan Ragan to set the date for Planning and Zoning Commission to meet the 1st Thursday of every month. Seconded by Brenda Ramsey; Unanimously approved by the committee.

X: COMMENTS: The Commission scheduled their next meeting for 7:00 pm on Thursday, May 6th, 2021 at the Municipal Building -1021 Park St.

Adjourned at 7:25 PM

Minutes approved by Committee Chairman and Secretary
