

**Planning and Zoning Commission
City Council Chambers
Minutes of Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 10, 2007
4:00 P.M.**

Members Present: Bill Williams, David Wright, Randy Jones, Jan Russell, Jim Hatcher and David Estes

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: John Noblitt

Visitors Present: Lynn Monden, John Corcoran and Kathy Floyd.

Item 1-Meeting Called to order 4:00 PM

Item 2-Citizen Comments - None

Item 3-Approve minutes from April 10, 2007 meeting.

David Estes made a motion to approve minutes as presented. Seconded by Jim Hatcher and the motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Williams, Wright, Jones, Russell, Hatcher and Estes

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTION: None

Item 4-Approve minutes from March 27, 2007 meeting.

Jim Hatcher made a motion to approve minutes as presented. Seconded by David Estes and the motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Williams, Wright, Jones, Russell, Hatcher and Estes

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTION: None

Item 5- Sign Code Variance – To consider for approval or denial a variance to the spacing requirements for a billboard to be located 2005 East Highway 82. Submitted by Brown Outdoor Advertising. Case Number PZ-09-07.

David Estes made a motion to deny the variance. Seconded by Jim Hatcher and the motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Williams, Wright, Jones, Russell, Hatcher and Estes
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTENTION: None

Item 6-Sign Code Variance – To consider for approval or denial the installation of additional on-premises signage for Pettit Machinery Incorporated located at 1710 West Highway 82. Submitted by Pettit Machinery Incorporated. Case Number PZ-10-07.

Jan Russell made a motion to deny the variance due to the facts that current signage was allowed per prior variance, is an existing non-conforming sign with square footage over the current allowable square footage and the applicant's frontage does not meet current requirements that would allow more than one on-site sign at a single location. Seconded by David Estes and the motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Williams, Wright, Jones, Russell, Hatcher and Estes
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTENTION: None

Item 7- Questions and comments by Commission or staff.

Commission asked staff what precautions were being made to ensure the integrity of the East Highway 82 Corridor is maintained. Staff reported that by executing the contract with Municipal Resource Planning Group for both the Comprehensive Land Use Plan update, and a re-write of the Unified Zoning Code, progress on a new Unified Zoning Code was anticipated to move much more quickly than if done completely in-house. It was also reported that staff had met with MPRG and several areas of concern, including East Highway 82, were identified and should be addressed in the new code.

Commission asked staff for progress on additional language to the City of Gainesville Sign Code allowing a temporary suspension of the issuance of Sign Permits when Sign Code revisions are being proposed to the Planning and Zoning Commission, and City Council. Staff reported that this is being researched.

Commission asked staff for progress on proposed ordinance requiring the posting of Health Inspection Scores prominently at inspected facilities. Staff reported that an ordinance has been researched and would be presented to the appropriate boards once it has been reviewed.

Commission asked staff about the possible proliferation of billboards. Staff reported that in the recently adopted Sign Code billboards had been restricted to IH-35 and Highway 82. It was also reported that prior to the revision of the Sign Code staff had identified the possible locations for future billboards and that several of the possible sites belonged to the City of Gainesville.

Commission requested staff address the current fencing regulations, citing several areas of concern.

Item 8- Adjourned: 4:24 PM