

Planning & Zoning Minutes
P/Z Room South City Hall
360 Rio Communities Blvd
December 7, 2017

Call to Order

- John Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

- Present: Dennis Kintzler, L.E. Rubin and John Thompson
- Absent: Robert Teague (excused) and Lawrence Gordon (excused)
- Also present: Councilor Bill Brown, City Manager Bob Skerry and Deputy Clerk Pam Johnson

Approval of the Minutes

- L.E. Rubin moved to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2017 minutes as submitted. Dennis Kintzler seconded the motion and the minutes were approved on 3-0 vote.

General Discussion –

- L.E. Rubin said we decided we needed to have a joint meeting with council to present where we are with the solid waste issue and see if they have questions. He said Robert was going to pursue that discussion with the mayor and city manager and let them know that Tuesdays and Thursdays work best for us. He said that didn't happen, so we don't have a date tonight and when we do, a notice of the date for the meeting has to be posted.
- Bob Skerry said nothing will happen for the rest of this month because people will be out of town for the holiday.
- L.E. Rubin asked if the workshop could be scheduled for January 4 which is our first meeting in January.
- John Thompson said that will be up to council.
- Dennis Kintzler said the first council meeting in January will be a full agenda.
- John Thompson suggested we let council know that any Tuesday or Thursday is good for us and let them decide.
- L.E. Rubin said we did that two weeks ago and still don't have an answer. He said he doesn't want to come back in two weeks and still not have a date when we're trying to move forward.
- Dennis Kintzler said we're getting blamed for not moving forward fast enough but we can only suggest a day and see if they can work us into their schedule.
- L.E. Rubin said it has taken a month to suggest a date and if council can't agree on a date for a workshop, how will they ever get an ordinance done.
- Bob Skerry said P&Z has an advisory role and doesn't have control over council's time schedule.
- L.E. Rubin said it was his understanding that Robert was going to go to the city manager and the mayor and get a date.
- Bob Skerry said he can bring this up at the next council workshop.
- Dennis Kintzler said commission reports are on the agenda for the next council meeting so this won't be discussed.

- Bob Skerry said P&Z has decided and voted on recommendations regarding the solid waste issue which is in the minutes, but council can't be tied down to a schedule.
- L.E. Rubin said we need to know from the council if they have something they want to consider, and we need to know that before we go too far.
- Bob Skerry he will write the ordinance, but he needs to know what written recommendations are from P&Z. He said council will tell him what they want in the ordinance.
- Dennis Kintzler said Robert was going to put what we want in writing and get it to the city manager to present to council. He said it may take council six months to come up with an ordinance, but they can't blame P&Z. He explained that a councilor, at a public meeting, blamed P&Z for not having a solid waste ordinance. He said if council isn't in a rush, they need to take the heat off P&Z.
- L.E. Rubin said P&Z answered questions and came up with a mission statement and have said from the beginning that we need to have a meeting with council.
- Bob Skerry said that's good but it's up to the council to request a dialogue - it's not up to P&Z to demand a meeting.
- John Thompson said he expected much faster progress on the parks plan, but has learned that wheels move slowly. He suggested we ask for a meeting with council on a Tuesday or Thursday at their convenience and until then, let's see what else we can be doing.
- John Thompson asked, if council says we're ready to meet, what we need to do to prepare.
- Dennis Kintzler said we have our list of questions and a mission statement. He asked what the purpose of the P&Z is if nothing goes farther than P&Z. He said one of the councilors looked at him and L.E. at a council meeting and asked why P&Z was dragging their feet.
- L.E. Rubin said it took more than two months to write the mission statement and we can't stay at a standstill. He said he would like to have a workshop with council, so they can see what we've looked at and give us some feedback. He said we don't want to spend time writing an ordinance without input from council.
- Bob Skerry said he will bring the list of questions and the mission statement to council Tuesday if P&Z is happy with it.
- Dennis Kintzler said we're blessed to have councilors that are concerned, and we don't want to cut anyone out.
- L.E. Rubin said it was his understanding that the ordinances would be written by P&Z but, if that's not true, we can submit our questions and answers and the mission statement to council for discussion.
- L.E. Rubin moved to submit questions and answers approved at our last meeting and our mission statement to council for discussion. The motion was seconded by Dennis Kintzler and passed on 3-0 vote. The mission statement and the list of questions is attached and made part of this record.
- Bob Skerry said the collecting the fee for trash collection is a problem because we won't get in the bookkeeping business.
- L.E. Rubin said the provider will take care of collection and that should be written in the proposal.
- Bob Skerry said an RFP will go out and further explained the process and procurement law.
- Dennis Kintzler said the Department of Health should take care of some of the trash problems.
- L.E. Rubin moved to suspend the P&Z meeting scheduled for December 21 and resume meetings on January 4. The motion was second by Dennis Kintzler and passed on 3-0 vote.
- John Thompson said he will work with Robert on items for the next agenda.
- L.E. Rubin suggested we go back to discussion on parks and trails.
- Dennis Kintzler said when we had the public forum, we got a list of people who were at the meeting. He suggested those people be invited to come to a P&Z meeting and discuss a parks plan with us.

- Bob Skerry asked if P&Z got a good feeling of what the people at the forum were supporting. He also said city demographics should be considered.
- L.E. Rubin said only one percent of the population was at the meeting, and we don't know what people not at the meeting want.
- Bob Skerry said we still need to think about the people that did not answer the survey.
- John Thompson said people favored dog parks and he sees a lot of people walking dogs, so we will probably see a preponderance of people answering the survey who want dog parks. He also said he would like to see the difference in population make-up east and west of Highway 47.
- Bob Skerry said whoever does the plan will give us options, but P&Z needs to comment on the fact that there are teenagers and kids in the community, so recommendations must be made to include the entire community. He said we should come up with a set of questions that we think need to be addressed.
- John Thompson said that should be on the agenda for the meeting on January 4. He said we should discuss regional plans to give to a planner and address plans for existing facilities. He said he assumes we're done with the solid waste issue until we hear from council.
- L.E. Rubin said things should be listed in the order of how they best serve the community.
- Bob Skerry said demographics are on the MRCOG website.

Discuss solid waste options – no discussion on this matter

ADJOURN –

- Dennis Kintzler moved to adjourn. John Thompson seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm on 3-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Johnson, Deputy Clerk

Robert Teague, Chair

John Thompson, Vice Chair

L.E. Rubin, Secretary

Dennis Kintzler

Lawrence Gordon

Date: _____