

MINUTES ADOPTED BY THE GREENVILLE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

August 20, 2019

The Greenville Planning and Zoning Commission met on the above date at 6:00 pm in Council Chambers of City Hall.

Mr. Michael Overton – Chair X
Mr. Kevin Faison – X Ms. Chris Darden – *
Mr. Les Robinson – * Mr. John Collins - *
Mr. Alan Brock - * Mr. Hap Maxwell - X
Mr. Billy Parker - * Mr. Brad Guth - *
Mr. Max Ray Joyner III - X Mr. Chris West - *

The members present are denoted by an * and the members absent are denoted by an X.

PLANNING STAFF: Chantae Gooby, Chief Planner; Domini Cunningham, Planner I; Camillia Smith, Secretary; Thomas Barnett, Director of Community Development

OTHERS PRESENT: Emanuel McGirt, City Attorney; Kelvin Thomas, Communication Technician

MINUTES: Mr. Collins identified an error in the minutes.

Motion made by Mr. West, seconded by Mr. Parker, to approve the minutes with the correction from Mr. Collins. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Text Amendment

1. Ordinance requested by the Community Development Department to change the name of the Community Development Department to the Planning and Development Services Department.

Ms. Gooby stated that the Community Development Department is requesting to change the name of the department to the Planning and Development Services Department. This change is to reflect the dynamic nature of the department that involves interactions with the public, community engagement, and working with the development community. Therefore, this name change is meant to reflect the reorientation and reorganization of the department to further this vision and these goals.

This change does not affect any existing standard, requirement, or level of service. In staff's opinion, the request is in compliance with Horizons 2026: Greenville's Community Plan and Vision Framework #8: Growing Together Greenville will be a place where people and

organizations work together to achieve a vitality and character that cannot be accomplished without purposeful coordination and collaboration. This is a community rich with resources and leadership. Multiple governmental jurisdictions, institutions, organizations and business have worked over the years to contribute to the success and unique character of the City of Greenville. Relationships and partnerships will continue to evolve in a way that moves the community forward, Growing Together.

Mr. Robinson opened the public hearing.

No one spoke in favor.

No one spoke in opposition.

Mr. Robinson closed the public hearing.

Motion made by Mr. West, seconded by Mr. Parker, to recommend approval of the proposed text amendment, to advise that it is consistent with the comprehensive plan and adopt the staff report which addresses plan consistency and other matters. Motion passed unanimously.

OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS

2. Request by EWT 57 LLC to change the street name of “River Bluff Road” to “Harbor Pointe Lane” from East Tenth Street to its terminus.

Mr. Cunningham stated staff received a request from the property owner who desired to change the name of the street due to recent improvements to the property and the stigma attached to the existing street name. The City ordinance allows street name changes to be considered for a variety of reasons: duplicate or similar name street that may cause confusion for the traveling public, mail delivery and or emergency services or it may have a stigma tied to the name. The name request is then evaluated and reviewed by local agencies such as the police department, fire and rescue, US postal service, North Carolina Department of Transportation and others. Mr. Cunningham shared photo of the area and identified the stakeholders that would be affected by the name change and stated that the surrounding properties owners will all experience limited to no impact by the request.

Mr. Robinson opened the public hearing.

Ms. Deb Lasscalett, representative, spoke in favor of the request. She is the property manager and the parent company, Keystone Management, has invested over \$1 million dollars in the area to improve the properties that once an eyesore. The subject property and area has a stigma attached and this request would align with efforts of the company to make the area a more desirable place to live. Keystone Management donated money to the Greenville Police Department to get street cameras purchased for the area and purchased the storage company adjacent to the apartment to ensure the entire area is revitalized.

No one spoke in opposition.

Mr. Robinson closed the public hearing.

Motion made by Mr. Parker, seconded by Ms. Darden, to recommend approval of the street name change. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Election of Officers

Mr. McGirt advise the board that it was time to elect a Chair and Vice chair. Michael Overton, the current chair, asked to not be re-elected as Chairman but would like to be considered for Vice chair.

Motion made by Mr. Parker to nominate Mr. Robinson for Chairman. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. Parker to nominate Mr. Overton for vice chair. Motion passed unanimously.

With no further business, motion to adjourn made by Mr. West, seconded by Mr. Parker. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourn at 6:18

Respectfully submitted,

Chantae Geoby

Chief Planner