



**CITY OF HEDWIG VILLAGE, TEXAS
JOINT PUBLIC HEARING
CITY COUNCIL
PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2017
6:00 P.M. - 955 PINEY POINT ROAD**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brian Muecke called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Brian Muecke

City Councilmembers:

William Johnson
Carrol McGinnis
Barry Putterman
Bob Wiener
Matt Woodruff

Kelly Johnson, City Administrator/City Secretary-Treasurer
Lane Standley, Building Official
David Gott, Police Chief
Alan Petrov, City Attorney
Lisa Modisette, Assistant City Secretary

Planning & Zoning Commission (P&Z):

Michael Brandt
Pat Murphy
Tom Roth
Susan Mathews
Larry Opalka
Shirley Rouse

Brandy Worthington, Planning & Zoning Secretary

Absent: Sylvie Bucci, P&Z Chairperson
Barbara Abrams, P&Z Member
Rakesh Verma, P&Z Member

2. JOINT PUBLIC HEARING

To receive input and comments, either oral or written, for the purpose of considering an amendment to Article V, Zoning Regulations, Section 507, Signs, of the Hedwig Village Planning and Zoning Code relating to the regulation of electronic message signs within the city.

Caitlin Gregory, 10934 Beinhorn, spoke in opposition to illuminated signs at Memorial High School. She stated the school provides several means of communication to the students, parents, and the community. She believes an illuminated sign would be an added distraction for the drivers who frequently travel Echo Lane at the intersection of Gaylord Drive.

Rikke Graber, Parent Teacher Association (PTA) President, spoke on the history of the PTA regarding a new sign at Memorial High School. She stated for two years the PTA researched types and styles of illuminated signs. The PTA received approval from Spring Branch I.S.D. to replace the current sign. The PTA then applied for a permit from the City of Hedwig Village and the application was denied. The PTA requested Planning & Zoning (P&Z) and City Council to amend the zoning code to allow for illuminated signs. P&Z made the changes to the code and recommended to City Council for approval. The new sign ordinance was approved by City Council. The PTA re-applied to the city for a permit to install the new sign and was denied again due to height restrictions. The current sign ordinance requires monument signs. She stated smaller monument signs are not visible to all drivers on the road. She stated a taller monument sign would be safer as it would allow all drivers to see the sign. She stated the messaging on the new illuminated sign would not be changed more frequently than 24 hours and should not be a distraction to drivers. She stated several other high schools in the district have taller signs.

Andrew Gregory, 10934 Beinhorn, stated he was surprised Council was considering making an exception to the sign regulations in the zoning code, specifically for the high school. He stated illuminated signs are more appropriate for the business districts along the I-10 feeder road. He is opposed to the changes to the sign regulations.

Carolyn Bronston, 822 Rydell, stated she has been working with the PTA on the sign project for approximately four years. She stated the design of the proposed illuminated sign is similar to the sign currently installed on the high school grounds.

3. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Wiener moved, Councilmember Putterman seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

Councilmembers Johnson, McGinnis, Putterman, Wiener, and Woodruff voted "Aye", "Noes" none.

Planning & Zoning Commission Member Mathews moved, Member Brandt seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

Planning and Zoning Commission Members Brandt, Mathews, Murphy, Opalka, Roth, and Rouse voted “Aye”, “Noes” none.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approved and accepted on April 13, 2017.

Pat Murphy
Planning & Zoning Commission

ATTEST:

Brandy Worthington
Planning & Zoning Commission Secretary