



CODES AND ORDINANCES JOINT COMMITTEE MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, June 21, 2017

The Codes and Ordinances Joint Committee convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, June 21, at 505 Barton Spring Road, One Texas Center, Room #500, in Austin, Texas.

Commissioner Zaragoza called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Subcommittee Members in Attendance:

Yvette Flores
Nuria Zaragoza
Patricia Seeger

James Schissler

City Staff in Attendance:

Brent Lloyd, Law Department
Jennifer Ferri, Law Department

Others in Attendance:

Eric Wetzel
Andrew Romero
Cris Ybarra
Al Reeder
Girard Kinney

CALL TO ORDER

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

- a. None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approval of the April 19, 2017 meeting minutes.
- b. Approval of the May 17, 2017 meeting minutes.

A motion was made was made by Commissioner Seeger, seconded by Commissioner Flores, to approve the April and May meeting minutes. Vote: 4-0 (Commissioners Kazi, Denkler, and Greenberg absent).

3. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Annual Review** – Discuss the Annual Internal Review of the Codes and Ordinances Joint Committee. City Staff: Greg Dutton, Planning and Zoning Department, (512) 974-3509, Greg.Dutton@austintexas.gov; (Discussion).

Greg Dutton went over the annual review that is required for the Codes and Ordinances Joint Committee chair to fill out and submit to the City Clerk. Chair Zaragoza will work on the annual review and bring the item back for the July meeting, if necessary.

No action taken.

4. POTENTIAL CODE AMENDMENTS: Proposed for Discussion and/or Initiation

Potential amendments to the code are offered for discussion and/or possible recommendation for initiation. If initiated, Staff will research the proposal and report back to the subcommittee.

- a. **None.**

5. REGULAR AGENDA: Previously Initiated

Previously initiated amendments to the code are offered for discussion and possible recommendation to the full Planning Commission.

- a. **Signs** – Discuss and consider an ordinance amending the Land Development Code, Chapters 25-10 and 25-2, relating to the regulation of signs. City Staff: Brent Lloyd, Law Department, (512) 974-2974, Brent.Lloyd@austintexas.gov; (Discussion and/or Possible Action).

Brent Lloyd went over amendments to the regulations that govern signage, and explained that changes were necessary now, and that further changes could be coming as a part of the CodeNEXT draft code. Any changes now or later to the regulations would be such that content would not be regulated.

Attendees representing the Austin Police Association and sign companies asked that as a part of the changes being made that electronic billboards be permitted. Other attendees supported the draft amendments as they were, and asked that electronic billboards continue to be prohibited in Austin.

A motion was made to recommend the amendment to Planning Commission by Commissioner Seeger, seconded by Commissioner Flores, with additional direction to staff to look at:

- The possibility of keeping UNO sign regulations as they currently are.

Vote: 4-0. (Commissioners Kazi, Denkler, and Greenberg absent).

6. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. **Update on Potential Upcoming and Current Code Amendments** – City Staff: Greg Dutton, Planning and Zoning Department, 974-3509, Greg.Dutton@austintexas.gov; (Discussion and/or Possible Action).

No action taken.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Future agenda items will NOT be discussed at the current meeting, but will be offered for initiation, discussion, and/or possible recommendation to the full Planning Commission at a FUTURE meeting.

The item was not discussed and no action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Zaragoza adjourned the meeting without objection at 7:16 p.m.

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For more information on the Codes and Ordinances Joint Committee, please contact Greg Dutton at (512) 974-3509 or at greg.dutton@austintexas.gov