



**CODES AND ORDINANCES JOINT COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**Wednesday, September 20,**  
**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 Greenberg called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**Subcommittee Members in Attendance:**

Yvette Flores  
Patricia Seeger  
James Schissler

Nuria Zaragoza  
Ann Denkler

**City Staff in Attendance:**

Andrea Bates, Watershed Protection Department  
Matt Hollon, Watershed Protection Department  
Joel Meyer, Austin Transportation Department  
John Eastman, Public Works Department

**Others in Attendance:**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

- a. None

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Approval of the June 21, 2017 meeting minutes.
- b. Approval of the August 16, 2017 meeting minutes.

A motion was made to approve the minutes by Commissioner Schissler, seconded by Commissioner Seeger; vote: 5-0 (Commissioners Kazi and Greenberg absent).

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **Election of Officers: Elect a Codes and Ordinances Joint Committee Chair and Vice-Chair** (Discussion and/or possible Action).

A motion was made to elect Commissioner Zaragoza as Chair and Commissioner Greenberg as Vice-Chair; by Commissioner Denkler, seconded by Commissioner Flores; vote: 5-0 (Commissioners Kazi and Greenberg absent).

- b. STAFF BRIEFING: Flood Mitigation Task Force Recommendations and Watershed Protection Master Planning** – Discuss recommendations from the 2016 Flood Mitigation Task Force Report and Watershed Protection Department Master Planning Efforts. City Staff: Matt Hollon, Watershed Protection Department, (512) 974-2212, Matt.Hollon@austintexas.gov; (Discussion).

Matt Hollon gave a summary of FMTF recommendations, and went over things that the Watershed Protection Department is currently doing and their plans for the future.

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. Zoning and Platting Commission Procedural Changes** – Discuss and consider initiation of an amendment to Title 25 of the City Code related to order of process for public hearings at the Zoning and Platting Commission. Sponsor: Commissioner Greenberg; co-sponsor: Commissioner Denkler. (Discussion and/or possible action).

Commissioners Greenberg and Denkler explained the need for the ZAP to have the ability to change the order of speakers, if necessary, depending on the circumstances of a case (such as duration or time of day).

A motion was made to recommend the item to full Planning Commission for initiation, by Commissioner Denkler, seconded by Commissioner Seeger; vote: 4-0 (Commissioners Kazi and Greenberg absent; Commissioner Schissler recused).

#### **5. REGULAR AGENDA: Previously Initiated**

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

- a. Sidewalks** – Discuss and consider an amendment to Title 25 of the City Code related to requirements for sidewalk placement. City Staff: Joel Meyer, Austin Transportation Department, (512) 974-1405, Joel.Meyer@austintexas.gov; (Discussion and/or Possible Action).

Joel Meyer and John Eastman presented an amendment that would give staff more discretion in determining when sidewalks are required to be built. The language in the proposed amendment is very similar to the language in draft 2 of CodeNEXT. The language does not include changes to the fee-in-lieu, but the proposed language should reduce instances of FIL.

A motion was made to recommend the item to full Planning Commission, by Commissioner Denkler, seconded by Commissioner Seeger; vote: 4-0 (Commissioners Kazi and Greenberg absent; Commissioner Schissler recused).

- b. Watershed Protection Amendments** – Discuss and consider amendments to Title 25 and 30 of the City Code, including Section 25-8-25 (Redevelopment Exception in Urban and Suburban

Watersheds), Section 25-8-26 (Redevelopment Exception in the Barton Springs Zone), Section 25-8-27 (Redevelopment Exception in the Water Supply Rural and Water Supply Suburban Watersheds), Section 25-8-211 (Water Quality Control Requirement), and Section 30-5-211 (Water Quality Control Requirement). This action concerns land located within the Barton Springs Zone. City Staff: Andrea Bates, Watershed Protection Department, (512) 974-2291, [Andrea.Bates@austintexas.gov](mailto:Andrea.Bates@austintexas.gov); (Discussion and/or Possible Action).

A motion was made to postpone the item indefinitely, by Commissioner Schissler, seconded by Commissioner Seeger; vote: 5-0 (Commissioners Kazi 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](mailto: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 Greenberg adjourned the meeting without objection at 9:04 p.m.

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