



## **REGULAR MEETING CODES AND ORDINANCES JOINT COMMITTEE MINUTES** **Wednesday, October 20, 2021**

**The Codes and Ordinances Joint Committee convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, October 20, at 1000 E. 11<sup>th</sup> St, Street Jones Building, Room 400A, Austin, TX 78702.**

Chair Barrera-Ramirez called the meeting to order at 6:13 pm.

### **Subcommittee Members in Attendance:**

Awais Azhar

Ann Denkler

Nadia Barrera-Ramirez (Chair)

Claire Hempel

Jolene Kiobassa

### **City Staff in Attendance:**

Brent Lloyd, Development Services Department

### **Others in Attendance:**

Ron Thrower

David Hartmann

## **CALL TO ORDER**

### **1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Approval of the July 8, 2020 meeting minutes.
- b. Approval of the April 21, 2021 meeting minutes.
- c. Approval of the September 15, 2021 meeting minutes.

A motion was made to approve the minutes by Commissioner Denkler, seconded by Commissioner Azhar. Vote: 5-0. (Commissioners Shaw and Connolly absent).

### **2. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **Approval of 2022 Meeting Schedule.** Approve the 2022 meeting schedule of the Codes and Ordinances Joint Committee. (Discussion and/or possible action).

A motion was made to approve the 2022 meeting schedule by Commissioner Denkler, seconded by Commissioner Hempel. Vote: 5-0. (Commissioners Shaw and Connolly absent).

- b. **Annual Internal Review.** Review 2020-2021 Annual Internal Review. (Discussion and/or possible action).

A motion was made to approve the 2020-2021 Annual Internal Review by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commissioner Azhar. Vote: 5-0. (Commissioners Shaw and Connolly absent).

**3. 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.**

**4. REGULAR AGENDA: Previously Initiated**

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

- a. BRIEFING: Affordability Unlocked Site Plan Amendment.** Update on potential changes to City Code Title 25 related to Affordability Unlocked and site plan requirements and process. City Staff: Brent Lloyd, Development Services Department (512) 974-2974, [brent.lloyd@austintexas.gov](mailto:brent.lloyd@austintexas.gov) (Discussion).

Brent Lloyd gave a briefing of proposed amendments related to the site plan process for projects using Affordability Unlocked provisions. Changes to the site plan process that were proposed as a part of the LDC revision were done in conjunction with other changes to the draft code; the current proposed amendment to the current code is more complicated because it's being done in isolation, without associated changes in other parts of the code (as was the case with the draft LDC).

Comments from attendees included concern that builders that apply for tax credits have limited time to begin construction, and right now the site plan review process takes too long. Also comments that the current site plan review process is too expensive, and discourages smaller, missing middle projects that can deliver infill on a smaller scale.

Mr. Lloyd indicated that work on the amendment would be ongoing, and hoped to have a concrete proposal by the end of the year.

No action taken.

**5. 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).

A list of current, in-process code amendments was discussed.

No action taken.

**6. 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*

- a. None.

## ADJOURNMENT

Chair Barrera-Ramirez adjourned the meeting without objection at 7:33 pm.

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