



REGULAR MEETING CODES AND ORDINANCES JOINT COMMITTEE MINUTES **Wednesday, February 16, 2022**

The Codes and Ordinances Joint Committee convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, February 16, at 1000 E. 11th St, Street Jones Building, Room 400A, Austin, TX 78702.

Chair Barrera-Ramirez called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

Subcommittee Members in Attendance:

Awais Azhar

Ann Denkler

Todd Shaw

Nadia Barrera-Ramirez (Chair)

City Staff in Attendance:

None

CALL TO ORDER

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approval of the November 17, 2021, meeting minutes.

A motion was made to approve the minutes by Commissioner Azhar, seconded by Commissioner Denkler. Vote: 4-0. (Commissioners Kiolbassa, Hempel, Connolly absent).

2. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Meeting Location, Time, and Format.** Discuss and consider future COJC meeting location, time, and format; (Discussion and/or Possible Action).

Commissioners discussed potential meeting times, locations, and formats. There was a general preference for hybrid format, with a preferred location at either Austin Energy's Mueller building, or the Street Jones Building, with date and time to stay the same. Staff will look into options and follow up with a poll to Commissioners.

No action taken.

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. Land Uses in Zoning Districts.** Discuss and consider initiation of amendment to Title 25 of the City Code related to permitted land uses in certain zoning districts. Sponsor: Commissioner Barrera-Ramirez; co-sponsor: Commissioner Denkler; (Discussion and/or Possible Action).

Commissioners discussed possible changes to the construction sales and service use, so that landscaping could be made a distinct use, or changes made to the size of the use, so that landscape-type services are allowed in GR zone (or possibly made conditional).

Staff will look into possible solutions and return to a future meeting to discuss.

A motion was made to direct staff to look into the above by Commissioner Denkler, seconded by Commissioner Shaw. Vote: 4-0. (Commissioners Kiolbassa, Hempel, Connolly absent).

4. REGULAR AGENDA: Previously Initiated

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

- a. None.**

5. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Update on Potential Upcoming and Current Code Amendments** – City Staff: Greg Dutton, Housing and Planning and Department, (512) 974-3509, Greg.Dutton@austintexas.gov; (Discussion and/or Possible Action).

Commissioners expressed a desire to have FAR-related information along with a future ADU amendment presentation.

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.** Commissioners requested that staff give a briefing at a future meeting on the revised land use definitions from the LDC Revision, and how they are different from current code.

A motion was made to direct staff to look into the above and return with a briefing at a future meeting, by Commissioner Azhar, seconded by Commissioner Denkler. Vote: 4-0. (Commissioners Kiolbassa, Hempel, Connolly absent).

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Barrera-Ramirez adjourned the meeting without objection at 7:10 pm.

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