



REGULAR MEETING CODES AND ORDINANCES JOINT COMMITTEE MINUTES Wednesday, August 17, 2022

The Codes and Ordinances Joint Committee convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, August 17, 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.

Committee Members in Attendance:

Jolene Kiolbassa

Awais Azhar

Claire Hempel (Vice-Chair)

Ann Denkler

Nadia Barrera-Ramirez (Chair)

City Staff in Attendance:

Jorge Rousselin, Housing and Planning Department

Andrea Bates, Watershed Protection Department

Liz Johnston, Watershed Protection Department

Pamela Abee-Taulli, Watershed Protection Department

Katie Coyne, Watershed Protection Department

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of the June 15, 2022, meeting minutes.

The June 15 minutes will be available for approval at a future meeting. No action taken.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

2. **Election of Officers.** Elect a chair and vice-chair of the Codes and Ordinances Joint Committee.

A motion was made to re-elect Commissioner Barrera-Ramirez as Chair and Commissioner Hempel as Vice Chair by Commissioner Azhar, seconded by Commissioner Kiolbassa.

Vote: 5-0 (Commissioners Shaw and Anderson absent).

3. **Environmental, Drainage, and Landscape Amendments.** Discuss and consider a recommendation for adoption of an ordinance amending Title 25 of the City Code relating to environmental, drainage, and landscape requirements. City Staff: Liz Johnston, Watershed Protection Department, (512) 974-2619, Liz.Johnston@austintexas.gov

Katie Coyne and Liz Johnston gave a presentation on a suite of amendments to the LDC

that would require green stormwater infrastructure as well as functional green elements. There was some concern from commissioners about the cost of these new requirements and how they might apply to sites that already have high impervious cover, such as in the downtown area. There was also discussion about whether the requirements would encourage or deter missing middle housing.

A request was made to forward the backup to the ZAP Commission.

No action taken.

4. **North Burnet/Gateway Regulating Plan Subdistrict.** Discuss and consider a recommendation for adoption of an ordinance amending Title 25 of the City Code to modify the Commercial Mixed Use – Gateway Zone Subdistrict of the North Burnet/Gateway Regulating Plan, to increase the maximum floor-area ratio (FAR) and building height when using a development bonus. City Staff: Jorge Rousselin, Housing and Planning Department, (512) 974-2975, Jorge.Rousselin@austintexas.gov

Jorge Rousselin gave a presentation on a chance to a NBG subdistrict that would allow additional height and FAR beyond what is currently allowed. A suggestion was made by a member of the public to expand the scope of the amendment to include other subdistricts in the consideration of increased entitlements, specifically the TOD subdistricts.

A motion was made to recommend the item to PC with an expanded scope to include TOD subdistricts by Commissioner Azhar, seconded by Commissioner Denkler. Vote: 5-0 (Commissioners Shaw and Anderson absent).

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. **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).

Greg Dutton went over a list of in-process code amendments.

No action taken.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Barrera-Ramirez adjourned the meeting without objection at 8:32 pm.

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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

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