



REGULAR MEETING CODES AND ORDINANCES JOINT COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

DRAFT MINUTES

The Codes and Ordinances Joint Committee convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. Permitting and Development Center (PDC) – Room #1406
6310 Wilhelmina Delco Drive Austin, TX 78752

Committee Members in Attendance:

Claire Hempel (Vice-Chair)
Greg Anderson
Betsy Greenberg

Awais Azhar
Todd Shaw

City Staff in Attendance:

Erica Leak, Housing and Planning Department
Zack Lofton, Housing and Planning Department
Tom Vocke, Austin Fire Department
Lisa Rodriguez, Housing and Planning Department

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Hempel called the meeting to order at 6:04pm with 5 members present.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

No speakers registered for general public communication.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of the October 19, 2022, and December 21, 2022, meeting minutes

On Commissioner Azhar's motion, Commissioner Shaw's second, the October 19, 2022, and December 21, 2022, minutes were approved unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

2. Discussion and possible action on 2023 Meeting Calendar

On Commissioner Azhar's motion, Commissioner Shaw's second, the 2023 Meeting Calendar was approved on a 4-0-1 vote, with Commissioner Greenberg abstaining.

3. **C20-2022-021 Wildland-Urban Interface.** Consider an ordinance amending Title 25 of the City Code to add definitions for Fire Protection Plan and Wildland-Urban Interface Area, and to amend standards related to Wildland-Urban Interface Area. City Staff: Tom Vocke, Austin Fire Department, 512-974-0266, Tom.Vocke@austintexas.gov.

Tom Vocke presented. Commissioner Greenberg moved to approve the ordinance with the following amendment to PART 3: City Code Section 25-4-157 (Access Streets) is amended to change (C)(2)(a) by replacing "with a high wildland fire protection rating, as determined in accordance with the National Fire Protection Association Bulletin 299 'Protection of Life and Property from Wildfire', published in 1992," with the following language: "identified as an Wildland-Urban Interface Area as shown on the Austin Fire Department Wildfire Risk map." Vice Chair Hempel seconded the motion.

Commissioner Azhar made a substitute motion to approve the ordinance as written with direction that Part 3 of the code amendment be aligned with the existing code to make it more seamless and ensure there is no duplication. Following discussion, Commissioner Azhar made a motion to amend his substitute motion to replace "*change*" with "*consider changing*" in Commissioner Greenberg's amendment. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. Record of the vote: Commissioner Azhar's amendment to the substitute motion to include "*consider changing*" in Commissioner Greenberg's motion was unanimously approved. Commissioner Azhar's substitute motion was also unanimously approved.

4. **C20-2022-008 Capitol Dominance Overlay.** Consider an ordinance amending Title 25 of the City Code to allow properties within the Capitol Dominance Overlay District to participate in the Downtown Density Bonus Program so long as those properties continue to comply with the Capitol View Corridors and CVC Overlay District where applicable. City Staff: Zack Lofton, Housing and Planning Department, 512-974-9363, Zack.Lofton@austintexas.gov.

Zack Lofton presented. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the ordinance with an amendment to remove City of Austin's Capitol Dominance Overlay, while fully maintaining and respecting all Capitol View Corridors. On Commissioner Anderson's motion, Vice Chair Hempel's second, the motion failed on a 3 – 2 vote with Commissioners Anderson, Azhar and Hempel voting yay, and Commissioners Greenberg and Shaw voting nay.

Commissioner Azhar moved to approve the ordinance with a friendly amendment to allow properties in the CDO west of Lavaca Street and east of San Jacinto Street, and to include all properties between Guadalupe Street and Colorado Street, and between Brazos Street and Trinity Street, north of 14th Street. On Commissioner Azhar's motion,

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Do we need to add info. about it?

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Commissioner Anderson's second, the motion passed on a 4-1-0 vote with Commissioners Azhar, Anderson, Shaw and Hempel voting yay and Commissioner Greenberg voting nay.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. Update on Potential Upcoming and Current Code Amendments – City Staff: Erica Leak, Housing and Planning and Department (Discussion and/or Possible Action).

Erica Leak briefed the board regarding a list of in-process code amendments.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 2023-2024 Officer elections

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Hempel adjourned the meeting without objection at 7:26pm.

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