

Planning Commission



Minutes for the Wednesday, September 21, 2022, Study Session

Members of the Planning Commission

Dr. Christine Crawford

Chair

Bob Bigger

Leonard Carter, Jr.

Jesse Elliott

Rett Harbeson

Timothy V. Key, *Vice Chair*

CITIZEN ASSISTANCE: Individuals requiring special assistance or a sign interpreter to participate in the meeting are asked to please notify the Department of Planning and Development 48 hours prior to the meeting at 803-441-4221.

1. Call to Order – 6:00 p.m.

2. Review Rules of Procedure

Mr. Paradise stated that they are going over the rules that the Planning Commission have come with in order to conduct business. This to help the new commissioners and so that everyone is aware of the rules and procedures for the meetings. If there is something that you want corrected it can be amended. The discussion of the time change that was done for this year was a possibly correction that is needed. Also that on the Agenda there is an order that it has which means that it is not necessarily the first project is first. There is an order for the agenda. Mr. Paradise would like some questions asked before meetings so that he can research it and give the correct answer. There is times when things need a public hearing but not a public meeting. If there is not enough commissioners for the meeting then maybe things could be changed or postponed so that things can be voted on fairly. They went over how to reclus yourself and how it works and what they can do if these happens. If any questions about recluses you can call the State Ethics Commission, they can give you the answer. They also handle ethics complaints. They investigate you if there is any ethic complaints.

There is a strict rule when you must reclude yourself and then there is appearance of impropriety that you or a personal judgement call you might have to make.

3. Discuss Court Cases

Mr. Paradise stated the next topic is discussion of court cases. They went over a case that was against City of North Augusta and Board of Zoning Appeals. This was for a fireworks and Halloween store. The neighborhood came out and spoke against it. The BZA was against it, but then it got an appeal and went to circuit court. The result was a fireworks store and costing the city about \$30,000. They also discussed another case in Anderson County.

4. Questions about agenda items

No questions or discussions for the agenda.

5. Adjourn 6:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas L. Paradise, Director
Department of Planning and Development
Secretary to the Planning Commission