

CITY OF ST. JOHNS
PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
AUGUST 9, 2023

The Planning and Zoning Commission regular meeting was duly posted. Chairman Ron Cisco called the meeting to order at approximately 5:00 p.m. in the City of St. Johns Conference Room.

ROLL CALL: Commissioners: Ben Brown, Carol Perezchica, Jill Patterson

STAFF PRESENT: Community Development Director, Chris Chisel and Rob Hinds, Building Inspector

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public was present. However, the following comments were made from those attending the meeting:

- Mr. Hinds noted that he met with Coral Evans, Senator Kelly's Northern Arizona District Director about the petition from the PZ Commissioners to obtain signatures on behalf of ADOT road /signal improvements. Ms. Evans was very receptive and said that she would speak with individuals at ADOT to discuss this further. Ms. Chiesl agreed that the signed petitions would be very helpful and should be brought to the next scheduled PZ meeting.

AGENDA

1. Discussion on Council's comments for Future Code Enforcement

The Council meeting discussed how to best approach code enforcement. They suggested that a Committee be formed by the community led by Councilwoman Huth to discuss how various Churches and other organization could help clean up the town. Also discussed were future ordinances such as recreational vehicle/trailer ordinances.

The following was discussed:

Ben- Thought the work session went well.

Carol- Likes what was said at the work session. Make a decision.

Chris- how do you enforce it? Easements, Public property.

Rob- Are the public easements and city streets going to be a PD issue or a city staff issue?

Jill- I wish we could do a longer work session to go over item by item. So many opinions and it feels like things are going to keep getting pushed out. Let's move forward in some way.

Ben- I think we have a lot of great ordinances that can be enforced. We have not done anything about it.

Jill- we could start with garbage.

Chris- We have begun working with blue hills. We must be given direction on what we can do. We were given direction a year ago to start with trailers, trash, and cars. We have now been told that we should enforce code by complaint driven. We have found that the current ordinances need some updating.

Ben- Why are we starting with a new ordinance right off the bat?

Rob- the city needs to be on the same page meaning Council, manager, attorney, court, and staff to get something done.

Chris- The city court contracted attorney needs to be aware of the city's goals regarding clean up when citations or other court cases appear before him so the proper action can be taken. Our ability to enforce code to some degree from the court level has been hindered.

Jill- Some of the legal issues can be eliminated if the new chamber of Commerce and the new code volunteer group can assist with those so it doesn't need to go to court. Having a project that was complained about to the city, could give the newly created groups a focus to help with.

Chris- the new committee will have nothing to do with creating new ordinances.

Rob- explained the process for how a new ordinance is created or modified.

Chris- explained in more detail how the ordinance is created and how long the process can take.

Jill- expressed frustration about how legal can hold up getting things done.

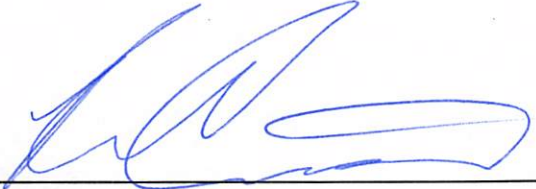
2. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Motion was made by Commissioner Ben Brown to adjourn the meeting. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jill Patterson.

Motion passed 3-0

Meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.



Ron Cisco, Chairman

Date 10/25/2023

ATTEST:




Cindy Lee, City Clerk

Date 10/25/2023

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the forgoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Planning & Zoning Commission held June 28, 2023. I certify that the meeting was duly called, held, and that a quorum was present.



Cindy Lee, City Clerk

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