

February 16, 2016

The Land Use Commission of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, met in regular session at its regular meeting place located at 500 N. Huntington Street, Sulphur, Louisiana, at 5:30 p.m., on the 16th day of February, 2016, after full compliance with the convening of said meeting with the following members present:

LENORE CARROLL, Land Use Commission District 1
SANDRA VINCENT, Land Use Commission District 2
MIKE MOORE, Land Use Commission District 3

ABSENT:

LAWRENCE DAVID, Land Use Commission District 4
GERRIT LAWRENCE, Land Use Commission of District 5

After the meeting was called to order and the roll called with the above results, prayer was led by Mr. Moore followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mrs. Vincent.

Motion was made by Mrs. Vincent seconded by Mr. Moore that the minutes from the previous meeting stand as written. Motion carried.

Motion was then made by Mrs. Vincent seconded by Mr. Moore that the agenda stand as written. Motion carried.

The first item on the agenda is a resolution electing a Vice-Chairman for the Land Use Commission for the unexpired term of Brian Levens. Motion was made by Mrs. Vincent seconded by Mr. Moore that the following resolution be adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION

Resolution electing a Vice-Chairman for the Land Use Commission of the City of Sulphur.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Land Use Commission of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, that they do hereby elect Lawrence David as Vice-Chairman for the Land Use Commission of the City of Sulphur to fill the unexpired term of Brian Levens.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Carroll, Mrs. Vincent, Mr. Moore
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mr. David, Mr. Lawrence

And the said resolution was declared duly adopted on this 16th day of February, 2016.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Secretary

LENORE CARROLL, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is Open discussion for the purpose of receiving public comment on the draft Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance. Tim Jackson, Planner from New Orleans, addressed the Commission and stated that the first zoning ordinance was voted on by Council in 2003. That ordinance currently has 6 districts. The new zoning ordinance will have 11 districts; 4 residential and 3 commercial. The ordinance and map will be placed on City's website as well as in the City Hall conference room and public library. There will be a third public meeting on February 25th at Frasch Park meeting room. Eventually Land Use will introduce the ordinance (probably March/April) and Council will hold public hearing the month after introduction. The ordinance will become effective a few months after the public hearing. Mike Daigle, Land Use Administrator, stated that this is a working document. We want to hear your concerns.

Bill LeBlanc addressed the Commission and stated that he doesn't want the Commission and Council to rush this. Last time the ordinance was adopted it was rushed through.

Ted Thompson, Maplewood Drive, asked if he could get a red-lined copy of all the changes from the current ordinance to the proposed ordinance. Tim Jackson stated that this isn't an amendment to the current ordinance, this is a whole new ordinance. The definitions are going from 2 pages to 14 pages.

Bill Morrison addressed the Commission and asked if the zoning ordinance will have anything to do with businesses making too much noise and disturbing the surrounding neighborhoods. Steve Villavaso, Planner, stated that maybe in the Industrial District they could put a noise ordinance clause.

Pam Richards, Harmon Street, addressed the Commission and asked if the construction on Prater Road will lower the property value. Mayor Duncan stated that Axiall told him that their expansion will not affect anyone's property value.

At this time Mr. Jackson stated that they would be available to answer questions after the meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Secretary

LENORE CARROLL, Chairman

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6:05 P.M.