



FREEPORT PLANNING BOARD

June 3, 2009 Meeting Minutes

The meeting convened at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Meeting Room of the Freeport City Hall.

Board members present: Harold Taunton Jr., Ronnie Brannon, Chris Weeks and Elizabeth Brannon (Vice Chair). Members absent: Jan Hooks (Chair).

Staff present: Latilda Henninger (City Planner/Board Liaison), Clay Adkinson (Board Attorney).

I. Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair E. Brannon.

II. Invocation / Pledge of Allegiance

The invocation was given by Taunton, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Minutes from May 6, 2009 Read/Approved

The minutes from the May 6, 2009 Planning Board meeting were read. *Motion by R. Brannon to accept the minutes as read. Motion seconded by Taunton. All ayes; motion carried.*

IV. Item before the Board: Signage Regulations (The meeting was conducted *as a workshop*)

The Board discussed the following:

1. The City Council has not expressed interest in establishing community directory signage, but will review ways to mitigate the lack of identification signage at the two existing industrial parks. The Planning Board will review and make recommendations regarding the two industrial parks.
2. The City Council wants to require signage location and signage renderings as a component of development applications, most specifically that ground signs be required for multiple-occupancy commercial projects. The Planning Board endorses the City Council's position.
3. The Planning Board is inclined to recommend to the City Council the following:

- a. That portable signs, currently prohibited under Section 5.06.03 (B) (25) be removed from the prohibited list and added to Section 5.06.04 Permitted Temporary Signs. Under B. Signage Types Allowed.
- b. That the length of time that temporary signs may be displayed is reviewed and the time frames for temporary signs to remain onsite be lengthened. (Section 5.06.04 (D)(2)(b, c, d).

The Planning Board will continue to discuss and refine their recommendations at their July meeting.

V. Adjournment

Motion by R. Brannon to adjourn. Motion seconded by Weeks. Meeting adjourned.

Next Planning Board meeting: July 1, 2009, 7:00 p.m., Freeport City Hall