

FREEPORT PLANNING BOARD

August 5, 2009 Meeting Minutes

7:00 p.m. City Hall Council Room

The meeting convened at 7:35 p.m., due to Brannon arriving late, assuring a quorum.

Board members present: Chris Weeks, Jan Hooks (Chair) and Ronnie Brannon

Board Members absent: Harold Taunton

Staff present: Latilda Henninger/City Planner – Board Secretary, Clay Adkinson/Board Attorney

I. Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hooks.

II. Invocation / Pledge of Allegiance

The invocation was given by Weeks, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

III. Minutes from June 3, 2009 Read/Approved

Motion by Weeks, seconded by Brannon to approve the June 3, 2009 minutes as read. All ayes; motion carried.

IV. Greg Free sworn in as Earl King's appointee by Attorney Adkison

Attorney Adkinson swore in Greg Free. Adkinson announced that at the last city council meeting, Elizabeth Brannon, newly elected City Council Member, reappointed Jan Hooks to the Planning Board. Hooks was originally placed on the Planning Board 3/07 by Jean Arrant, who did not seek reelection to the City Council. Free was appointed to replace Elizabeth Brannon on the Planning Board.

V. Items before the Board

All persons wishing to speak regarding any item on the agenda were sworn at this time.

1. Recommendations regarding Signage Regulations

Henninger presented the draft signage revisions as an informational item. Henninger reviewed the draft revisions to the signage regulations which stated that portable signs, currently prohibited were removed from the prohibited list and added to the permitted temporary sign list, and that the length of time legal temporary signs may be displayed be lengthened to one year.

Jim Weeks questioned whether the Council would take up the issue of community directory signs. Henninger stated that the Council had declined to review community directory sign language.

Henninger will take the proposed revisions before the City Council at their regular meeting on August 11, 2009, to request that they set public hearings for the language amendment.

2. Shoppes of Freeport Development Proposal

Project Summary:

Project Description: specialty retail/supermarket on 14.4+ acres.
B1: 5,600 sf. B2: 5,600 sf. B3: 45,600 sf. B4: 8,300 sf. B5:
72,100 sf.

Parcel Number(s): 14-1S-19-23000-006-0030/005-0010/004-
0020/004-0010/006-0010/006-0020.

Future Land Use designation: UD (Urban Development)

Zoning Designation: C-1 (General Commercial)

Project Location: west side of US 331 S, south and east of Blue Ridge.

Staff Recommendations:

City Planner Approval: July 1, 2009

City Engineer Approval: July 1, 2009

City Fire Chief Approval: July 13, 2009

Project Representative(s): Jim Weeks/Weeks Planning & Engineering,
June Weeks/Weeks Planning & Engineering, Bob Page/ Wilwat Properties

Correspondence Received by the City: none

Comments from the Audience: none

Board Discussion: the board discussed the specific location, and the Public grocery planned as an anchor store and the owner's timeline to complete and open the grocery store.

Board Action: *Motion by Brannon, seconded by Free to recommend approval of the Shoppes at Freeport. All ayes, motion carried.*

VI. Adjournment

Motion by Brannon, seconded by Free to adjourn. All ayes; meeting adjourned.