

# PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE MINUTES: July 7, 2020

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## **In Attendance**

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Councilman Darrin Ledford, committee chair, called the electronic-conducted (virtual) meeting to order at 4:20 p.m. A quorum was present, including Council Chairman Chip Henderson, Council Vice-Chairman Ken Smith and Council members Carol Berz, Anthony Byrd, Demetrus Coonrod, Russell Gilbert, Jerry Mitchell, and Erskine Oglesby, Jr. all present via electronic means. Other panelists present via electronic means: Phil Noblett, City Attorney; Lydia Christoph, Administrative Support; and Keren Campbell, Council Support Specialist.

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## **Others in Attendance**

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Regional Planning: John Bridger, Executive Director, and Karen Hundt, Director Design Center; Craig Design Group: Glen Craig, Landscape Architect

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## **Approval of Minutes**

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**On motion of Councilman Gilbert** and seconded by Councilwoman Coonrod, the minutes of the last meeting (June 2, 2020) were approved as published.

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## **Vegetation Landscape in Relation to Steep Slopes and Flood Plains**

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Mr. Bridger introduced Mr. Craig, who gave a presentation on the “Vegetative Standards Proposal” that covered the following bullet points:

- Vegetative Planting where Steep Slopes disturbed
- Detached buildings development requirements (Single Family Home)
- Attached building development requirements (Duplex Townhomes, Apartments)
- Coverage Value Calculators
- Addition Suggestion to encourage maintaining existing Trees on Steep Slopes
- Steep Slope Disturbance
- Steep Slope Landscape Mitigation

A discussion ensued where Mr. Bridger and Mr. Craig responded to questions on the following:

- Steps in preserving trees (Councilman Ledford)
- LDO Enforcement (Councilman Ledford)
- Credit Incentive (Councilman Henderson)
- Landscape Requirements (Councilman Henderson)
- Current Ordinance (Councilman Henderson)
- Replanting (Councilman Henderson)
- Existing Proposal (Councilman Henderson)
- State Law (Councilman Mitchell)
- Grass (Councilman Mitchell)

- Credit for site (Councilman Mitchell)
- 100 Ft. Horizontal Law (Councilman Mitchell)
- Variance Board Regulations (Councilman Mitchell)

Councilman Gilbert requested to hear from Mr. Bridger on this site/project. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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### **Area 3 Presentation: Historic River-to-Ridge Plan**

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Mr. Bridger introduced Ms. Hundt, who gave a presentation on Area 3 that covered the following bullet points:

- What does an Area Plan do?
- Unique qualifications of the Historic River-to-Ridge Area
- Public Process
- Community Issues
- Highlights
- Place Types
- Proposed Modifications
- Conservation-Based Residential
- After Modifications
- Alternates (Modification #5 A & B)
- Modification #6

A discussion ensued, with Ms. Hundt addressing the following:

- Staffing (Councilman Gilbert)
- Bonny Oaks Area (Councilman Gilbert)

Upon no questions or comments, the issues were closed.

### **Next Week's Agenda: July 14, 2020**

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#### **Ordinances (Final Reading) - Agenda Item 5A**

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This item has been discussed at previous open meetings. Upon no questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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#### **Ordinances (First Reading) - Agenda Item 6A**

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This item had been discussed at previous open meetings. Upon no questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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**Ordinances (First Reading) - Agenda Item 6B**

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Mr. Bridger briefed the Council on this item. Councilman Smith had questions pertaining to the conditions allowed in regards to density, the reduction of density, and the concerns of the Opposition. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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**Ordinances (First Reading) - Agenda Item 6C & 6D**

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These items had been discussed at previous open meetings. Upon no questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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**Ordinances (First Reading) - Agenda Item 6E**

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Mr. Bridger briefed the Council on this item. Upon no questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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**Ordinances (First Reading) - Agenda Item 6F**

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This item had been discussed at previous open meetings. Upon no questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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**Ordinances (First Reading) - Agenda Item 6G**

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Mr. Bridger briefed the Council on this item. Upon no questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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**Ordinances (First Reading) - Agenda Item 6H, 6I**

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These items had been discussed at previous open meetings. Upon no questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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**Resolutions - Agenda Item 7G**

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Councilman Ledford asked the City Attorney to move this item to the July 28<sup>th</sup> agenda. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

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**Adjournment**

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There being no further business, Councilman Ledford adjourned the meeting at 5:52 p.m.