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TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2018, 6:00 PM

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL

7840 ROSWELL ROAD, BUILDING 500

MINUTES

Call to Order (6:01 p.m.)

Meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by Chairman Frostbaum.

Roll Call

Members Present: Frostbaum, Haggard, Johns, Nickles, Porter and Settles

All seven Planning Commissioners were in attendance: Chairman Frostbaum, Vice Chair Porter, Commissioners Haggard, Settles, Johns, Nickles and Kelly.

General Announcements

Staff read the rules and procedures for a Public Hearing.

Approval of Agenda - May 22, 2018

Commissioner Kelly made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Nickles with the May 22, 2018 meeting agenda passing unanimously by a voice vote.

Approval of Minutes - March 27, 2018

PC Minutes 3.27.18

Commissioner Settles moved to approve March 27, 2018 Minutes, seconded by Vice Chair Porter, passing by unanimous voice vote.

Cases

1. 001548 **TA18-0001**

An Ordinance to Amend Division 7.2 & Division 7.8 of the Sandy Springs Development Code to amend regulations for home occupations.

TA18-0001 Package

Staff called the case with Commissioner Haggard immediately recusing himself. He explained his involvement related to the issue involved with the case (RZ17-0004), being the source of the original complaint. He departed the dais and the meeting. The case was presented by City Planner II, Paul Leonhardt ,with a recommendation to approve.

The following citizens spoke in support of the case including Allison Dubovsky (Swim With Allison Owner), Sara Kogon, Tracy Lurey and Matt LaMarsh. Their comments focused on the benefit to the community in teaching children to swim and the lifetime safety benefit. Comment cards from 53 citizens were received in support of the case but those citizens opted not to speak. Speaking in opposition was Ronda Smith, Council of Neighborhoods, taking issue with traffic and the number of visitors to the neighborhood.

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Chairman Frostbaum closed public comments with Planning Commission going into Executive Session for discussion. All Commissioners remaining indicated the importance of swimming lessons for children and appreciation for swim lessons, however, all Commissioners voiced concern not just to this case specifically but the door that would be opened for other home based businesses in such residential neighborhoods that would affect the right of the citizen to privacy and enjoyment of their residence. Increased traffic factored into that concern as well as noise. Commissioner Nickles was not opposed to licensing this home based business but took issue with no fencing and street parking.

Vice Chair Porter moved to deny TA18-0001 with Commissioner Kelly seconding the motion. A voice vote carried the motion to pass with Commissioners Settles and Johns also supporting the motion while Commissioner Nickles did not support the motion. Motion passed to deny, 4-1-0.

On-Going Business

No on-going was discussed.

New Business

The new process for how case briefings will be presented to the Planning Commission was briefly discussed with some clarification from Ginger Sottile, Community Development Director, and Dan Lee, City Attorney. There will no longer be a work session prior to the Planning Commission meeting at 6pm.

Public Comment

No public comments were heard.

Adjournment

The meeting was adourned at 7:02 pm. Commissioner Kelly moved for adjournment having heard all business per the agenda with Commissioner Nickles seconding, passing with a unanimous voice vote.