

Planning Commission
Hearing Minutes
Zoom/In-Person

Wednesday, July 12, 2023

6:00 p.m.

City Hall: Second Floor Assembly Room 206 N.5th Street

Call to Order/ Roll Call 6:00pm

Present: Councilor Liaison Steve Casaleggio, Commissioner Roger Thom, Vice Chair Michael Card, Commissioner Diane Barr, and Chair Mark Thomas

Absent: Commissioner Michael Schwartz,

Staff Present: Planning Director Ian Foster, James Shireman Assistant Planner at RVCOG, and Planning Technician Diane Oliver

Introductions and Review of Agenda:

Minutes: May 17, 2023 stand as submitted

General Public Comment: None

Public Hearing: Amendments to 18.01.020 & 18.18.020 with Regard to the Tree Removal Process

Public Hearing Opened: 6:03 pm

Ian Foster, Planning Director presented his staff report along with the CAC's Majority reports for the record, and also answered questions of the Commissioners.

These amendments are intended to increase the overall efficiency to the review process in light of the increased wildfire risk and results of Senate bill 762. This recommendation to the city council per the CAC will amend our tree removal process in the Jacksonville Unified Development Code. The Planning Commission has both Majority reports in front of them. The CAC has elevated these two items so that we can be in compliance with State laws so that there is no conflict with the Tree removal and Parking Standards.

(Discussion between commissioners and Staff)

Public Comment: None

Rebuttal Testimony: None

Move to: Close the public hearing

Motion by: Commissioner Barr

Seconded by: Commissioner Thom

Vote: All Ayes, none opposed, public hearing is closed at 6:25PM

Move to: Recommend to the City Council that they adopt the proposed amendments to Chapter 18.01 Certificate of Appropriateness requirements, 18.04.010 Public Notice, and 18.18.020 Tree Removal Standards included in the record as exhibit A.

Motion by: Commissioner Barr

Seconded by: Commissioner Thom

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Thom-yes
Commissioner Barr-yes
Vice Chair Card-yes
Chair Thomas-yes

The recommendation will be forwarded to the City Council

Public Hearing: Amendments to 18.17, Off Street Parking & Loading & 18.16, Driveway and Garage Standards

Public Hearing Opened: 6:25 pm

James Schireman, Assistant Planner from RVCOG presented his staff report for the record regarding the Amendments to 18.17 Off-Street Parking and Loading, 18.16 Driveway and Garage Standards due to the Executive Order called the Climate Friendly and Equitable Communities. The CAC has elevated these Amendments to the city's on-site parking requirements in order to comply with State requirements. The Driveway and Garage standards need to be amended so that we can reduce the burden of providing on-site parking for new developments in the hopes of reducing emissions. The State mandated this in the infrastructure package introduced on July 22, 2022, so we're approaching the one-year mark. These reforms bring the city of Jacksonville into official compliance with the phase A parking reforms as well as the EV Conduit component that was to occur by March 31st. There will be phase B reforms to be analyzed, one of which removes financial disincentives for parking while the other mandates further land use associated restrictions. Further review will be required so the CAC sends a favorable recommendation of these initial parking amendments to chapter 18 of the Jacksonville LDC to the Planning Commission and to the City Council for further review. See exhibit B proposed amendments to 18.17.020 Off-Street Parking and Loading.

(Discussion between commissioners and Staff)

Public Comment: None

Rebuttal Testimony: None

Move to: Close the public hearing

Motion by: Commissioner Thom

Seconded by: Commissioner Barr

Vote: All Ayes, none opposed, public hearing is closed at 7:25PM

Move to: I move to recommend to the Jacksonville City Council that they adopt the proposed amendments to Chapter 18.17 Off-Street parking and loading included in the record as exhibit B, accounting for the fact that the OARS are currently being litigated by the Oregon Court of Appeals, case number CAA 180037, and to review and modify 18.16.030 B to ensure driveways may be approved in a front yard area under certain conditions, as well as refine the climate mitigation option contained in 18.17.110 J111.

Motion by: Vice Chair Card

Seconded by: Commissioner Barr

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Thom-yes
Commissioner Barr-yes
Vice Chair Card-yes
Chair Thomas-yes

The recommendation will be forwarded to the City Council

Business from Commissioners and Staff:

Planning Director Report: Planning Director reminded the Commissioners the importance of reviewing packets prior to the hearing, and that he's always available to answer any questions prior to the actual hearing itself.

City Council Report: The Budget has been approved. The evening work on the sewers has been approved. The Police surcharge has been raised. July 18th we will have a second reading of the Ordinance. The council is looking at ways to calm traffic such as the plantings of trees, and roundabouts.

Adjourned at 7:40 PM

Roger Thom, Chair Pro Temp

Diane Oliver, Building/Planning Technician

Handwritten signatures of Roger Thom and Diane Oliver. The signature of Roger Thom is a large, stylized cursive signature. The signature of Diane Oliver is a smaller, more legible cursive signature.

Date of Approval: 9-6-2023