

The Wauchula Planning and Zoning Board met for its regular on Monday, October 19, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

The following members were present: Vice-Chairwoman Donna Steffens, Gerald Waldron, Wayne Johnson and Ray Graham. Absent was Chairman Garry Phillips

Also present were Community Development Coordinator Kyle Long and City Clerk Holly Smith.

Vice-Chairwoman Steffens called the meeting to order

Approval of Minutes – September 21, 2020

Waldron motioned to approve the minutes from September 21, 2020 as presented, seconded by Graham. With no further discussion, Smith polled the Board; all were in favor. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2020-10 – 2020 Annual Update to the Comprehensive Plan’s Capital Improvement Element (CIE)

Marisa Barmby with CFRPC attended the meeting via Zoom.

Barmby explained the ordinance adoption process. Barmby stated this was an annual housekeeping item updating the Capital Improvement Plan.

Steffens announced the Public Hearing and opened discussion to the public. There were no comments from the public.

Graham motioned to recommend approval of Ordinance 2002-10, seconded by Waldron. With no further discussion, Smith polled the Board; all were in favor. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2020-11 – Proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendments drafted to provide consistency with the Heartland Regional Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

Jennifer Codo-Salisbury with CFRPC attended the meeting via Zoom.

Codo-Salsibury explained the ordinance and stated this was housekeeping items updating the Comprehensive Plan adding the HRTPO and the LRTP. Graham asked if the changes were mandated from the State. Codo-Salisbury replied yes.

Steffens announced the Public Hearing and opened discussion to the public. There were no comments from the public.

Johnson motioned to recommend approval of Ordinance 2002-11, seconded by Steffens. With no further discussion, Smith polled the Board; all were in favor. Motion carried.

Emergency Ordinance 2020-13 – Amending Section 2.03.08 of the Unified Land Development Code

Long explained Emergency Ordinance 2020-13.

Long stated the City had received a request for a temporary structure permit from St. Michaels. The church is short on space due to the pandemic and the social distancing protocol. The request was for 60’x100’ tent to hold mass and educational classes. Long noted the Land Development Code only allows for 2 periods of 21 days yearly. Long stated he had notified the

church and informed them the tent being up longer than 42 combined days was not allowed. The church took the request to the Commission and requested a variance. A variance was not allowed and City Attorney Thomas Cloud drafted the ordinance before you tonight. Long stated the ordinance would amend section 2.03.08 of the Land Development Code pertaining to temporary structure permits and would allow the extension of the time frame with the contingency that it was only valid through times of a state of emergency in relations to a pandemic. If approved the regulations would only last as long as the state of emergency exists, once the state of emergency expires the ordinance would also expire and would return to the normal language pertaining to temporary structure permits.

Steffens announced the Public Hearing and opened discussion to the public. There were no comments from the public.

Graham motioned to recommend approval of Emergency Ordinance 2002-13, seconded by Steffens. With no further discussion, Smith polled the Board; all were in favor. Motion carried.

Old/New Business

Long gave an update on the Crane Park Development.

Public Comment

There was no Public present to comment.

Chairman Phillips adjourned the meeting at 6:01 p.m.

Vice-Chairwoman Donna Steffens

City Clerk Holly Smith