

The Wauchula Planning and Zoning Board met for its regular on Monday, March 16, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

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

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

Vice-Chairwoman Steffens called the meeting to order

Approval of Minutes – December 16, 2019

Graham motioned to approve the minutes from December 16, 2019 as presented, seconded by Johnson. With no discussion, Smith polled the Board; all were in favor. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2020-02 – ULDC Text Amendment Relating to Artisan Production

Jennifer Codo-Salisbury from Central Florida Regional Planning Council reviewed the Ordinance 2020-02 and the changes. She stated changes to the Land Development Code were to add craft/artisan type of usage in the City. Craft/Artisan production would be added to Article 2 and adding the definition in Article 9. The parking was 1 space per 150 square feet.

Graham noted he did not want walls put up everywhere and semi trailers with grain for breweries stored in them to attract rats. Graham asked would the Board be involved if someone asked for a variance. Long replied if this ordinance was to be adopted and as long as all the conditions were met the code requires it would be approved at a staff level. Long stated you would see a variance only if someone applied and could not meet all the requirements. Steffens asked about medical marijuana. Codo-Salisbury stated it would depend on the content because the City does have a medical marijuana ordinance.

Long asked the Board if they would not want to permit this in P-1 simply because P-1 acts as a buffer between commercial and residential. Long stated in P-1 you can have a single-family and you can also have office space. Staff wanted to bring it to the Board and ask your opinion. Graham stated as long as it meets the code he was fine with it.

Graham motioned to recommend approval of Ordinance 2020-02 to the City Commission, seconded by Steffens.

With no further discussion, Smith polled the Board; all were in favor. Motion carried.

Old/New Business

Graham asked about the PUD development. Long stated the PUD was approved by the City Commission and the project will be back before you on the development plans. Long stated the rezone and annexation on west Louisiana Street was approved.

Public Comment

There was no Public present to comment.

Vice-Chairwoman Steffans adjourned the meeting at 5:49 p.m.

Vice-Chairwoman Donna Steffens

City Clerk Holly Smith