



**CITY OF OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA
PLANNING BOARD MEETING
MARCH 18, 2021
SUMMARY OF BOARD ACTION**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Hoover called the regular meeting of the Planning Board for the City of Okeechobee to order on Thursday, March 18, 2021, at 6:32 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, located at 55 Southeast Third Avenue, Room 200, Okeechobee, Florida.

II. ATTENDANCE

Roll was taken by Board Secretary Patty Burnette. Chairperson Dawn Hoover, Vice Chairperson Doug McCoy, Board Members Phil Baughman, Karyne Brass, Rick Chartier, and Mac Jonassaint were present. Alternate Board Member Jim Shaw was present. Board Member Felix Granados and Alternate Board Member Joe Papasso were absent with consent. Chairperson Hoover moved Alternate Board Member Shaw to voting position.

III. AGENDA

- A. There were no items added, deferred, or withdrawn from the agenda.
- B. Motion by Member Brass, seconded by Member Jonassaint to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

IV. MINUTES

- A. Motion by Member Chartier, seconded by Member Jonassaint to dispense with the reading and approve the January 21, 2021, Regular Meeting and Workshop minutes and the February 18, 2021, Workshop minutes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

V. CHAIRPERSON HOOVER OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 6:33 P.M.

- A. Land Development Regulations (LDR) Text Amendment Petition No. 21-001-TA proposes to amend Sections 90-483 through 90-484; remove Section 90-485 and move limitations for parking reduction approvals to Section 90-483; add Form 21 Parking Reduction Petition, to Appendix A and add an application fee of \$250.00 to Appendix C.
 - 1. City Planning Consultant Mr. Ben Smith of LaRue Planning and Management Services reviewed the Planning Staff Report and draft ordinance.
 - 2. The following public comments we offered: Mr. Steven Dobbs, 209 Northeast 2nd Street, Okeechobee, commented maybe a standard parking requirement should be created for properties that are considered "strip malls" as it appears that in several instances property owners are unable to lease out all their units because of the current parking requirements for each type of use.
 - 3. There were no Ex-Parte disclosures offered.
 - 4. Motion by Member Chartier, seconded by Member Jonassaint to recommend the City Council approve LDR Text Amendment Petition No. 21-001-TA as presented in Exhibit 1. **Motion Carried Unanimously.** The recommendation will be forwarded to the City Council for consideration at Public Hearings tentatively scheduled for April 20, 2021 and May 18, 2021.
- B. LDR Text Amendment Petition No. 21-002-TA proposes to adopt the Holding Property Rezoning Program; add Form 22 Holding Property Rezoning Application, to Appendix A and add an application fee of \$600.00 plus \$20.00/acre to Appendix C.
 - 1. City Planning Consultant Smith reviewed the Planning Staff Report and draft ordinance.
 - 2. There were no public comments offered.
 - 3. There were no Ex-Parte disclosures offered.

V. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM B CONTINUED

4. Motion by Member Jonassaint, seconded by Member Chartier to recommend to the City Council approval of LDR Text Amendment Petition No. 21-002-TA as presented in Exhibit 2. **Motion Carried Unanimously.** The recommendation will be forwarded to the City Council for consideration at Public Hearings tentatively scheduled for April 20, 2021 and May 18, 2021.

CHAIRPERSON HOOVER CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:07 P.M.

VI. Chairperson Hoover adjourned the meeting at 7:07 P.M.

Submitted by:

Patty M. Burnette

Patty M. Burnette, Secretary

Please take notice and be advised that when a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Planning Board with respect to any matter considered at this proceeding, he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. General Services' media are for the sole purpose of backup for official records.