



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

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Hoover called the regular meeting of the Board of Adjustment for the City of Okeechobee to order on Thursday, March 18, 2021, at 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, located at 55 Southeast Third Avenue, Room 200, Okeechobee, Florida, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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- A. There were no items added, deferred, or withdrawn from the agenda.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

**IV. MINUTES**

- A. Motion by Board Member Baughman, seconded by Vice Chairperson McCoy to dispense with the reading and approve the January 21, 2021, Board of Adjustment Regular Meeting minutes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**V. CHAIRPERSON HOOVER OPENED THE QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARING AT 6:02 P.M.**

- A. Variance Petition No. 21-001-V.
  - 1. Notary Public Patty Burnette administered an oath to Mr. Ben Smith, LaRue Planning and Management, 1375 Jackson Street, Suite 206, Fort Myers, Florida, who responded affirmatively.
  - 2. City Planning Consultant Smith reviewed the Planning Staff Report recommending approval.
  - 3. No comments were offered on behalf of the Property Owner.
  - 4. No public comments were offered.
  - 5. No Ex-Parte disclosures were offered.
  - 6. Motion by Board Member Baughman, seconded by Board Member Chartier to approve Variance Petition No. 21-001-V, which requests to reduce the South side setback from 10 to 5-feet within a Residential Single Family-One Zoning District, (Ref. Code Sec. 90-105 (b)(1)) located at 611 Southeast 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue for the purpose of constructing a 24-foot wide residence with the following condition: removal of concrete slab and two walkways encroaching on the parcel to the South, Centennial Park, owned by the City of Okeechobee and addressed as 701 Southeast 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
- B. Special Exception Petition No. 21-003-SE.
  - 1. Notary Public Patty Burnette administered an oath to Mr. George Banville, 814 Southeast 37<sup>th</sup> Terrace, Okeechobee, Florida, and Mr. Ben Smith, LaRue Planning and Management, 1375 Jackson Street, Suite 206, Fort Myers, Florida, all responded affirmatively.
  - 2. City Planning Consultant Smith reviewed the Planning Staff Report recommending approval.
  - 3. Mr. Banville commented he had no issues with providing buffering to improve esthetics.
  - 4. No public comments were offered.
  - 5. No Ex-Parte disclosures were offered.

**QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARING ITEM V. B. CONTINUED:**

6. Motion by Board Member Jonassaint, seconded by Board Member Chartier to approve Special Exception Petition No. 21-003-SE which requests to allow a proposed use of outdoor storage, building trades contractor within a Heavy Commercial Zoning District, (Ref. Code Sec. 90-283 (5)) located at 108 Southeast 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue for the proposed use of an electrical contractor's office, with tool and equipment storage with the following conditions: install some type of slatting or screening on the chain link fence for the entire perimeter of the property. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**CHAIRPERSON HOOVER CLOSED THE QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARING AT 6:30 P.M.**

- VI. Chairperson Hoover adjourned the meeting at 6:30 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 Board of Adjustment 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.