



ATTENDEES: Rosa Mendez Chair
Sharon Schmitz Member
John Hendrix Member
Stacy Fetters Member
Russell Smith Member
Walt Feldman Member
Sterling Naron City Administrator
Brandy Barrett City Secretary
Kevin Reaves Police Chief

ABSENT: Michael Dingman Member

CALLED TO ORDER at 6:30pm by Rosa Mendez.

Action Items:

- A. Discuss and take action on the proposed Permit Fee Schedule modifications, as required by newly enacted State Law. (Fee Schedules A3.001 and A3.002 - This action is a result of House Bill 852, this new legislation requires modification to the fee calculation formula.)
Sterling Naron provided a detailed review of the proposed changes and explained in the recent Texas Legislation Session, HB 852 was passed requiring residential dwelling building permit fee calculations to be based on something other than the valuation of the building. It does not affect any building, structure, etc. that is not a residential dwelling. The changes include a calculation based on square footage at a rate of \$.084 for new construction, including additions. The rate for remodel and repair will be a flat rate based on the overall square footage of the residential dwelling area, excluding window replacements, which are calculated at a flat rate depending on the number of windows being replaced.
A detailed discussion took place on how the recommended fees were determined. Mr. Naron and Mr. Jeri explained the evaluation process, noting that staff will monitor it and proposed changes as needed.
Motion to recommend council approval of the ordinance as presented.
MADE by Stacy Fetters. SECOND by John Hendrix.
Motion passed by a vote of 4 Ayes and 2 Nays (Mendez and Schmitz).
B. Review and discuss artificial turf in residential areas. (Zoning Ordinance 14.4.8 - 14.4.18, all comments will be referred to the Planning and Zoning Commission for action.)
Ms. Barrett explained that resident Parker Sullivan, made a request to city council to allow the use artificial turf in residential areas. Ms. Barrett added that this will be a Planning and Zoning Commission agenda item as it would require a change to Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance. She added that Mr. Sullivan was in attendance. He acknowledged that a public hearing and action would be on the next Planning and Zoning Commission agenda. Following a brief discussion, he stated he would do additional research on other cities that authorize and regulate its use and deterioration, effects of water runoff and absorption rates, as well as installation standards and fire retardant/burn rates for safety.

- C. Review and discuss additions to existing residential dwellings.
  - Ms. Barrett explained this will also be a Planning and Zoning Commission agenda item as it would require a change to Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance, explaining that the Local Government Code regulates the Planning and Zoning Commission and how that section is legally changed. Councilwoman Schmitz requested she follow up with the city's attorney regarding Councilwoman Schmitz's desire to have this committee hold public hearings on Chapter 14 issues.
- D. Identify concerns or issues to be researched and addressed at the next meeting.
  - Only Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance changes were identified, and Ms. Barrett reported that she would follow up with the attorney regarding Councilwoman Schmitz's request to have them addressed in this committee.
- E. The next meeting is scheduled for August 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

**ADJOURNED at 7:51pm.**

**MINUTES APPROVED on this day, the 27<sup>th</sup> day of August 2019.**

*Rosa Mendez*

**Rosa Mendez, Chair**

**ATTESTED TO BY:**

*Brandy G. Barrett*

**Brandy G. Barrett, City Secretary**

