

**MAULDIN PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES
July 28, 2020 6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jonathan Paulsen (Chair), Michael Forman, Chris Paglialunga, Raj Reddy, Dean Oang, Kaitlyn Woolard

MEMBERS ABSENT: Michael King

CITY STAFF PRESENT: David Dyrhaug

CALL TO ORDER/OPENING REMARKS

Mr. Paulsen called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Mr. Dyrhaug held roll call.

JUNE MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Paglialunga moved to accept the June 23, 2020, Planning Commission minutes.

Mr. Oang seconded the motion.

The motion to accept the June 23, 2020, Planning Commission minutes passed by unanimous vote, 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Adoption of Rules of Procedure

Mr. Forman made a motion to accept the current rules of procedure as presented by staff.

Ms. Woolard seconded the motion.

Mr. Reddy expressed interest in enhancing online abilities to participate in meetings and Planning Commission business. Mr. Dyrhaug indicated that the City is undertaking efforts to enhance the audio/visual capabilities in the Council Chambers.

The motion to accept the rules of procedure passed by unanimous vote, 6-0.

Election of Chairperson

Mr. Paulsen opened the floor for nominations for chairperson.

Mr. Forman nominated Mr. Paulsen to serve as chairperson.

Mr. Paglialunga seconded the nomination.

No other nominations for chairperson were made.

The Planning Commission voted unanimously, 6-0, to elect Mr. Paulsen as chairperson.

Election of Vice-Chairperson

Mr. Paulsen opened the floor for nominations for vice-chairperson.

Mr. Paulsen nominated Mr. Forman to serve as vice-chairperson.

Ms. Woolard seconded the nomination.

No other nominations for vice-chairperson were made.

The Planning Commission voted unanimously, 6-0, to elect Mr. Forman as vice-chairperson.

Discussion of Planning Commission Vision and Goals

Mr. Forman expressed interest in a joint City Council—Planning Commission planning workshop. Mr. Dyrhaug replied that he would approach Mayor Merritt about this proposal.

Ms. Woolard inquired about the status of the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Dyrhaug commented that toward the end of 2019 the Planning Commission passed a resolution to continue with the 2014 Comprehensive Plan. Factoring into this decision was that the Greenville County Comprehensive Plan had not yet been finalized and adopted and the 2020 Census was expected to provide fresh demographic information. Mr. Forman commented that the Planning Commission might consider undertaking the comprehensive planning process around November or December of this year.

Mr. Paglialunga suggested that the City engage in a public driven process to promote a community identity.

Ms. Woolard asked if the City had undertaken any rebranding campaigns in the past. If not, the City might consider engaging in a rebranding effort.

Mr. Paglialunga asked about how can we stimulate business owners to invest in their properties? Are there incentives that the City could offer?

The Planning Commission returned to a discussion of the Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Woolard suggested that we begin compiling a list of community groups that may engaged in the process. Mr. Forman offered the Chamber of Commerce as an example. It was also noted that Greenville County adopted their Comprehensive Plan earlier this year. Mr. Dyrhaug commented that he would send a copy of the Greenville County Comprehensive Plan to members of the Planning Commission to review.

Mr. Forman suggested that the Planning Commission continue this discussion in August.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Oang moved to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Paglialunga seconded the motion.

The motion to adjourn this meeting passed by unanimous vote, 6-0.

The Planning Commission meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.