

ROCKLEDGE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, July 7, 2020 - 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The Rockledge Planning Commission met on July 7, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Rockledge City Hall, 1600 Huntington Lane, Rockledge, Florida.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kevin Jarvis, Vice Chairman
Adam Copenhaver
Michelle Doyle
Karen Kuta
Janet Monaco
Mike Pryor
Susan Schleith
Matthew Whalen

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bob Theilacker, Chairman, excused
Erin Flynn (School Board Representative), unexcused

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Brenda Fettrow, City Manager
Alix Bernard, Planning Director
Trina Gilliam, City Planner
Deanna Pomichter, Recording Secretary

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Kevin Jarvis, Vice Chairman.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES & ATTENDANCE RECORD

- Meeting of March 10, 2020

Motion by Karen Kuta to approve the minutes and the attendance record of the March 10, 2020 meeting. Second by Janet Monaco. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

SITE PLANS – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. LDR 80.08.1 Brewpub, Micro-brewery, Micro-winery or Micro-distillery

City Planner Gilliam stated breweries and brew pubs have risen in popularity since the 1980s. There is the potential for this type of establishment in Rockledge and they are compatible with the hometown feel and the community.

It is zoned for General Commercial (C2), Industrial Park District (IP), Redevelopment Mixed Use (RMU), General Industrial (M1) and Light Industrial/Warehousing (M2). It has come to staff's attention that the City currently does not have anything in the Land Development Regulations (LDR) regulating these establishments. With that in mind, before you is the proposed new language for the LDR.

Discussion followed.

Motion by Karen Kuta to recommend approval of the LDR 80.08.1 for Brewpub, Micro-brewery, Micro-winery and Micro-distilleries and forward it to City Council. Seconded by Adam Copenhaver. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

B. LDR 80.26 Dog Friendly Dining

City Planner Gilliam stated several years ago the State Legislature enacted a law allowing dog friendly dining. Local restaurants have the ability to offer dog friendly dining options provided that they receive a permit from their local municipality. What you have before you is the proposed new language for the LDR to align with the Florida Statutes.

Discussion followed with regard to carrying documentation of the dogs' shots, employees not touching the dogs, the dogs on a leash no more than six (6) feet in length and regulating the amount of outdoor space at restaurants being allowed to have dogs.

Motion by Karen Kuta to recommend approval of the LDR 80.26 for dog friendly dining and forward it to City Council. Seconded by Mike Pryor. Karen Kuta and Mike Pryor voted in favor/Adam Copenhaver, Michelle Doyle, Janet Monaco, Susan Schleith and Matthew Whalen voted against. Motion does not pass.

Continued discussion with regard to regulating the amount outdoor space restaurants are allowed to have for dog friendly dining keeping in mind children with disabilities or people in general with a great fear of dogs.

Motion by Michelle Doyle to recommend approval for the LDR 80.26 for dog friendly dining with no more than 90 percent of the outdoor space at restaurants to be allowed and forward it to City Council. Seconded by Adam Copenhaver. Adam Copenhaver, Michelle Doyle, Janet Monaco, Susan Schleith and Matthew Whalen voted in favor/Karen Kuta and Mike Pryor voted against. Motion carries.

ADJOURN- Meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Submitted by:

Deanna Pomichter
Recording Secretary

Approved by:

Kevin Jarvis
Vice Chairman