



City of Statesboro
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Statesboro Planning Commission

October 5, 2021

5:00 P.M.

City Hall Council Chamber

Meeting Minutes

Present: Planning Commission members: Benjamin McKay, Sean Fox, and Jamey Cartee; **City of Statesboro Staff:** Kathleen Field (Director of Planning & Development) and Elizabeth Burns (Planner); **Absent:** Russell Rosengart, Michelle Babot, Michele Hickson, James Byrd Sr, and Justin Williams (Senior Planner)

I. Call to Order

Commissioner McKay called the meeting to order.

II. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner McKay led in the invocation & pledge.

III. Approval of Minutes

1.) August 3, 2021 Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Cartee made a motion to approve the August 3, 2021 meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner Fox. The motion carried 3-0.

IV. New Business

1.) **APPLICATION V 21-09-01:** Whitfield Signs requests a Variance from Article XV, Section 1509 (Table 5) of the *Statesboro Zoning Ordinance* in order to place a wall sign exceeding the maximum square footage for wall signs on a property located at 807 South Main Street.

2.) **APPLICATION V 21-09-02:** Whitfield Signs requests a Variance from Article XV, Section 1509 (Table 5) of the *Statesboro Zoning Ordinance* in order to place signage exceeding the aggregate square footage of all signs on a property located at 807 South Main Street.

Kathleen Field introduced cases 21-09-01 and 21-09-02, Commissioner Fox made a motion to open the public hearing of 21-07-01 and 21-09-02. Commissioner Cartee seconded, the motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Cartee and Fox asked if the existing signage would have to be removed or permitted. The Commissioners discussed

splitting the business licenses and the amount of signage allowed. Commissioner McKay pointed out that the applicant was not in attendance to address any questions. The Commissioners discussed the update to the sign ordinance. Commissioner Fox made a motion to close the public hearing with a second from Commissioner Cartee. The motion passed 3-0. Commissioner McKay made a motion to deny 21-09-01. Commissioner Cartee seconded and the motion passed 3-0. Commissioner McKay made a motion to deny 21-09-02. Commissioner Fox seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

2.) **APPLICATION V 21-09-03:** Cool Beans request a Variance from Article XV, Section 1509 (Table 6) of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance in order to place a wall sign above 12 feet on a property located at 19 South Main Street.

Kathleen Field introduced case 21-09-03. Commissioner McKay made a motion to open the public hearing with a second from Commissioner Fox. The motion passed 3-0. Commissioner McKay made a motion to close the hearing with a second from Commissioner Cartee. The motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Cartee made a motion to approve with staff recommendations. Commissioner Fox seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

3.) **APPLICATION V 21-09-05:** Mohamed Alshuaibi requests a Variance from Article XV, Section 1509 (Table 4) of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance in order to place a freestanding sign in front of an existing building located at 1825 Northside Drive East.

Kathleen Field introduced case 21-09-05. Commissioner Fox made a motion to open the public hearing. With a second from Commissioner McKay, the motion passed 3-0. Mohamed Alshuabi spoke for the variance request. Commissioner Fox made a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Cartee seconded and the motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Cartee made a motion to deny with a second from Commissioner Fox. The motion passed 3-0.

V. Announcements

Kathleen Field announced that the City of Statesboro has hired the firm TSW to write the zoning, sign, and subdivision ordinance. She also announced that the ARPA funds public meetings will be held to discuss spending.

VI. Adjourn

Commissioner Cartee made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner McKay seconded, and the motion carried 3-0.

Acting Chair – Ben McKay

Secretary – Kathleen Field
Director of Planning & Development