

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
OF
THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMER, TEXAS
Tuesday February 24, 2009, 6:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
113 W. Jefferson St., Palmer, Texas 75152**

AGENDA

Call Meeting to Order.

Councilman Vick calls the meeting to order.

Invocation and Pledge.

Greg Penny gives the invocation.

Determination of Quorum.

Members present: Jeff Vick, Greg Penny, Tony Roybal and Dianne Drewery.

Citizen Forum (2 minutes) – to address only specific current agenda items.

Jim Bradley addressed the Goals and Objectives workshop and requests more information be provided to him for the Palmer Post.

Tracy Johnson addressed the zoning changes requesting that consideration be given to some type of screening to prevent the nuisance from headlights exiting the planned parking lot.

Continuation of Elizabeth Penny's application for a zoning change that was tabled from Council Meeting of February 17, 2009. Applicant has amended her request now seeking (R-1) Single Family Residential District with a Specific Use Permit for the following combined uses, to wit: Community Center For Local Groups; Christian Book Store and Gift Shop; Small Historical Museum; and "Residential Transient Occupancy" of the second floor as a dwelling unit or sleeping unit for not more than 30 days for any one transient stay. Applicant's property being that .5739 acre tract described known as 201 Cooper Street, Palmer, Texas, and Lots 1, 2, & 9-10 Block 38, Old Town of Palmer, 729 of the Deed Records Ellis County, Texas.

a. Receive Report From Planning and Zoning Commission.

Tommy Baxter reviews the P&Z report.

b. Open Public hearing.

Dianne motions to open hearing, Tony second, all in favor. Concern expressed over the need for some type of solid screening on the east side of the parking lot in addition to the shrubs planned.

c. Close Public Hearing.

Greg motions to close the hearing, Tony seconds, all in favor.

d. Consider adoption of an ordinance to grant change of zoning.

Dianne motions to adopt the ordinance with one additional condition. The condition is the addition of a minimum four (4) foot stockade fence on the east side of the parking lot. Tony seconds, all in favor and Greg abstains.

Consider adoption of an ordinance establishing no-parking on the West Side of that portion of South Sherman Street between Cooper Street and Marshal Street, and directing The Director of Traffic Control to mark the no-parking zone with proper traffic control devices and signs.

The ordinance was amended to establish no parking on both sides of Sherman Street between Cooper Street and West Lamar Street. Also it was amended to add a caution sign warning of "Children At Play" north of the parking entrance for the southbound traffic. Greg motions to adopt ordinance with amendments. Dianne seconds, all in favor.

Goals and Objectives Workshop.

After lengthy discussion with input from all citizens present, the following Mission statement and Vision statement was decided upon to be formally adopted in a future council meeting.

MISSION STATEMENT

The City of Palmer will add value to our community by planning for the future, providing quality services, encouraging community involvement and being responsive to those we serve in a fiscally responsible manner.

VISION STATEMENT

We aspire to be the city of choice for ourselves and future generations – beautiful, clean and safe.

We will achieve our vision through a healthy economy, strong businesses, vital neighborhoods, excellent schools, a vibrant downtown, and extensive recreational and cultural opportunities.

We will preserve Palmer's friendly, hometown atmosphere and celebrate the diversity of its people.

We require innovative governance that is accessible, accountable, and efficient with a system of funding that is fair, affordable, and stable.

ADJOURNMENT

Tony motions to adjourn, Councilman Vick accepts.