

**PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
JACKSONVILLE, ALABAMA
January 18, 2018**

The Planning Commission of the City of Jacksonville, Alabama, met in regular session on January 18, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex #1, 300 Church Avenue, SE. Members present were: T. L. Thompson - Chairman, Penn Wilson – Secretary, Coty Galloway, Ronnie Thomas, Herschel Harris, and Kelly Ryan. City staff in attendance was Mark Stephens - Planning, Development & Stormwater Director and Mark Williams - Building Inspector.

MINUTES.

A motion was made by Herschel Harris, seconded by Kelly Ryan Sims to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of November 16, 2017 and approve them as distributed. Upon vote on the motion, the following votes were recorded:
Yeas: 6; Nays: 0. The Chairman announced the motion carried.

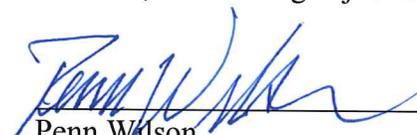
Note: There was no meeting held in December 2017.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS.

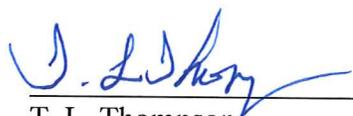
There were no citizens' comments

PLANNING.

Mark Stephens discussed the 3rd draft of the proposed changes to the City's Zoning Ordinance that was distributed to the Planning Commission members on December 27, 2017. The main topics of discussion were the proposed Mountain Street Overlay District (MSOD), sidewalks, shared parking, and reduction of required off-street parking adjacent to the JSU Campus. After discussion it was decided that the MSOD designation and regulations should be eliminated from the Ordinance and the proposed area should be rezoned to a B-2 General Business District as developments evolve. The B-2 zoning would allow for the mixed-use (commercial & residential) as shown on Map 16 in the City's Comprehensive Plan. Also, if the MSOD is eliminated the Map of the Special Business District that was approved by the Planning Commission on August 21, 2014 should be rescinded. It was determined that the sections involving sidewalks, shared parking, and reduction of required off-street parking adjacent to the JSU Campus needs some additional research. Mark Stephens and Mark Williams will continue to review the Zoning Ordinance and make necessary updates. A 4th draft of the proposed Zoning Ordinance update will be distributed to the Planning Commission members as soon as it ready. The 4th draft will be discussed at the February 22, 2018 Planning Commission meeting. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m..



Penn Wilson
Secretary



T. L. Thompson
Chairman

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