

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 23, 2013 JOINT CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING AND ZONING
COMMISSION WORK SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Barna called the City Council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Fire Training Room at the Murphy Fire Department.

2. CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

City Secretary, Kristi Gilbert, certified a quorum with the following Councilmembers present:

Mayor Eric Barna
Mayor Pro Tem Owais Siddiqui
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Ben St. Clair (*arrived at 6:25 p.m.*)
Councilmember Scott Bradley
Councilmember Betty Nichols Spraggins
Councilmember Bernard Grant
Councilmember Rob Thomas

Councilmembers absent: None

Planning and Zoning Chairperson Steve Levy called the Planning and Zoning meeting to order.

Lori Knight, certified a quorum of the Planning and Zoning Commission with the following Commissioners present:

Chairperson Steve Levy Chairperson
Vice Chairperson Jon King
Secretary Ty Holcomb
Commissioner Camille Hooper
Commissioner John Johnson
Commissioner Eric Hemphill
Commissioner Mathew Thekkil

Commissioners absent: None

INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

1. Discuss and give direction on amendments to the Murphy Code of Ordinances:
 - a. Digital Signs
 - b. Residential fence applications
 - c. Procedures for Final Plat approval
 - d. Regulations for the Stopping, Standing and Parking of vehicles

Kristen Roberts introduced the item relating to digital signs and stated ordinance changes had been made nearly a year ago to address conflicts in the ordinance.

The Council and Commission held discussion with regard to digital and electronic changeable message signs. Discussion included allowing digital signs at Plano ISD and Wylie ISD school

facilities; religious institutions as defined by the IRS and municipal facilities. Discussion was held with regard to limiting the location of digital signs to major thoroughfares including FM 544 and North Murphy Road. Discussion included reviewing ordinance changes to prohibit animation features and regulation of the duration of the messages.

The Council and Commission held discussions relating to the City Council having sole approval on final plats that substantially conform with the construction plat.

The Council and Commission held discussions with regard to amending regulations as it pertains to fencing repairs and overnight parking of recreational and commercial vehicles.

COUNCIL ACTION:
No action was taken.

NON ACTION ITEM

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business by the City Council, the Council meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

APPROVED BY:



Eric Barna, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kristi Gilbert, City Secretary