

DANVILLE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MINUTES

March 7, 2019

A meeting of the Danville Planning and Zoning Commission was held on Thursday March 7, 2019, in the Community Room, 17 West Main Street, Danville, Illinois.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Tracy Taylor
Adam Brown
Dale Carlton
Pete Goodwin
Troy Savalick
Ted Vacketta

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Adam Brown

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Christopher Milliken, Tyson Terhune, David Schnelle,
2 other individuals

Chairman Tracy Taylor called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m.

Roll Call: Tracy Taylor, Dale Carlton, Pete Goodwin, Troy Savalick and Ted Vacketta present. A quorum was present.

Advisory to City Council: Announcement made, City Council will hear the petitions on Tuesday, March 19, 2019, at 6:00pm.

Approval of the Minutes: Pete Goodwin made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2019 meeting, as presented. Seconded by Dale Carlton. Unanimously approved by voice vote.

Items of Information: None.

General Oath of Audience was given. 1 individual who indicated that they were going to speak was sworn-in.

Public Hearing(s):

Rezoning Petition #269 – The Zoning Administrator is requesting that Chapter 150 of the City code, known as the Danville Zoning Ordinance, be amended to make changes to the signage regulations in the ordinance, specifically adding regulations to require special use permit application and approval for placement of animated/digital signs in the P1, R1, R2, and R3 Zoning Districts.

Petitioner: Chris Milliken, Planning Manager gave a brief overview of the proposed changes to the animated/digital sign portion of the City's Zoning Ordinance which were based on the discussion at the last Commission meeting. Milliken explained that the ordinance was reformatted to put the requirements for animated signs into a table rather than in text only format in order to hopefully make them easier to understand. Milliken indicated that the changes were being made in hopes of avoiding rezonings being proposed simply to install an

animated/digital sign. In addition to where animated/digital signs are allowed currently, the proposed changes would allow animated/digital signs after application for and issuance of a special use permit in the B1 and P1 Zoning Districts. Additionally, in the R1, R2, and R3 Zoning Districts, but only for legally conforming non-residential uses, animated/digital signs would be allowed after application for and issuance of a special use permit. Milliken handed out a copy of an updated inventory of all animated/digital signs in the community currently. There are currently 60 such signs in the community which is an increase of nearly 20 in the past 4 years.

Supporting the Petition – None

Opposition to the Petition – None

Questions or Comments from the Commission: None

Motion made by Ted Vacketta to approve rezoning petition #269 as amended.

Seconded by Pete Goodwin

Roll Call: Yes: Pete Goodwin, Troy Savalick, Dale Carlton, Ted Vacketta, & Tracy Taylor

No:

Abstain:

Absent: Adam Brown

Motion carried: Rezoning petition #269 approved.

Rezoning Petition #268 – First Baptist Church is requesting that the zoning of property commonly known as 1211 N Vermilion St be changed from R2 Single Family Residential to R4 Multi-Family Residential for the purpose of installation of an animated/digital freestanding sign at that location. (CONTINUED FROM 2/7/19 MEETING)

Questions or Comments from the Commission: None

Department Recommendation: Chris Milliken, indicated that with the ordinance changes this petition and the rezoning itself would become unnecessary. Milliken indicated the petition does still need to be acted on in case the ordinance changes do not get approved, but as discussed in the hearing, it does not make sense to approve of the rezoning due to what other uses might be allowed there in the future because of the zoning change. The special use permit #235 can be supported with the ordinance changes as proposed and in the absence of any neighbor opposition.

Motion made by Ted Vacketta to adopt the preliminary findings of fact and approve rezoning petition #268.

Seconded by Dale Carlton

Roll Call: Yes:

No: Pete Goodwin, Dale Carlton, Ted Vacketta, & Tracy Taylor

Abstain: Troy Savalick

Absent: Adam Brown

Motion failed: Rezoning petition #268 denied.

Special Use Permit #235 – First Baptist Church is requesting a special use permit to allow for the installation of an animated/digital freestanding sign at 1211 N Vermilion St. in the R4 Multi-Family Residential Zoning District. (CONTINUED FROM 2/7/19 MEETING)

Questions or Comments from the Commission: None

Motion made by Ted Vacketta to adopt the preliminary findings of fact and approve special use permit #235.

Seconded by Pete Goodwin

Roll Call: Yes: Pete Goodwin, Dale Carlton, Ted Vacketta, & Tracy Taylor

No:

Abstain: Troy Savalick

Absent: Adam Brown

Motion carried: Special Use Permit #235 approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:34 pm.