

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION CITY OF BRANSON, MISSOURI NOVEMBER 7, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The Planning Commission of the City of Branson, Missouri, met in Regular Session in the Council Chambers of the City Hall on November 7, 2024 at 6:00 PM. The meeting was called to order.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Ruth Denham, Gregg Richards, Charles Hillis, Gary Groman, Rick DeJager, Tony Morreale. Commissioners Absent: Chuck O'Day, Lewis Green, Jesse Martinosky, Brad Gore.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chairperson Groman invited public comments on matters within the Commission's jurisdiction but not listed on the agenda. No members of the public came forward to speak.

REGULAR AGENDA:

1. APPROVAL OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES FOR THE SEPTEMBER 3, 2024 STUDY SESSION.

The Commission reviewed the minutes from the September 3, 2024 Study Session. No comments or revisions were raised.

Charles Hillis moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Tony Morreale.
Voting Aye: Richards, Denham, Hillis, Groman, DeJager, Morreale. Nays: none.
Motion Carried.

2. APPROVAL OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES FOR THE SEPTEMBER 3, 2024 REGULAR MEETING.

The Commission reviewed the minutes from the September 3, 2024 Regular Meeting. No comments or revisions were raised.

Gregg Richards moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Ruth Denham.
Voting Aye: Richards, Denham, Hillis, Groman, DeJager, Morreale. Nays: none.
Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING:

3. REQUEST FOR MUNICIPAL CODE AMENDMENTS THROUGHOUT CHAPTER 94, REGARDING FOOD TRUCKS.

Chairperson Groman read the item by title and opened the public hearing.

Senior Planner, Jennifer Luna-Thompson presented proposed amendments to the food truck ordinance, emphasizing updates to streamline processes, reduce regulatory burdens, and clarify requirements. Key changes included removal of site plan requirements, elimination of distance requirements from schools and restaurants, and clarification of grease and backflow device requirements for food trucks connecting to city utilities.

The floor was opened for a motion approving Resolution NO. MC24-09 REQUEST FOR MUNICIPAL CODE AMENDMENTS THROUGHOUT CHAPTER 94, REGARDING FOOD TRUCKS.

Rick DeJager moved to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Gregg Richards.
Voting Aye: Richards, Denham, Hillis, Groman, DeJager, Morreale. Nays: none.
Motion Carried.

Discussion.

4. REQUEST FOR MUNICIPAL CODE AMENDMENTS THROUGHOUT CHAPTER 94, MORE PARTICULARLY SECTION 94-10. LAND DISTURBANCE.

Chairperson Groman read the item by title and opened the public hearing.

Stormwater Coordinator, Trayson Lawler, presented the proposed amendments to Chapter 94 regarding land disturbance, which aimed to align city regulations with state and federal requirements. Major updates included increasing the threshold for requiring land disturbance permits from 3,000 square feet to 1 acre, encouraging pre-application meetings, and simplifying documentation requirements.

Public Comment:

Cherry Webster, City of Branson resident, highlighted ongoing challenges with past land disturbances and suggested stricter enforcement and proactive measures to prevent repeat violations.

Chief of Staff, Alex Girard, thanked the Commission for addressing this topic as it is a critical issue creating barriers to development. He acknowledged that the City needs to find a balance that is responsible and protects residents but is pro-growth and helps economic development.

The Commissioners expressed interest in postponing the meeting to further review the proposed ordinance.

Chairperson Groman closed the public hearing and the floor was opened for a motion to POSTPONE THE MEETING FOR MUNICIPAL CODE AMENDMENTS THROUGHOUT CHAPTER 94 REGARDING LAND DISTURBANCE TO TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH AT 6:00 P.M. FOR THE CONTINUATION OF DISCUSSIONS.

Charles Hillis moved to approve the motion, seconded by Ruth Denham.
Voting Aye: Denham, Hillis, DeJager, Morreale. Nays: Richards, Groman.
Motion Carried.

Discussion.

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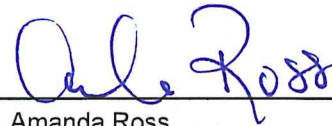
Strategic Initiative Coordinator, Mark Colussy, provided an update on the Comprehensive Plan 2030 highlighted efforts to engage stakeholders, gather public input, and update the plan to reflect Branson's growth and community vision. He noted that the first Comprehensive Planning Committee meeting is anticipated in early 2025.

ADJOURN

Rick DeJager moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 P.M., seconded by Tony Morreale.
Voting aye: Denham, Richards, Groman, Hillis, DeJager, Morreale. Nays: none.
Motion Carried.



Gary Groman
Chairperson



Amanda Ross
Director of Planning and Development