

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
HATTIESBURG PLANNING COMMISSION**

**April 4, 2018**

The Hattiesburg Planning Commission did meet in a regular session on April 4, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at the Jackie Dole Community Center, 220 West Front Street, Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Dick Conville, Chairman, presided over the meeting. A quorum was indicated and the attendance was as follows:

**Commissioners Present:** Dick Conville, Chairman  
Amy Hinton, Vice-Chairman  
Mark Miller  
Kenneth Waites  
Rebekah Ray  
Judy Corts  
Jessie Wilson

**Commissioners Absent:** James Hughes  
Paul Sims  
Sandra Thompson

**Also Present:** Ginger Maddox Lowrey, AICP, Planning Division Manager  
Andrew Ellard, Director of Urban Development  
Stephen Guthrie, Planner  
Steve Mitchell, Building Official

Chairman Conville declared the meeting of the Hattiesburg Planning Commission open and in session at 1:07 P.M.

**INVOCATION**

Commissioner Conville held a moment of silence in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

**AGENDA REVIEW**

There came the matter of the April 2018 Agenda. A request was made by Chairman Conville for a motion to approve the April 2018 Agenda. A motion was made to approve the April 2018 Agenda by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Hinton.

**Commissioners voting aye:** Dick Conville, Chairman  
Amy Hinton, Vice-Chairman  
Mark Miller  
Kenneth Waites  
Rebekah Ray  
Judy Corts  
Jessie Wilson

**Commissioners voting nay:** None

**MINUTES REVIEW**

There came the matter of the March 7, 2018, minutes. A request was made by Chairman Conville for a motion to approve the March 7, 2018, minutes. A motion was made by Commissioner Hinton to approve the minutes and seconded by Commissioner Ray.

**Commissioners voting aye:** Dick Conville, Chairman  
Amy Hinton, Vice-Chairman  
Mark Miller  
Kenneth Waites  
Rebekah Ray  
Judy Corts  
Jessie Wilson

**Commissioners voting nay:** None

**REPORTS**

**BUILDING REPORT**

There came the matter of the Building Inspection Report. Steve Mitchell provided a building report for March 2018.

**PLANNING REPORT**

There came the matter of the Planning Report by Ginger Maddox Lowrey, AICP, Planning Division Manager. On March 19, 2018 the City Council reviewed the following Hattiesburg Planning Commission recommendations and voted as follows: The City Council approved the rezoning of 221 Mobile St. (HPC approval upheld); The City Council approved the partial alley closure north of Tuscan Avenue, between Cherry Street and Cedar Street (HPC approval upheld); The City Council denied the rezoning of 1226 Ida Avenue. (HPC denial upheld); the Rezoning and Conditional Use request for a property on Jackson Road south of the Longleaf Trace remains tabled by the Planning Commission; the establishment of zoning for Mandalay Villas at Greystone Subdivision, denied by the HPC, has been appealed. The public hearing for that appeal has been set for April 16, 2018 at 4:00pm in City Hall before the City Council.

Mrs. Lowrey also informed the Commission of training opportunities for the Planning Commission, tentatively set for July.

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

There came the matter of the Chairman’s Report. No report was submitted

**PUBLIC HEARING – PLANNING COMMISSION**

Chairman Conville declared the Public Hearing for the Planning Commission open at 1:12 P.M. and read the rules and procedures of the hearing.

**There came the matter of Item A (Digital Billboard)**, filed by Clint Walker, Applicant, as required in the Land Development Code, Ord. No. 3209, to request a permit for a replacement “Digital Billboard” as provided in Section 10.13.6 and all applicable regulations for a certain property located at 6192 US Hwy 98 (Parcel 052R-10-015.000, PPIN 20599, Ward 3).

	Name	Address	City/State
<b><u>Presented by:</u></b>	Clint Walker	7092 Hwy 98	Hattiesburg, MS
	- Owner		

Will Simmons                      1724A 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave                                              Meridian, MS  
- Attorney

**Proponents:**            None  
**Opponents:**            None

Chairman Conville declared the Public Hearing closed and the Business Meeting open to vote on the request. Commissioner Miller made a motion to deny the request due to the fact that the structures required for removal had yet to be used for advertisement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ray.

**Commissioners voting aye:** None  
**Commissioners voting nay:** Dick Conville, Chairman  
Amy Hinton, Vice-Chairman  
Mark Miller  
Kenneth Waites  
Rebekah Ray  
Judy Cortis  
Jessie Wilson

The motion to deny failed.

Commissioner Hinton made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cortis.

**Commissioners voting aye:** Dick Conville, Chairman  
Amy Hinton, Vice-Chairman  
Mark Miller  
Kenneth Waites  
Rebekah Ray  
Judy Cortis  
Jessie Wilson

**Commissioners voting nay:** None

**There came the matter of Item B (Rezoning)**, filed by Utpal Patel, Owner, as required in the Land Development Code, Ord. No. 3209, to change the zoning classification for a certain property located at 208 North 38th Avenue (Parcel 2-028L-07-144.01, PPIN 41562, Ward 1) from Section 4.5.9, B-2 (Neighborhood Business) District to Section 4.5.10, B-3 (Community Business) District.

	Name	Address	City/State
<b><u>Presented by:</u></b>	S. Joel Johnson - Attorney	P.O. Box 17738	Hattiesburg, MS

**Proponents:**            None  
**Opponents:**            None

Chairman Conville declared the Public Hearing closed and the Business Meeting open to vote on the request. Commissioner Miller made a motion to deny the request for rezoning because there is not a material change in the circumstances and conditions of the neighborhood and area surrounding the petitioned property and there is not a public need for the change in question, based on the Comprehensive Plan. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wilson.

**Commissioners voting aye:** Dick Conville, Chairman  
Amy Hinton, Vice-Chairman  
Mark Miller  
Kenneth Waites  
Rebekah Ray  
Judy Corts  
Jessie Wilson

**Commissioners voting nay:** None

**BUSINESS MEETING**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:55 PM. Commissioner Hinton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded at Commissioner Corts.

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Dick Conville, Chairman

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Ginger Maddox Lowrey, AICP, CFM, Planning Division Manager