

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE APALACHICOLA CITY COMMISSION AND JOINT WORKSHOP WITH PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD HELD TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2020, 5:00 PM AT THE APALACHICOLA COMMUNITY CENTER.

PRESENT: Mayor Kevin Begos
Commissioner Brenda Ash
Commissioner Despina George
Commissioner Anita Grove
Commissioner Brenda Ash
Travis Wade, City Manager
Deborah Guillotte, City Clerk
Kristy Banks, City Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Begos called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM and Commissioner Ash gave the invocation. Council members led in Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Commissioner Ash made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Grove seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS REPORT

1) Conflict of Interest issues with Commissioner Elliott – Discussion held about disclosing all issues (voting surveys etc.), in the beginning to avoid conflicts, before posting online.

DISCUSSION OF REVISIONS TO NOISE ORDINANCE

Discussion held on possible revisions to be made to Ordinance 2015-01 Noise Ordinance – that conflicts with Ordinance 2017-03 Sidewalk Ordinance. Items discussed from Noise Ordinance 2015-01: Section 3 - Item 2, and 8 (Exceptions); Section 4 – Item 2 (Maximum permissible sound levels within hours of operation and where measurement of sound levels are taken from; changing the sound decimal level depending on days of the week, times of the week of operation, and the district that the business of operation is located: R1,2,3,4 Districts - 75 decibels from 7 AM to 10 PM and C1,2,3,4 Districts - 85 decibels from 7 AM – 11 PM); if fines have ever been issued, whether the establishment’s doors are open or closed, demonstration of 83 decibel sound level by phone; acoustics vs. bands makes sound louder; Section 5 – Enforcement and Penalties – fines. Mayor Begos suggests, in the future, going to the downtown area and listen to different decimal levels.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Citizen concerns consisted of updating the Land Development Code on the above issues, enforcement of the Noise Ordinance, the music being played is in the Commercial district, not residential.

Commissioner Elliott made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Ash seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Kevin Begos, Mayor

Deborah Guillotte, City Clerk