

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Brett Wittner called the special meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and led the pledge of allegiance. Councilmembers David M. Viafore, Shannon Reynolds, Hunter T. George, Joe Barrentine, Nikki Bufford, and Jim Andrews were present. Planning Commissioners Kathy L. McVay, Andrew Imholt, Shirley Schultz, and Ben Ferguson were present. Commissioner Sarah Hamel was absent and excused.

INTRODUCTIONS

Councilmembers, planning commissioners, City Manager Pingel, Administrative Services Director Westman, Principal Planner Jeff Boers, and Permit Coordinator Cappiello introduced themselves.

THROUGH-LOTS DISCUSSION

Westman briefed the Council and Planning Commission on the through-lot timeline and background information. Discussion was held on continuing conversations for future planning issues, intent of variances, parking issues and processes taken by staff for consideration. There was a consensus to cease staff time on through-lots due to its complexity and low resident involvement and interest.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DISCUSSION

Westman presented community engagement and opportunities for better understanding the Fircrest community. Ferguson briefed the Council and Planning Commission on using community engagement as a fact-finding tool for housing affordability and density. Discussions were held on objectivity, training, using social media/town topics, holding community meetings in popular settings, direct mailers, and creating biography on the planning commissioners.

HOUSING AFFORDABILITY DISCUSSION

Westman briefed the Council and Planning Commission on housing affordability relating to the City of Fircrest. Discussions were held on permitting processes and fees, utility affordability, focusing on Mildred property, and income disparities. There was a brief discussion on the City's comprehensive plan housing element update.

ADJOURNMENT

Reynolds MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 P.M., seconded by Barrentine. The Motion Carried (7-0).


Brett Wittner, Mayor


Jayne Westman, City Clerk