

Harvey Smith clarified that the second cut into the road is a sidewalk. Jackie Deibel stated that second cut is a fire access. That is fire/emergency access only. It is going to look similar to a sidewalk but it is for fire access.

Smith inquired if since the city council has already approved this, the Planning Commission does not need to have public comment again. Jackie Deibel stated that it is not a public hearing item but if the Commission wants to ask the developer, he is here from the plat if the Commission wants to ask him any questions. However, it is not a public hearing item.

Harvey Smith stated that with that said he asked if there were any other comments, questions or does he hear a motion that the Commission approve the plat as stated?

Bryan Chamberlain commented that in going out to the site and reviewing the neighborhood surrounding this particular development possibility, it would appear that what is planned fits well within the condo-apartment type setting that exists there. It looks like it would be a nice continuation of that concept out to Nesbit Ferry.

Harvey Smith thanked Chamberlain and stated that he would agree.

Smith asked if there was a motion to approve the plat.

Motion

Bryan Chamberlain made a motion to approve the plat as submitted. Joe Piontek seconded the motion.

Harvey Smith asked if he could amend the motion from a technical standpoint. It should read the Preliminary Plat. Chamberlain accepted the amendment. There was a second.

Harvey Smith called the question. The motion to approve the preliminary plat was approved, 4-0.

TEXT AMENDMENT

10-0604

Text Amendment to amend the sign ordinance regarding the "Find it all Roswell" campaign and the use of temporary signs.

Brad Townsend stated that this is a proposed text amendment to the temporary signs allowed for the Find It All Roswell campaign. The city of Roswell adopted in 2009 a temporary banner campaign allowing businesses to receive an additional 40 days of advertising with a banner. It was to expire in December 2012. The recommendation from the Roswell Business Alliance and staff and then council is to extend this provision until 2014. What they are adding is two more years onto this, allowing a banner for temporary business for an additional 40 days, until 2014. Staff would recommend approval of the text amendment.

Harvey Smith clarified that the reason is to get more shelf life. The Planning Commission does not have to come back and do this again.

Sidney Dodd asked Brad Townsend why this is being done on a temporary basis as opposed to having a set policy going forward that staff and mayor and city council would agree upon.

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Townsend stated that they are looking at a point where they may not want the additional banner time or they think that the economy is strong enough that retailers are not needing the additional advertising now near the street. There might be some point in that. But the Roswell Business Alliance that requested the two year thinks it is a good program to have in its tool kit in helping business advertise. The mayor and city council felt it appropriate to extend it for two years. Townsend state that he thought there would be recommendation to just include it as a part of the code forever and not have it sunsetted at some time but he believes they still want it to be sunsetted in a two-year time frame to re-look at it and see if it is doing what it is supposed to be doing.

Harvey Smith stated that he is sure that Bryan "the sign man" Chamberlain would have no problem with this. Chamberlain stated that "the sign man" has no problem.

Chamberlain asked if in the rewrite of the zoning code, is there any expectation that this might be concluded as a permanent feature or any prohibition against it being included?

Brad Townsend stated that there are a lot of issues the staff is going to be looking at with the zoning. He is not sure how much they are going to delve into signage. He is sure they are going to look at it in some degree but not probably as in depth as a lot of the other areas that may take a little bit better priority in dealing with the limited amount of time the staff is going to be dealing with that

Harvey Smith called for a motion to approve the text amendment.

Motion

Sidney Dodd made a motion to approve the amendment to Article 22 of the Sign Ordinance, Section 22-12 for temporary signs. Joe Piontek seconded the motion.

Harvey Smith called the questions. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Harvey Smith asked if there were any additions or deletions to the minutes of the last meeting. Bryan Chamberlain made a motion to approve the minutes of the last Roswell Planning Commission meeting held Tuesday, September 18, 2012. Joe Piontek seconded the motion.

The minutes were approved unanimously.

ADJOURN

Bryan Chamberlain made of motion to close this meeting. Joe Piontek seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Harvey Smith, vice-chairman
Roswell Planning Commission

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