

MINUTES

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING

May 9, 2023

6:00 P.M.

7423 Hwy 6, Hitchcock, TX

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Karen Williams at 6:01 pm.

Members Present: Vice-Chair Karen Williams, Paul Roach, Matt VonDerHeide, David Wells and Bert Martin

Others Present: Arnold Cross, Jr., Community Development Director, Stacey Baker, Community Development Specialist, Debbie Nesbitt, City Secretary.

Members Absent: Marsha Knapp

Citizen Comments: (3) Minute Limit per Speaker.

The public will be permitted to offer public comments as provided by the agenda and as permitted by the presiding officer during the meeting.

None

Public Hearing:

Public hearing on a specific use permit request by Galveston Area Ambulance Authority to operate an EMS business out of a residential structure located on a Single Family Residential (SFR) zoned property located at 7002 Smith Drive Hitchcock, Texas.

Legal Description: ABST 13 W H JACK SUR LOT 2 MAINLAND SUB Hitchcock, Texas Galveston County, Texas Property ID 156771.

The Public Hearing opened at 6:06 pm.

Janis Garrett - expressed her concerns about EMS being in a residential neighborhood with noise, call outs all hours of the day and night and the children in and around the schools. She is very much in support of the EMS being in Hitchcock, not just on Smith Street.

Richard Gewecke - explained he is in support of the Fire and EMS departments, but he had multiple concerns with the location, where the EMS wanted to operate out of. It is in a quiet residential neighborhood, on a dead-end street with little or no room to turn around, the school, and children in the area, why would the city not give the EMS what they need and deserve?

Ian Davis and Amy Weber - were present from Galveston County Area Ambulance Authority to answer any questions from concerned citizens as to the protocol of the EMS on calls, noise and going through school areas, why they were wanting, needing to relocate and that they were unsuccessful locating a commercial area that would serve the needs of their employees.

The Public Hearing closed at 6:37 pm.

Items for Individual Consideration: The Commission shall receive testimony from all interested parties, consider and take appropriate action on matters set below.

Discussion and appropriate action on a specific use permit request by Galveston Area Ambulance Authority to operate an EMS business out of a residential structure located on a Single Family Residential (SFR) zoned property located at 7002 Smith Drive Hitchcock, Texas. Legal Description: ABST 13 WH JACK SUR LOT 2 MAINLAND SUB Hitchcock, Texas Galveston County, Texas. Property ID 156771.

David Wells made a motion to deny the request for a specific use permit, with no second, the motion died.

Bert Martin made a motion to approve and make a recommendation to City Council on May 15, 2023, to approve this Specific Use Permit request by Galveston Area Ambulance Authority to operate an EMS business out of a residential structure located on a Single Family Residential (SFR) zoned property located at 7002 Smith Drive Hitchcock, Texas. Legal Description: ABST 13 W H JACK SUR LOT 2 MAINLAND SUB Hitchcock, Texas Galveston County, Texas Property ID 156771. Seconded by Paul Roach. Motion passed 4 - 1.

Announcements:

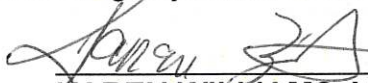
None

Commission Member Request/Comments:

None

Adjourn:

Matt VonDerHeide made the motion to adjourn. Burt Martin seconded. Motion passed 5 - 0. The meeting adjourned at 6:53 pm.



KAREN WILLIAMS, VICE-CHAIR

Attest: 

DEBBIE C. NESBITT, CITY SECRETARY