

**CITY OF HONDO  
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 11, 2008  
5:00 P.M.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Vidrine called the meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission of The City of Hondo to order at 5:00 p.m. on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2008 in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 1600 Avenue M, Hondo, Texas.

2. **QUORUM CHECK:** Those present were: Chairman Marcus Vidrine, Henry Sandoval, Mike Hackebel, Ginny Winkler, Alfonso Trevino and Clarence McNiel.

Also Present: Carol Buttler, Assistant City Manager and Sandra Rodriguez, Deputy City Secretary

Absent: Mike Groff

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made by Clarence McNiel and seconded by Mike Hackebel, to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2008 Planning and Zoning Meeting. Motion carried 5 to 0.

4. **HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE NEED TO RECOMMEND AMENDMENTS TO THE HONDO CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 12, EXHIBIT "A", ZONING ORDINANCE, SECTION 25.1604, SIGN REGULATIONS.**

Chairman Vidrine opened the public hearing at 5:02 p.m.

Assistant City Manager Carol Buttler explained the issue with the signage and referred to the pictures included in the packets. She stated that another public hearing will be held by the Council.

Chris Stiegler came before the Commission with regard to the off-premise signs.

Assistant City Manager Carol Buttler referred the Commission to the ordinance for the City of Boerne and pointed out different types of signs.

Clarence McNiel pointed out the verbiage in the ordinance with regard to the type of signs Mr. Stiegler was referring to. He explained that the purpose for amending the ordinance was to get a handle on the many signs that are being put up. Mr. McNiel further stated that the Commission has turned down similar requests in the past.

Upon inquiry by Chris Stiegler, Chairman Vidrine and ACM Carol Buttler addressed the portable sign issue.

Chairman Vidrine closed the public hearing at 5:30 p.m.

5. **WORKSHOP – SIGN REGULATIONS**

ACM Carol Buttler opened the workshop with regard to off premise signage concerning the continuation of off-premise signs, distance markers, or not allowing off-premise signs.

Attorney Dick O'Neill recommended that the word "campaign" be changed to "political". He further stated that a short grace period could be allowed in order to promote public awareness with regard to portable signs. Mr. O'Neill then addressed the possible prohibition of portable signs. A lengthy discussion followed regarding the proposed ordinance.

**6. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE NEED TO RECOMMEND AMENDMENTS TO THE HONDO CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 12, EXHIBIT "A", ZONING ORDINANCE, ARTICLE 25.1604.**

Chairman Vidrine stated that staff will write the ordinance and send it to the Planning & Zoning Commission members before taking it to Council.

Motion was made by Clarence McNeil and seconded by Mike Hackebeit to approve the preparation of the ordinance. Motion carried 5 to 0.

**7. STATUS REPORT OF PREVIOUS RECOMMENDED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS.**

ACM Carol Buttler presented a status report with regard to the fencing ordinance amendments, the downtown residency issue, the Airport Zoning Board ordinance, and the sign ordinance. She stated that the ordinances would be ready in the next week or so.

**8. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR THE NEW BEST WESTERN MOTEL ON PROPERTY THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN APPROVED BY THE CITY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR ANNEXATION AND A ZONE CHANGE.**

A lengthy discussion followed with regard to this item. The following persons spoke:

- a) Charles Rothe spoke on behalf of the Best Western Motel. He briefed the commission on the status of the project and pointed out the issues with regard to the retention pond. Assistant City Manager Carol Butler

Motion was made by Alfonso Trevino and seconded by Mike Hackabeil to approve the preliminary plat subject to approval by the city staff. Motion carried 5 to 0.

**9. ADJOURN:** There being no further business to discuss; Chairman Vidrine adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

**PASSED AND APPROVED ON THE 10<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2008.**

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MARCUS VIDRINE, CHAIRMAN

**ATTEST:**

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Sandra Rodriguez, Deputy City Secretary