

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF ANDERSON §
CITY OF PALESTINE §

The Real Estate Committee convened in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 12:00 p.m., in the City Hall Conference Room, 504 N. Queen Street, Palestine, Texas, with the following people present: Chair Brenda Walker; Committee Members Ann Connor, Larry Weber, and Edwin Link.

Others present: Building Official Mark Miears, Public Works Director Tim Perry, PEDC Director Gayle Cooper, Communications Officer Nate Smith, City Manager Michael Hornes, and City Secretary Teresa Herrera.

Committee Member Phil Jenkins was absent.

CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR MEETING

With a quorum present, Chair Brenda Walker called the Regular Meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Committee Member Weber made a motion, seconded by Committee Member Link, to approve minutes of September 18, 2018, as presented. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND ACTION

Update on current development residential and commercial.

Michael Hornes provided an update on commercial development. Edward Jones Investment Office on Crockett Road, Burger King on Loop 256, Discount Tires on Loop 256, Farm Bureau on Hwy 155, and Family Dollar Store on Hwy 155.

Also, mall pad site development is stalled at the moment. The developer is still working with JC Penny's.

Michael Hornes provided an update on residential development.

Update on Infill Program.

Nate Smith provided an update on the Infill Program.

Update on Old Memorial Hospital.

Nate Smith informed the committee that Air Quality Associates has started on the demolition of the hospital.

Discussion and possible action regarding the following:

a) Palestine Performing Arts Center

City Manager Hornes provided an update. The City has an RFP for Commercial Real Estate Broker to help in the evaluation and sale of Performing Arts Center and Palestine Mall. Performing Arts Center has bookings through June 2019.

b) Palestine Mall

City Manager Hornes informed that the only City personnel left at the mall are Library employees. Community Services have moved to warehouse building.

c) City-owned property

Building Official Mark Miears informed that Mr. Ben Campbell has inquired about the city-owned property near railroad tracks; Mr. Campbell is interested in some of these lots. Committee agreed to accept bids for the lots. Currently, the property is zoned residential and will need to be rezoned.

Items for next meeting.

Discussion items for next agenda: 1) update on Infill Program; 2) update on Old Memorial Hospital; 3) Performing Arts Center; 4) Palestine Mall; 5) city-owned property; and 6) update on current development residential and commercial. Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at noon.

ADJOURN

With no other business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:43 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 15TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2019.



Brenda Walker, Chair

ATTEST:



Teresa Herrera, City Secretary