CITY OF SLIDELL ZONING COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 27, 2020

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Chairperson Hilts at 7:04 p.m.

Members Present: Mary Lou Hilts, Chairperson
Richard Reardon, Vice Chairperson
Michael Newton
Landon Washington
Joseph Binder
Gayle Green

Members Absent: Timothy Rogers

Staff Present: Theresa B. Alexander, Commission Secretary
Melissa Guilbeau, AICP, Director of Planning

II. MINUTES

Approval of the Minutes from December 16, 2019 meeting.

Chairperson Hilts introduced the minutes of the December 16, 2019 meeting. Ms. Green moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Washington made the second and a vote of 6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTAIN, 1 ABSENT, approved the minutes.

MEETING MINUTES APPROVED – DECEMBER 16, 2019 MINUTES APPROVED ON MOTION BY GREEN SECOND BY WASHINGTON, AND VOTE OF 6-0.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

1) RZ20-01 – Rezoning: A request by Ms. Lisa Allemond and Mr. Ryan Allemond to rezone property located at the southwest corner of the Fremaux Avenue and Tenth Street intersection addressed as 917 Tenth Street, more specifically identified as Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 of Square 50 of Pine Park Place (Prevost Addition), containing 0.331 acres in Section 10, Township 9 South, Range 14 East, Greensburg Land District, St. Tammany Parish, Slidell, Louisiana, from A-4 – Transitional to C-1 – Fremaux Avenue Business District.

2) **RZ20-02 – Rezoning:** A request by St. Tammany Parish School Board to rezone property located at 183 East Hall Drive, more particularly identified as Lot 6A, Square 11 of Brugier Addition to the Town of Slidell, containing 0.207 acre in Section 10, Township 9 South, Range 14 East, St. Tammany Parish, Slidell, Louisiana, from C-2 – Neighborhood Commercial to A-6 Single-family Residential.

Consent Calendar was introduced by Chairperson Hilts who asked for a motion.

Mr. Binder made a comment regarding the rezoning request along Fremaux Avenue who asked if this rezoning was similar to the recent rezoning requests made along the same street. Ms. Alexander answered yes.

Mr. Reardon asked why the property was addressed off on Tenth Street instead of Fremaux Avenue. Ms. Alexander answered that the current property layout is three full lots and one partial lot fronting on Tenth Street, which is why it was originally addressed off of Tenth. Mr. Binder asked what the buffer requirements would be for this property.

Mr. Binder asked about the second rezoning request from the School Board announcing that he and two other Commissioners are employees of the School Board and wanted to confirm if they would be able to review and vote on the rezoning of School Board property. Ms. Alexander and Ms. Guilbeau stated they would contact the City Attorney's office to confirm the Ethics rules in this matter and let them know whether they would be allowed to vote on the petition.

Mr. Jeff Schoen of the Jones Fussell law firm, representing the School Board on this rezoning request, stated his understanding would be that as employees, those Commissioners not having a financial gain in the case would be allowed to review and vote on the request, but he deferred to the City Attorney's opinion.

With no further discussion, Mr. Binder made a motion to approve the consent calendar. Mr. Reardon seconded the motion and a vote of 6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTAIN, 1 ABSENT, the motion passed setting the consent calendar for public hearing on February 17, 2020.

APPROVED – CONSENT CALENDAR APPROVED FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON FEBRUARY 17, 2020 ON MOTION BY BINDER, SECOND BY REARDON AND VOTE OF 6-0.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

There were no public hearings for review.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

Approval of 2020 Meeting Calendar

With no conflicts announced, the 2020 Meeting Calendar is approved on motion by Reardon, second by Ms. Green, and vote of 6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTAIN, 1 ABSENT.

Election of Commission Chairperson

Nominations for Chairperson – Mr. Binder nominated Ms. Hilts, Ms. Green seconded the nomination. With no further nominations, a vote of 6-YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTAIN, 1 ABSENT, approved the motion voting Ms. Mary Lou Hilts as Chairperson for 2020.

Election of Commission Vice-Chair

Nominations for Vice-Chair – Ms. Green nominated Mr. Reardon, Mr. Binder seconded the nomination. With no further nominations, a vote of 6-YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTAIN, 1 ABSENT, approved the motion voting Mr. Richard Reardon as Vice-Chair for 2020.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Ms. Green made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Newton to adjourn the meeting. A vote of 6-YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTAIN, 1 ABSENT, approved the motion adjourning the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

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