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**Building Standards Commission
Special Meeting
December 28, 2016
Minutes**

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Building Standards Commission, that was held on December 28, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. at 1109 Bayou Road, with the following members present:

(1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Louis McGaffey called Special Meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

(2) ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Vice Chairman Louis McGaffey
Bart Jennings
Billy Jefferson

ABSENT:

Chairman Deanie Barrett
Trina Phillips

STAFF PRESENT:

Les Rumburg, Director of Development Services
Sherlyn Williams, Revitalization Specialist

(3) INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation led by Billy Jefferson
Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bart Jennings

(4) CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION

There was no citizen participation

(5) NEW BUSINESS

- a.** Discussion/possible action regarding an Ordinance amendment on Chapters 14 and 29 of the Code of Ordinances for 2012 Editions of the International Fire Code, International Building Code, International Residential Code, International Property Maintenance Code, International Plumbing Code, International Mechanical Code and the International Fuel Gas code; adding local amendments to the adopted codes; designating the Fire Chief as the Fire Code official; Establishing the Building Standards Commission as the Board of the Appeals for these adopted codes; Providing a Savings and Severability Clause; Providing a penalty as provided by Section 1-7 of the Code of Ordinances and repealing all ordinances adopting and amending previous code editions in conflict herewith.

Development Services Director Les Rumburg introduced Attorney Derra Mattina to the Building Standard Commission. Ms. Mattina explained the amended Chapters 14 and 29 of the Code of Ordinances, so the Commission may adopt the 2012 Editions of the International Fire Code and Building Code.

Vice Chairman McGaffey asked why all the codes were included if all this Commission would consider are those codes that affect the Building Code.

Ms. Mattina explained that for various reasons International Code groups decided to produce five different books to be more in depth for each code.

Vice Chairman McGaffey asked if the other boards had adopted their codes as he didn't feel it was up to the Building Standard Commission to accept the amendments to the codes on their behalf

Development Services Director Les Rumburg stated the other Boards and Commissions had previously read and adopted the 2012 International Code amendments; however, due to miscommunication, the BSC failed to get it on their December agenda; therefore, a special meeting had to be called in order for the BSC to have a chance to do so before the second reading at the next council meeting on January 9, 2017

Ms. Mattina stated all this Commission is adopting is the Building and Fire Code regulations. Fire and Code Enforcement were essential in the decision making as to what was needful and what was not on Page 4, Section 29-31, the last sentence will be deleted and she was asking for approval with the exclusion of that last sentence.

Vice Chairman McGaffey was asked about the use of the word "condemn".

Ms. Mattina stated the use of the word is used only if it addresses the State Statute because the State Statutes are written for the whole nation and the use of the word "condemn" is used in some instances.

Vice Chairman McGaffey asked about the credentials of the Deputy that can be appointed by the Code Enforcement Officer; however, Ms. Mattina stated that person would not be allowed to write citations because they have not been certified. Ms. Mattina stated that an issue had been addressed within the City Code and it was more specific regarding that issue.

Vice Chairman McGaffey asked for clarification on what the underlines and the strike-outs meant.

Ms. Mattina explained that if the State law was better than what was previously adopted it was added to the code and was underlined (i.e. kkkkkkkk). If the information was going to be removed from the code it would show as a strike through (i.e. ~~kkkkkkkk~~).

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V Chairman asked if the state would take precedence over the City code.

Ms. Mattina stated if the State code was better, then it would, but if not the City code would take precedence, depending on the circumstance.

Les Rumburg asked if the copy going to City Council will have the last line with a strike-through.

Ms. Mattina said that it would.

Motion made by Member Jefferson to send the Building Standard Commission adopted Code to City Council. Member Jennings seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

(6) EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session was held

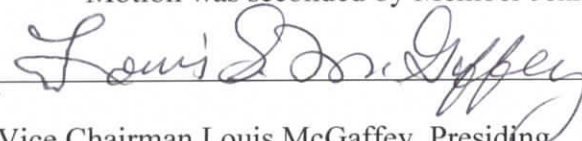
(7) REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

(8) ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Member Jefferson to adjourn the Special meeting.

Motion was seconded by Member Jennings. MEETING ADJOURNED.


Vice Chairman Louis McGaffey, Presiding