

ROCKY RIDGE PLANNING & ZONING SPECIAL MEETING

September 13, 2023

7:30 PM

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Opening:

Presiding: Chair Lane Allred

Present from the Planning and Zoning Commission: Lane Allred, Devin Jessop, David Allred, Dave Bunker and Aaron Bronson.

Present from the Town Staff: Marilyn Bronson

Others Present:

Invocation was given.

Meeting was called to order at 7:38 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Meeting Minutes were read by Town Clerk Marilyn Bronson.

July's meeting: Commission Member David Allred motioned to approve the Minutes; Commission Member Dave Bunker seconded the motion; all others voted in favor.

August's Minutes: Commission Member Devin Jessop motioned to approve the Minutes; Commission Member David Allred seconded the motion; all others voted in favor.

New Business:

1. Recommendations/Proposed Ordinance for the Town Council to adopt an increase of New Fees for Building Permits:

During the meeting, Chair and Commission Member Lane Allred reviewed the proposed Recommendation for the Town Council, highlighting both grammatical and structural revisions in the document.

Commission Member Lane Allred invited questions from the attendees, seeking clarification on the proposed fees.

Commission Member Aaron Bronson emphasized the historical community intent to meet the Town's needs without exceeding them. He expressed uncertainty regarding the fee increase's justification and sought assurance that the Recommendation aligned with this intent, to which Commission Member Lane Allred confirmed.

Furthermore, Commission Member Lane Allred presented a comparison of Building Permit fees from other municipalities, noting that his original proposal featured lower fees. Following discussions within the Planning & Zoning Commission, adjustments to the prices were made.

Commission Member Aaron Bronson articulated his disinterest in external fee comparisons, emphasizing that as long as the proposal met the Town's requirements without being excessive,

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he supported the fee increase. He stressed the Town's primary objective should be to cover employee compensation rather than generating profits.

Commission Member Lane Allred provided additional insights into the time investment required for the Building Permit process.

Town Clerk Marilyn Bronson requested clarification from Commission Board Member Lane Allred regarding his prior statements on Inspection fees in the Recommendation, aiming for transparency among all Planning & Zoning Commission Members.

Commission Member Lane Allred explained that due to the Town's growth, a reevaluation of needs was essential. The Mayor and Town Council had initiated discussions on compensating Town volunteers instead of relying solely on volunteer efforts to meet various demands. As a result, Mayor Allred expressed the intention to pay Commission Member Lane Allred for his role as Town Inspector and Treasurer Rachel Bronson for her contributions to Building Permits. The Recommendation reflected these compensation considerations.

Commission Member Aaron Bronson underscored the high costs associated with home construction and urged the Planning & Zoning Commission to prioritize cost-effectiveness.

In summary, the meeting focused on the proposed fee increase, with discussions touching on historical community intent, fee comparisons, compensation for services, and the importance of keeping construction costs manageable.

Commission Member Devin Jessop motioned to accept the proposed Recommendation to the Town Council as amended; Commission Member Dave Bunker seconded the motion; all others voted in favor.

Open Floor:

Citizen Items:

Board Items:

Adjournment:

Board Member David Allred moved to adjourn the meeting; Board Member Aaron Bronson seconded the motion; all others voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

/s/ Marilyn Bronson

Approval of Town Clerk