

The Wauchula Planning and Zoning Board met for its regular on Monday, July 20, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Gerald Waldron, Wayne Johnson and Ray Graham. Chairman Garry Phillips and Vice-Chairwoman Donna Steffens were absent.

Also present were Community Development Coordinator Kyle Long, City Clerk Holly Smith.

Long addressed the Board and explained that both the Chair and Vice-Chair was absent and the Board had to appoint a member to serve as the Chair.

Waldron motioned for Graham to be the temporary Chair, seconded by Johnson. With no discussion, Smith polled the Board; all were in favor. Motion carried.

### **Chairman Graham called the meeting to order**

### **Approval of Minutes – March 16, 2020**

Johnson motioned to approve the minutes from March 16, 2020 as presented, seconded by Waldron. With no discussion, Graham called for all in favor, all responded aye. For those opposed like sign, no response. Motion carried.

### **Urban Agriculture**

Jennifer Codo-Salisbury – Central Florida Regional Planning Council

Codo-Salisbury stated the City had received a request for an indoor hydroponics facility at the old hospital site. Codo-Salisbury gave a brief background on the different agricultural uses. She discussed motivations for encouraging urban agriculture. Codo-Salisbury discussed the different agriculture classifications. Codo-Salisbury presented four discussion items. 1. Define urban agriculture 2. Zoning districts that would allow for urban agriculture 3. Allow on-site sale of agriculture products 4. Small-animal husbandry 5. Allow non-commercial food production – community gardens 6. Allow accessory structures 7. Assistance with land access

Graham had concerns regarding tax structure and what areas farms animals would be allowed. Waldron was curious on the tax revenue. Codo-Salisbury stated she would do some research on the questions asked and get back with the Board. Long stated he wanted to clarify the purpose of the meeting was see the direction the Board wanted to go, whether the Board wanted cows and chickens in people's yards or limit it to an indoor facility or even expand to the roof top garden. Long stated this would be back before you for adoption. Graham stated he was good with back yard gardens. Graham stated the small-animal husbandry needed to be as far out of town as possible. Graham felt regulations were needed on commercial districts and not so much on community gardens in residential areas. Graham asked what impacts (tax values) accessory structures would have on neighboring or adjoining properties.

Codo-Salisbury stated she had enough information to draft an ordinance and bring back before the Board in August.

### **Old/New Business**

There was no old business.

**Public Comment**

There was no Public present to comment.

Chairman Graham adjourned the meeting at 5:36 p.m.

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Temp. Chairman Ray Graham

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City Clerk Holly Smith