

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

ATHENS MUNICIPAL-REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

March 3, 2025

12:00 P.M.

CONFERENCE ROOM

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sam Stephens
Chairperson Jona Garrett
John Proffitt
Jordan Curtis
Eric Newberry

MEMBERS ABSENT

Janice Hardaway
Steve Sherlin

OTHERS ATTENDING

Anthony Casteel
Brandon Ainsworth
Gene McConkey
Nora Cardin
Tim Schultz
Josh Stokey
Randy Harper
Justin Welliver
Melody Welliver

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of the February 24 work session minutes

The minutes of the February 24, 2025, work session were approved on motion by Eric Newberry; seconded by Sam Stephens; vote – unanimous.

2. Approval of the February 3, 2025 regular minutes

The minutes of the February 3, 2025, work session were approved on motion by John Proffitt seconded by Jordan Curtis; vote – unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Public Comments and Commercial Driveway access approval for the McMinn County Health Department project on Elizabeth Street.

There were no comments from the public.

Mr. Casteel said he looked at this for Public Works and it meets the requirements for street separation. Right now, it is just a "T Intersection." There are probably no plans to put a road across from this since it is across from the newly proposed fire hall. It is 539 feet from Charlotte Street. It is 1,203 feet from White Street and there is approximately 487 feet of sight distance towards Elizabeth Street. He did speak with the Public Works Director, and he concurred with what he recommended, and they recommended driveway approval of this project as submitted.

MOTION: To approve the request.

MADE: Eric Newberry

SECOND: John Proffitt

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0
MOTION PASSED

Mr. Proffitt asked how large the parcel was.

Mr. Casteel said it is close to two acres.

Mr. Welliver said it is 2.004 acres.

2. **Public Comments and Final Plat approval for Justin Welliver property** shown as Tax Map 065B Group C Parcel 001.00 and 065B Group B Parcel 076.00 on the Tennessee Real Estate Property Assessment Data Website. The property is located off Scenic Drive and Avalon Street and contains 3.39 acres and six (6) lots.

Mr. Casteel said this has been reviewed all departments and AUB. They recommend approval with all signatures being completed on the plat.

MOTION: To approve the request.

MADE: Eric Newberry

SECOND: Jordan Curtis

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0
MOTION PASSED

Mr. Casteel said he had one more item to address and it was not on the agenda. He talked with the Secretary of the Planning Commission, and she is in the hospital. In her absence, they asked the Board to vote to allow the Chairperson to sign plats in her absence until she can return.

MOTION: To approve the request.

MADE: Jordan Curtis
SECOND: Eric Newberry

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0
MOTION PASSED

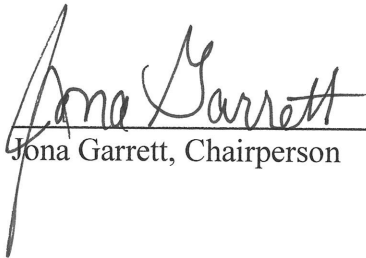
PETITIONS AND REQUESTS FROM AUDIENCE

There were now petitions or requests from the audience.

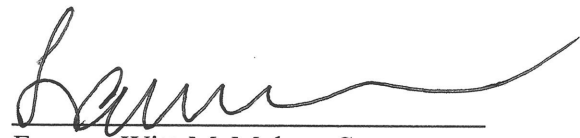
STAFF REPORT

There was no staff report presented.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm.



Jona Garrett, Chairperson



Frances Witt-McMahan, Secretary