

MINUTES
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MEETING
April 1, 2024
Outdoor Lighting Regulation Ordinance

HOLD a public hearing and consider an ordinance amending Chapter 31 of the Killeen Code of Ordinances providing for outdoor lighting regulations.

Ms. Meshier presented the staff report for this item. She explained that on January 23, 2024, the City Council made a motion of direction to have staff prepare an outdoor lighting ordinance to expand the current outdoor lighting regulations associated with the “UD” (University District) and “CD” (Cemetery District) to make those standards applicable to all zoning districts.

Ms. Meshier stated that if the proposed ordinance is adopted, it will help to prevent outdoor lighting nuisances like glare and light trespass and help to preserve the integrity of the night sky. She stated that the proposed ordinance prohibits light trespass onto adjacent properties and rights-of-way and prohibits up lighting with exemptions for flagpoles and public art.

Ms. Meshier explained that the proposed ordinance would require any person wishing to install or use exterior lighting to request a site plan review and obtain approval for such lighting from the building official.

Ms. Meshier stated that staff recommends that the Commission recommend approval of the ordinance with the changes discussed during the workshop. Ms. Meshier noted that the Commission discussed adding exemptions for outdoor lighting in place prior to adoption of the ordinance and for holiday lights; and including language stating that site plan approval is only needed for outdoor lighting that requires a permit.

Chairman Minor opened the public hearing at 6:03 p.m.

With no one wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed at 6:03 p.m.

Commissioner Gukeisen moved to recommend approval of the proposed ordinance with the conditions as discussed. Commissioner Sabree seconded, and the motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.