MINUTES PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MEETING May 6, 2024

Ordinance Amending Chapter 31, Fencing Materials Regulations

HOLD a public hearing and consider an ordinance amending Chapter 31 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Killeen providing for amendments to the City's fencing materials regulations.

Ms. Meshier presented the staff report for this item. She stated that if approved, the proposed ordinance will amend Sec. 31-855 regarding "security or barbed-wire fences" and Sec. 31-858 regarding "fencing materials". She stated that, if approved, the proposed ordinance will: remove conflicting provisions regarding barbed wire fencing; allow uncoated chain link fencing in the "M-1" and "M-2" zoning districts and for agricultural uses is any district; allow the hardware and fence posts associated with chain-link fences to be painted to match, instead of vinyl coated; and allow for temporary construction fencing associated with a building permit.

Ms. Meshier explained that adoption of the proposed ordinance would prohibit barbed wire and electric fencing in all districts except "A", "A-R1", and for existing agricultural uses; and would allow security fencing topped with barbed/razor wire in "M-1", "M-2", and for utility substations in any district. Ms. Meshier stated that this would prohibit barbed wire fencing in commercial zoning districts, except for utility substations. Ms. Meshier also noted that there are currently no standards regarding temporary construction fencing. This ordinance would provide standards for such fencing.

Ms. Meshier stated that staff recommends that the Commission recommend approval of the ordinance as presented.

Chairman Minor opened the public hearing at 5:19 p.m.

With no one wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed at 5:19 p.m.

Commissioner Jones moved to recommend approval of the proposed ordinance as presented. Commissioner Gukeisen seconded, and the motion passed by a vote of 8 to 0.