

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL CALLED JOINT WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE CITY  
COUNCIL AND PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION  
OF THE CITY OF JOURDANTON  
AT THE JOURDANTON MUNICIPAL COMPLEX COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT  
1604 HIGHWAY 97 E, JOURDANTON, TEXAS, 78026, ON AUGUST 18, 2018 AT 9:00 a.m.

1. *Roll Call to Establish a Quorum of the City Council:*  
Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. *Call Special Called Meeting to order:*

Mayor: Robert A. Williams  
Mayor Pro Tem: Raul "Roy" Morales

Councilmembers:

Jack Harrison  
Chester Gonzales (absent)  
Karen Pesek  
Johnetta "Johnnie" Goetzel (absent)

City Manager:

Lamar Schulz

City Secretary:

Debbie G. Molina (absent)

Finance Clerk (recorded minutes) Sharon Dornak

City Attorney:

Daniel Santee

*Roll Call to Establish Quorum for Planning and Zoning Committee:*

Chairman:

Donna Blue (absent)

Vice Chairman:

Kristian Weaver (absent)

Planning and Zoning Commission: James Dornak (absent)

Margaret Steffek

Megan Cruz (absent)

No quorum was present.

3. *Invocation:*

Mayor Robert Williams skipped agenda item 3.

4. *Pledge of Allegiance to the Flags of the United States of America and State of Texas:*  
Mayor Robert Williams skipped agenda item 4.

5. *Workshop.*

*a. Discussion regarding the City's sign ordinance:*

City Attorney Santee presented a power point of a law suit between the Reed Vs. City of Gilbert. A community church did not have a permanent place for worship so they rented space at temporary locations for their weekly service. They placed temporary signs showing place of the church service. The City of Gilbert prohibited their temporary signs. The church filed a suit arguing that the code both as written and as applied to its signs was an unconstitutional restriction on its first amendment right to free speech. The City was allowing other signs such as political, election, Homeowners Assoc. event, real estate sale, garage sales, school student academic and sports signs with unlimited or designated time. The town's strict limitation on the church's signs made it highly unlikely that drivers would ever see a sign inviting them to the church's services within 12 hrs. The City of Gilbert case was ruled that the city could not regulate the content of the sign. City Attorney Santee continued to explain that municipalities are authorized to regulate signs by the Texas Local Government Code Chapter 216 and 211. The zoning is regulated by Sec 211.003 being the location and use of buildings, other structures, and land for business, industrial, residential, or other purposes. He described Sec. 216.902 areas within the

extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ). Santee said billboards within the ETJ should only be regulated by the City.

City Attorney Santee also discussed Article 3.08 Signs, Sec. 3.08.005, Definitions to the City's Code of Ordinances. He advised the Council that wall signs are prohibited in the current ordinance such as "Motel 6" and can be changed to mural signs that can be placed under Commercial Complex. The Council should enforce vulgar or nuisance for mural signs. Council and Committee Member Steffek designated 50 years to historical and vintage signs. Santee made a recommendation to remove holiday signs because they could be regulated as commercial signage or residential instead of holiday. He stated moving and flashing signs should be removed too. The changeable electronic variable signs should be allowed because the City's marquee is a changeable electronic variable sign. Santee stated that variances should go to Board of Adjustments. He made a recommendation for the City Council to serve as the Board of Adjustments because there is a difference in being sued as Board of Adjustments as to City Council. The temporary signs can be regulated by the city by limit size and number of signs on personal property. Santee made a recommendation to limit the number of signs to twelve (12).

In conclusion, City Attorney Santeed advise the Council that he would make appropriate changes to the ordinance as discussed and invited any suggestions from the Council and the Planning and Zoning Commission.

6. *Adjourn.*

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Morales "to adjourn." Motion was seconded by Council Member Pesek. Committee Member Steffek adjourned for the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 10:59 a.m.



DEBBIE G. MOLINA, CITY SECRETARY



ROBERT A. WILLIAMS, MAYOR