FEBRUARY 7, 2013

GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT a regular meeting of the Gautier Planning Commission of the City of Gautier, Mississippi, was held on February 7, 2013, at 6:00 P.M. in the Council chambers of the Gautier Municipal Building at 3330 Highway 90, Gautier, Mississippi.

Commission members present: David Wooten, Chairman, Larry Dailey, Richard Johnson, Marilyn Minor, and Greg Spanier. Absent was James Torrey. Also present were Eric Meyer, Economic Development Director; Bob Ramsay, City Attorney; Babs Logan, Planning Technician; and Michele Keenlance, Court Reporter.

David Wooten, Chairman, called the meeting to order and presented the minutes from the January 3, 2013 meeting for approval. The minutes were approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

AGENDA

GAUTIER PLANNING COMMISSION

FEBRUARY 7, 2013

6:00 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (VOLUNTEER)

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – (JANUARY 3, 2013)

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

V. PRESENTATION OF 2012 LARRY MORAN EXCELLENCE AWARD

VI. **PUBLIC COMMENTS (MATTERS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA)**

VII. **OLD BUSINESS**

NONE

VIII. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. QUASI-JUDICIAL

1. REQUEST FOR A CONDITIONAL USE-MAJOR TO ALLOW A CHURCH IN A C-2 ZONING DISTRICT, 1443 HIGHWAY 90 (STEPHEN BRYAN CIRLOT, PASTOR OF CHURCH AT THE SQUARE) (GPC CASE #13-01-CU)

B. DISCUSSION

1. AQUA-AGRICULTURE

IX. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

X. **ADJOURN**

PRESENTATION OF 2012 LARRY MORAN EXCELLENCE AWARD

Commissioner Johnson explained that the Larry Moran Excellence Award was established in 2009 and is given in memory of former Planning Commissioner and Chairman Larry Moran who passed away several years ago. Commissioner Moran had served on the Planning Commission for over thirteen years and had served as Chairman for many of those years. He served the citizens of Gautier by volunteering his time in many ways. Commissioner Johnson further explained that the award was given to a business or individual for achievement in job creation, community contributions, customer service, adherence to Planning and Zoning Ordinances and retail excellence.

Commissioner Wooten and Ms. Logan presented a plaque to Kenny Smith, owner of Smith Homes, Inc., as winner of the 2012 Larry Moran Excellence Award. Mr. Smith thanked the Planning Commission for the award.

Mr. Moran's family was asked to stand and a bouquet of flowers were presented to Mr. Moran's widow.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (MATTERS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION NOT LISTED ON AGENDA)

Chairman Wooten reminded the Commissioners that Commissioner Johnson had turned in his resignation and that this would be his last meeting. Chairman Wooten thanked Commissioner Johnson for the time and dedication he had given to the Planning Commission over the past four years.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

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There came before the Planning Commission a request on the part of Stephen Bryan Cirlot, Pastor of Church at the Square, for a Conditional Use-Major permit that would allow a church in a C-2 Community Commercial zoning district at 1443 Highway 90, PID #82436570.000.

The applicant explained that the church began as a Bible study in his home and then moved to the Baptist Student Union at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College as their congregation grew. They have now outgrown the Baptist Student Union with sixty to seventy members and need a bigger place to meet. The applicant stated that they currently have one worship service a week and that is at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays. They hope to add a second Sunday service in the near future.

Commissioner Johnson asked if the services included contemporary music such as drums, guitars, etc. The applicant stated that they did have drums, guitars and other instruments that were used during the music portion of the services. Commissioner Johnson advised him that the sound would have to be

contained within the building so as not to disturb neighboring residences. The applicant said that would not be a problem.

Commissioner Johnson then asked the applicant if he understood the conditions of the permit regarding handicap accessibility to the building and if he would be able to comply with those regulations. The applicant said that would not be a problem either.

Commissioner Minor made a motion to recommend approval of the request with the following conditions recommended by Staff:

1. The location shall meet all accessibility requirements for change of occupancy as stated in Section 3409 of the International Building Code.
2. The physical location of the church and all operations shall be restricted to the location at 1441-B and 1443 Highway 90. Any further expansion shall require the permit to be amended.
3. Noise levels shall meet the City's noise ordinance.

Commissioner Spanier seconded the motion and the following vote was recorded:

AYES	NAYS	ABSENT	ABSTAINED
Larry Dailey		James Torrey	
Greg Spanier			
David Wooten			
Richard Johnson			
Marilyn Minor			

B. DISCUSSION

1. AQUA-AGRICULTURE

This item was not discussed due to the interested party calling prior to the meeting stating that due to unforeseen circumstances he will not be able to pursue this project at this time.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Meyer gave a brief update on some ongoing projects within the City. He advised that a site plan for the new Walmart was not available yet but that it would be approximately 150,000 square feet, the largest on the coast; that the

City had just received an Economic Development Award from the Mississippi Economic Development Council for retaining B & D Plastics and their expansion within the City; and that the City had assumed operation and maintenance of Shepard State Park on January 28th.

Mr. Meyer invited the Planning Commissioners to the Town Hall Meeting on March 11th at the Community College Cafetorium. The focus of the meeting will be recreation.

Commissioner Wooten asked about the widening of Martin Bluff Road. Mr. Meyer stated that the Federal Highway Commission had approved the environmental proponents of the project and that the next step is to hire someone to handle acquiring the forty-eight properties on the north side of Martin Bluff Road from Gautier-Vancleave Road to Homestead Boulevard. The project will have a twelve foot path on the north side of Martin Bluff Road to Homestead Boulevard, there it will switch over to a sidewalk on the south side to Martin Bluff Elementary. The City is working with the engineer to find the additional funding to have the sidewalk extend to Frontage Road.

SUBMITTED BY:

DATE: 4/16/13

Eric Meyer
Economic Development Director

APPROVED:

DATE: 4-4-13

David Wooten, Chairman
Gautier Planning Commission