
January 7, 2016
Gautier, Mississippi

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT A REGULAR MEETING of the Gautier Planning Commission of the City of Gautier, Mississippi, was held on January 7, 2016 at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Gautier Municipal Building at 3330 Highway 90, Gautier, Mississippi.

Commission Members present were: Larry Dailey, Chairman; Vice Chairperson Sandra Walters; Commissioners Kay C. Jamison, J.J. Fletcher, and Phil Torjusen. Also present were Chandra Nicholson, Economic Development and Planning Director; and Tricia L. Thigpen, Deputy City Clerk. Absent were Jimmy Green, Anthony York and Josh Danos.

AGENDA
GAUTIER PLANNING COMMISSION
January 7, 2016
6:00 P.M.

- I. CALL TO ORDER**

- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (VOLUNTEER)**

- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. November 5, 2015

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

- VI. OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. PLANNING COMMISSION RULES AND PROCEDURES – DISCUSSION

- VII. NEW BUSINESS**
 - B. MORAN AWARD
 - C. PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIRMAN & VICE-CHAIRMAN 2016 ELECTION

- VIII. GENERAL DISCUSSION**

A. PREVIOUS CASE UPDATES

1. GPC CCASWE #15-12-SD GREVIEW ESTATES SUBDIVISION – OLD SPANISH TRAIL

B. PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING TIME

C. UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE COMPREHENSIVE UPDATES

D. UPDATE ON DEVELOPMENT & EVENTS

IX. ADJOURN

Chairman Dailey called the meeting to order.

Vice-Chairperson Walters made the motion to approve the Agenda Order. **Commissioner Fletcher** seconded the motion and the following vote was recorded:

AYES: **Larry Dailey**
 Sandra Walters
 Kay C. Jamison
 J.J. Fletcher
 Phil Torjusen

NAYS: **None**

ABSENT: **Jimmy Green**
 Anthony York

Motion passed.

Commissioner Fletcher made the motion to approve minutes from the November 5, 2015 meeting. **Commissioner Torjusen** seconded the motion and the following vote was recorded:

AYES: **Larry Dailey**
 Sandra Walters
 Kay C. Jamison
 J.J. Fletcher
 Phil Torjusen

NAYS: **None**

ABSENT: **Jimmy Green**
 Anthony York

Motion passed.

Public Comments (Matters of the Planning Commission not listed on the agenda) – None

OLD BUSINESS

A. Planning Commission Rules and Procedures – Discussion

Discussion of Rules and Procedures postponed until February 4, 2016 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

B. Moran Award

Chairman Dailey called for nominations for the 2015 Moran Award.

Commissioner Jamison had no nominations.
Commissioner Fletcher had no nominations.
Commissioner Torjusen had no nominations.

Vice-Chairperson Walters nominated Etta Saxton for the 2015 Larry Moran Excellence Award.

Vice-Chairperson Walters stated Ms. Saxton is well known as the Owner/General Manager of Flower Patch Florist & Gifts and Sweet Tooth Bakery but there is so much more to this Jackson County native who operates the oldest business in Gautier with 47 years of continuous operation!

Regarding customer service, in addition to all phases of floral needs and a custom bakery and gourmet shop, she also supplies gift items that cannot be found elsewhere in Jackson County. In her business she works tirelessly after normal hours and on Sundays and Holidays for emergencies. Ms. Saxton, formerly a Registered Nurse, is respected and admired by all who know her for going the extra mile!

She has hugely contributed to local job creation throughout her career in education and training in both fields of Floral Designing and Baking and Candy Decorating classes to many students who have opened their own successful businesses. She continues to consult in these fields today.

The most admirable contribution by Etta Saxton in Gautier is her civic service in numerous ways. They are:

Gautier Garden Club – Charter Member and Past President
Gautier Civitan Club – Past President
Gautier Mullet Festival – Past Queen
Gautier Pride
Gautier Business Association – Executive Board and Current Pig-Out Chairman
Project to Save Shepard State Park (which is now an instrumental part of Gautier)
Jackson County Humane Society – Past President
Jackson County Republican Woman
American Business Woman's Association
Business Networking International – Past President

Other causes include Chairman of the Gulf Coast Spring Pilgrimage for many years, started the Measuring and Founding of Historical Trees of Gautier project, sponsors "Christmas Joy" a Christmas program for Riverchase Nursing Village residents in Gautier and donates and delivers Thanksgiving Food Baskets for local needy families in addition to support for Battered Women and the Handicap Olympics Organization.

Ms. Etta Saxton exemplifies community service thru her business job creations, customer service, valuable revenue generator and retail excellence for our City and is my recommendation as the deserving recipient of the 2015 Annual Larry Moran Excellence Award.

Chairman Dailey also nominated Ms. Etta Saxton.

Chairman Dailey called for a vote and the following vote was recorded:

AYES: **Larry Dailey**
 Sandra Walters
 K.C. Jamison
 J.J. Fletcher
 Phil Torjusen

NAYS: **None**

ABSENT: **Jimmy Green**
 Anthony York

Nomination passed.

NEW BUSINESS

C. Planning Commission Chairman & Vice Chairman 2016 Election

Chairman Dailey called for nominations for Chairman.

Vice-Chairperson Walters nominated Larry Dailey for Chairman of the Gautier Planning Commission. **Commissioner Jamison** seconded the nomination.

There were no other nominations and the vote was as follows:

AYES: **Larry Dailey**
 Sandra Walters
 K.C. Jamison
 J.J. Fletcher
 Phil Torjusen

NAYS: **None**

ABSENT: **Jimmy Green**
 Anthony York

Nomination passed.

Chairman Dailey called for nominations for Vice-Chairman.

Commissioner Jamison nominated Sandra Walters for Vice-Chairman of the Gautier Planning Commission.

There were no other nominations and the vote was as follows:

AYES: **Larry Dailey**
 Sandra Walters
 K.C. Jamison
 J.J. Fletcher
 Phil Torjusen

NAYS: **None**

ABSENT: **Jimmy Green**
 Anthony York

Nomination passed.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

A. Previous Case Updates

1. GPC Case #15-12-SD CRESTVIEW ESTATES SUBDIVISION – OLD SPANISH TRAIL

The Crestview Estates Subdivision was approved by Council.

B. Planning Commission Meeting Time

The Commission and Staff discussed changing the Planning Commission meeting time.

Vice-Chairperson Walters made the motion to change Planning Commission meeting time to 5:00 P.M. **Commissioner Torjusen** seconded the motion and the following vote was recorded:

AYES: **Larry Dailey**
 Sandra Walters
 K.C. Jamison
 J.J. Fletcher
 Phil Torjusen

NAYS: **None**

ABSENT: **Jimmy Green**
 Anthony York

Motion passed.

C. Unified Development Ordinance Comprehensive Updates

Director Nicholson stated there may be updates next month.

D. Update on Developments & Events

Director Nicholson gave the following updates:

Permits:	November 2015 – 113	Value - \$604,000.00
	December 2015 – 80	Value - \$1,400,000.00

Inspections:	November 2015 – 72
	December 2015 – 93

New Businesses: Tax Service Business
MS Motor Sports
Peacock Gallery
Mattress Store
Fresh Cuts & Styles
Real-estate & Property Management Business

Mardi Gras Parade scheduled for January 31, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.
Youth Baseball Registration coming soon
Medical Complex is progressing
Staff is working on a Master Plan for the Interstate-10 & Highway 57 area

Vice-Chairperson Walters made the motion to adjourn until February 4, 2016 at 5:00 P.M.
Commissioner Jamison seconded the motion and the following vote was recorded:

AYES: **Larry Dailey**
 Sandra Walters
 K.C. Jamison
 J.J. Fletcher
 Phil Torjusen

NAYS: **None**

ABSENT: **Jimmy Green**
 Anthony York

Motion passed.

SUBMITTED BY:

**Chandra Nicholson,
Economic Development & Planning Director**

DATE: _____

**Larry Dailey, Chairman
Gautier Planning Commission**

DATE: _____

BACK UP DOCUMENTATION

RULES AND PROCEDURES OF THE GAUTIER PLANNING COMMISSION

Internal rules governing the Planning Commission are set forth below. Any situation not covered in these rules shall be governed by state statute and the Unified Development Order of the City of Gautier, the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

ORGANIZATION

RULE 1. The Commission shall annually elect from its membership a Chairperson and vice Chairperson and shall adopt rules for the conduct of its meetings. Robert's Rules of Order (~~newly revised~~current edition) shall apply to all Planning Commission hearings (unless suspended as referenced herein) unless different rules are adopted by the Commission and approved by the Gautier City Council. The staff of the Economic Development and Planning Department shall ~~act in an advisory and support capacity to the Planning Commission~~ render assistance to the Planning Commission regarding information needed for public hearings (UDO 3.2.1(H)), and shall review or coordinate the review of all applications to it. The City Clerk, or his designee, shall be the secretary of the Commission.

RULE 2. The Chairperson shall preside over the meetings of the Planning Commission and will exercise all powers usually incident to the office. The ~~Chairperson Planning Commission~~ may create standing or temporary committees to examine, investigate and inquire into subjects of interest under the purview of ~~to~~ the Planning Commission. No standing or temporary committee shall have the power to commit the Planning Commission to endorse any plan or program. ~~No committee shall constitute a quorum of the Commission.~~ If at any meeting the Chairperson is not present, or is unable to act, the Vice-Chairperson shall preside. If both the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson are not present or are unable to act, the members present shall select one from among them to preside as Acting Chairperson.

The duties of the Chairperson are:

1. To call the Commission to order at the time appointed for the meeting.
2. To ascertain the presence of a quorum.
3. To cause the minutes of the preceding meeting to be read-considered and passed upon by the Commission.
4. To lay before the Commission its business in the order indicated by RULE 5.
5. To receive any propositions made by members and put them to the Commission.
6. To divide the Commission on questions submitted to him and announce the results.
- ~~7. To decide all questions or order subject to an appeal of the Commission.~~
87. To preserve order and decorum in debate and all other times.
89. To enforce such other rules of the Commission that are not placed in charge of another officer for which the enforcement is not reserved by the Commission.

~~910.~~ To inform the body, when necessary, or when any question is raised, or any point of order or practice pertinent to the pending business.

~~101.~~ To sign and authenticate all official documents of the Commission once approved by the Commission.

MINUTES

RULE 3. Written minutes of all public hearings shall be prepared for the review and approval of the Planning Commission at its next regularly scheduled meeting (or as soon as practicably possible) and shall include the followingings:

First: The proceedings of the Commission as concisely as possible, care being taken to record a true and accurate account of all the proceedings.

Second: The vote of each motion.

QUORUM

RULE 4. Four (4) members of the Commission constitutes a quorum. (UDO 3.2.4) All Commission actions shall be by vote of a majority of the ~~Commission's membership who are present and voting unless otherwise defined within these Rules~~quorum.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

RULE 5. The business of the Commission shall be disposed of in the following order:

- A. Call to Order
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Approval of Agenda
- D. Approval of Minutes
- E. Public Comments (Matters of the Planning Commission not listed on the Agenda)
- F. Old Business
- G. New Business
- H. General Discussion
 - a. Commissioner's Comments
 - b. Staff's Report
 - c. Communications to the Planning Commission
- I. Adjournment

CALENDAR-AGENDA

RULE 6. The ~~Chairperson-Commission~~ shall ~~have charge of the calendar of the Commission, and shall direct the Clerk as to the order in which the business items on the agenda of the Commission shall be transacted, and as to when the calendar shall be closed.~~

RULE 7. The Chairperson, at each meeting, shall announce to the Commission the business in order, agreeable to the preceding rule, and no business shall be considered which is not on the calendar.

Rule 8. ~~Written notice~~The agenda of all regular and ~~special~~additional meetings or workshops shall be ~~published or post-marked~~available online one week in advance of the meeting ~~date~~.

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RULE 9. If no matters over which the Planning Commission has jurisdiction are pending, a meeting may be cancelled at the discretion of the Chairperson as provided in the UDO.

SPECIAL ORDERS

~~RULE 10. Any subject may, by majority vote of all the member of the Commission, be made a special order, and when the time for its consideration arrives, the Chairperson shall lay it before the Commission.~~

RULE 11. The Chairperson shall not allow a Planning Commission meeting to proceed past 9:30 PM, unless an extension of the meeting is approved by a majority vote of the quorum.

ATTENDANCE

RULE 12. Should a Planning Commission member have three (3) consecutive absences or five (5) nonconsecutive absences within a period of twelve (12) months, such member shall be replaced by the City Council.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

RULE 13. The Chairperson shall open the public hearing on the subject case by identifying and briefly describing the proposal.

RULE 14. The Chairperson shall state that testimony and input will be taken in a prescribed fashion with presentation and speaking order as follows (unless subject to quasi-judicial procedures):

1. ~~Proponent~~Applicant/proponent: Presentation and statements by ~~one~~ representativesrepetitive of the proponent/applicant.
2. Staff ~~Planner~~Representative: Presentation of staff report and other materials and correspondence into the record.
3. Members of the Public: Presentations and statements by the public who wish to speak for or against the applicant. Public comments will be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker.
4. ~~REVIEW AND CONFORM TO EXISTING PROCEEDURE WITH JOSH'S INPUT ON FINAL PROCEEDURE.~~

RULE 15. All persons speaking to the Planning Commissions shall be recognized by the Chairperson and shall stand, approach the microphone, if provided, and identify themselves by name, address and who they represent.

RULE 16. All comments shall be directed to the Chairperson.

RULE 17. Testimony shall be kept factual and on the subject. The Chairperson is charged with the responsibility of discouraging and stopping irrelevant, unnecessarily long, repetitive, or abusive testimony. At the onset of any item of business, the Chairperson may limit the length of testimony.

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Time permitted, additional opportunity will be provided for additional public comments after everyone who so desires has had an opportunity to speak.

RULE 18. The audience shall not interrupt testimony.

RULE 19. Speakers shall not question one another, instead a question shall be addressed to the Chairperson. Upon request of a consensus of the members, the Chairperson may allow direct questioning of an expert witness who has previously testified on behalf of an opponent or proponent, or other business before the Commission.

RULE 20. If written statements are made, a copy shall be presented to the Commission and the Secretary.

RULE 21. ~~The public testimony portion of the public hearing is then closed.~~ Planning Commissioners then deliberate on the application and the testimony received. Members may ask questions of both staff and any other speakers to clarify their understanding of relevant points or to gather additional information; all questions shall be posed through the Chairperson who shall ask the appropriate party for answers.

DECORUM IN DEBATE

RULE 22. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Commission, he shall respectfully address himself to the Chairperson and being recognized, shall confine himself to the question under debate, avoid personalities, and no member shall impugn the motive of any member's vote or argument.

~~RULE 23. If any member transgresses the Rules of the Commission, the Chairperson shall call him to order, or any member shall arise to a point of order, in which case the transgressing member will immediately take his seat unless permitted to explain; and the Commission shall, upon appeal, decide the case without debate. If there is no appeal, then the body shall abide by the decision of the Chairperson. If the decision is in favor of the member called to order, he shall be at liberty to proceed. If otherwise, and the case shall require it, he shall be liable to the censure of the Commission.~~

RULE 24. When a member is speaking, the Commission shall be in order and no private conversations shall occur.

RULE 25. The Chairperson will recognize members only with the consent of the majority of the members present.

MOTIONS

~~RULE 26. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the Chairperson or being in writing, it shall be presented to the Chairperson and read aloud before debate. This motion may be to continue the hearing to gather additional information, to recommend approval, approve with conditions, or denial of the proposal.~~

~~RULE 27. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be made except for the following privileged motions which shall have the following precedence:~~

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1. To adjourn 2. For a call of the Commission 3. To recess 4. To lay on the table 5. For the previous question 6. To limit or extend the limits of debate 7. To postpone to a day certain 8. To amend 9. To postpone indefinitely

RULE 28. INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT: A measure may be indefinitely postponed by a majority vote of all votes to which the Commission is entitled, and entered in the journal. No motion to postpone indefinitely having been decided in the negative shall again be allowed on the same day. When a question is postponed indefinitely the same shall not be acted upon again, except on motion of reconsideration.

RULE 29. RECONSIDERATION: Any decision may be reconsidered unless something impossible to reverse has resulted from the decision or unless reconsideration would be to the detriment of those who have reasonably relied on the decision. Any unexecuted action may be reconsidered. Only one motion to reconsider shall be entertained on any action even if the commission overturns the original action. If a motion to reconsider a particular action fails, a second motion to reconsider the same action shall not be in order.

A notice of reconsideration may be made only by a member who voted on the prevailing side. If the action which is the subject of a motion to reconsider was not adopted on initial consideration because it did not receive the required number of yes votes, then those members voting no shall constitute the prevailing side, regardless of the relative number of yes and no votes cast on the question. A member who changes his vote before the result is announced shall be a member of the side on which his vote is finally recorded by the Secretary.

Unless reconsideration is to take place before adjournment, notice must be given in writing by the close of business on the following workday. A decision to reconsider at the same meeting may not be made after any interested party has left the meeting if the action to be reconsidered is a conditional use permit, variance, or platting board appeal. Prior to reconsideration of an item, a vote must be taken on the motion to reconsider. If the motion passes, the item is then brought to the floor.

RULE 30. PREVIOUS QUESTION: The previous question may be ordered by two thirds (2/3rds) of the members present upon all recognized motions which are debatable, and shall have the effect to cut off all debate and bring the Commission to a direct vote upon the pending motion or amendment.

The question shall be put in this form: "The previous question is demanded, all in favor of calling the previous question raise your right hand: all opposed raise your right hand.

The results of the motion are as follows: If determined in the negative, the consideration goes on as if the motion had never been made; if it is decided in the affirmative, the Chairperson will proceed at once to put the amendment or motion to a vote as ordered. If an adjournment is had after the previous question is ordered, the subject comes up in its regular order on the next day and the previous question still operates.

RULE 31. DIVISION OF QUESTION: The division of a question cannot be demanded as a right by any member. It must be made pursuant to a motion stating precisely the division asked for, which motion can be amended. The Chairperson can decide, subject to an appeal of the Commission, that the division proposed cannot be made, otherwise, it is submitted to the Commission and decided by it.

VOTING

~~RULE 32. Following debate, an item must be voted on or another motion may be made such as a postponement to public hearing.~~

~~RULE 33. All Commission members present, including the presiding officer, shall vote when any action is taken.~~

~~RULE 34. A majority vote of the commission's membership who are present and voting shall decide questions, provided that any recommendation to the City Council for revisions or amendments to the Comprehensive Plan shall be by the affirmative of not less than a majority of the total members of the Commission.~~

~~RULE 35. Every member who shall be on the Commission when the question was put, will give his vote unless the Commission, with special reasons, shall excuse him. All motions to excuse a member shall be made before the Commission decides; before the call of yeases and noes is commenced, and any member requesting to be excused from voting may make a brief verbal statement as to the reasons for making such a request and the questions shall be taken without further debate.~~

~~RULE 36. Any member of the Planning Commission who in his or her opinion has a personal interest in any matters before the Planning Commission that would tend to prejudice his or her actions shall indicate such interest. In the event of a conflict, he or she shall remove him or herself from the proceedings and retire to another room until a vote is taken on the item. Likewise, should there be the appearance that any member of the Commission could not make a fair and impartial decision because of a real or perceived interest in a matter before the Commission, the member shall state the real or perceived interest, or have the interest described by other members of the Commission or the audience and remove him or herself from the proceedings.~~

~~RULE 37. No member shall be allowed to explain his vote or discuss the question while the yeases and noes are being called, or change his vote after the result has been announced.~~

RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL

~~RULE 38. In circumstances where approval or denial by the City Council is required, the recommendation of the Planning Commission shall be sent to the City Council for their consideration and official action. The Economic Development Director shall provide a Finding of Fact to the City Council along with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and other data and materials on all zoning or development related proceedings of the Planning Commission's Meeting. (UDO 3.2.5) The Planning Commission shall present its actions in unison to the City Council. Planning Commission actions shall be transmitted to the City Council in writing and shall include the recommendations, the tally of the vote, findings of fact if different from the planning staff report, the planning staff report, other correspondence, if any, and a summary of testimony presented to the Planning Commission.~~

AMENDMENT TO RULES

RULE 39. These rules may be amended by resolution, approved by the majority of the membership of the Commission.

SUSPENSION OF RULES

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RULE 40. These rules, or the order of business, established by the Commission, may be suspended by the majority of the membership of the Commission.

~~RULE 41. Special meetings may be held on the call of the Chairperson, or of one-fourth (1/4) or more members and whenever practicable, upon no less than one week public notice and effective notice to each member.~~

~~The notice shall indicate the purpose of the special meeting.~~

~~The calendar for a special meeting shall be as follows:~~

~~1. Roll Call 2. Consideration of matters calling for special meeting 3. Adjournment~~

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City of Gautier's Planning Commission Larry Moran Excellence Award Guidelines

Updated: 12/28/15

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AWARD HISTORY & CREATION

Mr. Larry Moran served as a Planning Commissioner for 11 years from 1997 to 2008. He served as Chairman of the Planning Commission for the last 10 years of his service. During his Planning Commission service, Mr. Moran was diagnosed with cancer. While undergoing treatment, Mr. Moran still fulfilled his duties as Planning Commissioner. When he could not attend the meetings in person, due to his declining health, he would phone into the meeting and would be present via conference call.

In 2008 Mr. Moran lost his battle with cancer. The Planning Commission created the Larry Moran Excellence Award to honor the memory of Mr. Larry Moran and his dedicated service to the City of Gautier. The first award was presented in 2009.

AWARD OVERVIEW

The Larry Moran Excellence Award is presented annually by the Gautier Planning Commission to a deserving Gautier business or business leader who has exhibited planning and/or zoning excellence.

AWARD NOMINATION PROCEDURES

The Planning Commission will accept nominations at any time throughout the year. The award year will run from January 1 through December 31. Planning Commissioners may make nominations and the Planning Commission may solicit nominations from the community. Nominations for the current year are due by the regularly scheduled January Planning Commission Meeting following the close of the award year time frame.

Nominations shall be written and include the following as applicable: Business Name, Business Leader Name, Business Address, written description of which Award Categories apply to the nominee, and a detailed description of how the nominee meets the definition of the Award Categories.

Nominators may be known or remain anonymous.

Nominations may be mailed to the address listed above, e-mailed to the e-mail address above, or dropped off to the Economic Development & Planning Department at City Hall.

The Planning Commissioners will visit each business and ensure the Nominee Minimum Criteria are met. Any nominees not meeting the minimum criteria will be disqualified and not considered when making a final determination of the award recipient.

Nominee Minimum Criteria

- *Business Age* – Business has been established within the City for at least five years or has been developed/established within the award fiscal year.
- *Violations* – The business has not had any major violations within five years (code enforcement or police).
- *Exterior* – The exterior of the building meets the minimum Property Maintenance and Care requirements described in Article 16 and is inviting to the public.
- *Interior* – The interior of the building meets the minimum Property Maintenance and Care requirements described in Article 16 and is inviting to the public.
- *Business Signage* – The business signage on the property meets the minimum Property Maintenance and Care requirements described in Article 16 and is an attractive addition to the business.
- *Landscaping/Grassing/Fencing* – The landscaping and fencing are attractive and inviting to the public. The grass is cut and maintained at regular intervals. Landscaped/grassed areas are not bare and in need of replanting. At a minimum the Property Maintenance and Care requirements described in Article 16 must be met.
- *Parking* – The parking areas are attractive and inviting to the public. The area is well defined, striped, well lit, and free of pot hole/ruts. At a minimum the Property Maintenance and Care requirements described in Article 16 must be met.
- *Trash Cans/Dumpsters* – The site is free of trash and debris. The trash cans and/or dumpsters are placed in their designated areas, lids are closed, and enclosures are closed, as applicable. Trash cans are provided for patrons if needed.
- *Drainage Facilities* – Drains remain clear and detention/retention ponds remain clean and well kept (as applicable).

AWARD SELECTION PROCEDURES

The Planning Commission will make their final determination of the Award Recipient at the regularly scheduled January or February Planning Commission Meeting following the close of the award year time frame.

The Planning Commission will choose a recipient from the nominations that fit one or more of the Award Categories listed below.

Award Categories

- *Implementation* – The business exhibited timeliness in executing the plan that was presented and ultimately approved by the Planning Commission.
- *Exterior, Interior, Signage, Grounds* – The business maintains a visually appealing quality to one or more of these categories.
- *Quality of Life* – The business implementation of the plan significantly increased the quality of life of the citizens of Gautier as a city or a specific demographic, group, or area.
- *Hard-Won Victory* – The business overcame significant adversity in implementing their plan.
- *Social Change* – The business implementation of the plan brought about positive social change to a specific demographic such that the city of Gautier was recognized or acknowledged.
- *Job Creation* – The business implementation of the plan created additional jobs for the local area.
- *Community Contribution* – The business implementation of the plan contributed greatly to an area of need within the City of Gautier.
- *Revenue Generation* – The business implementation of the plan significantly increased the tax revenue for the City.
- *Customer Service* – The business is recognized for consistent and on-going customer service that is worthy of recognition.
- *Retail Excellence* – The business is recognized as having an above average performance in many areas such that a level of excellence is achieved.

- *Best Planning Practices* – The business plan utilized innovative and state-of-the-art planning methods that implemented best practices with demonstrated results.
- *Grassroots Initiative* – Honoring an initiative that illustrates how a community utilized the planning process to address a need extending beyond the traditional scope of planning, i.e. neighborhood outreach, public art or cultural efforts, community festivals, environmental or conservation, recreational, or tourism.
- *Other* – Other related achievement not listed.

PRESENTATION OF AWARD

The award will be presented at the February or March regularly scheduled Planning Commission Meeting following the close of the award year time frame.

PREVIOUS AWARD RECIPIENTS

2009 – Lowe's
2010 – Foster's
2011 – Beverly Randle – Baywood Commons
2012 – Kenny Smith, Coldwell Banker
2013 – Mallette Brothers Construction
2014 – Jerry Lee's Grocery
2015