

PLANNING COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 25, 2007

The Gladwin City Planning Commission met in regular session Tuesday, September 25, 2007 at Gladwin City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by Chairman Alward followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners present: Darlington, David, Foor, Alward, Witkowski, Jenkins and Hindman.

Commissioners absent: Clayton and Stout.

Also present: Mayor Winarski, Zoning Administrator Bernadette Weaver and Katy Becker, Gladwin City Housing Commission.

Motion by Commissioner Darlington, supported by Commissioner David to accept the meeting minutes of August 28, 2007 as presented.

Motion by Commissioner David, supported by Commissioner Hindman to recess the regular meeting and open the public hearing to take comment on adding hospitals as a special use in the R1-A district. All ayes. Motion carried. Regular meeting recessed and public hearing opened at 5:15 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried. No comments had been received in regard to the proposed change. Discussion as to the need to change the special use language. Setbacks and screening were discussed. Motion by Commissioner David, supported by Commissioner Witkowski to recommend to the City Council that the language to add hospitals in the R-1A district be revised as published. All ayes. Motion carried.

Katy Becker of the Gladwin City Housing Commission gave a presentation on possible grant funding being sought by the Housing Commission to rehab second story apartments in the downtown business district. The Mayor and Planning Commissioners voiced their support. They noted that as residential overnight parking could become problematic, that should be addressed administratively prior to implementation should grant funding be awarded. The fact that funding could also be procured to improve or develop new parking lots was noted as a positive aspect as well.

Motion by Commissioner Darlington, supported by Commissioner Witkowski to recess the regular meeting and open the public hearing to take comment on the proposed vacating of a portion of Howarth Court described as commencing 70 feet north of the southwest corner of Lot 3, Weber Industrial Park, City of Gladwin for the point of beginning thence east 70 feet thence north 66 feet thence west 70 feet thence south 66 feet to the point of beginning. All ayes. Motion carried. Public hearing opened at 5:40 p.m. Although the applicants originally requesting the vacation had decided on an alternate site within the city, it was felt as the portion of the court was not an integral part of the city street system the matter should be reviewed. One area resident had questioned the request but saw no problem that would be caused. Motion by Commissioner David, supported by Commissioner Darlington to recommend to the City Council that the portion of Howarth Court described above be vacated. All ayes. Motion carried.

Correspondence, infractions of zoning and city ordinances, and upcoming site plans were discussed. Motion by Commissioner Foor, supported by Commissioner David to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Joan David, Secretary