

**MAY 15, 2006
CITY OF SENOIA
PUBLIC HEARING(S)
7:00 PM**

VISITORS: Claudia Wood, Bill Railey, Paul & Ann Price, Sam & Suzanne Helfman, Lynn Wendt, Kevin Wright, Gail Downs, Jim Garver and Mary Provost

FULL COUNCIL PRESENT

1. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME VISITORS

Mayor Belisle called the Public Hearings to order and welcomed all.

2. PURPOSE OF PUBLIC HEARING(S)

• **Creation of Parks & Recreation Zoning Classification**

Mayor Belisle reminded all that the County has no objection to the recent annexation of the 4.958 acres adjacent to the intended park property if used as park land but currently the City is without specific classification of such. C. Benson stated that it is only appropriate that this classification be created.

• **Creation of a Commercial Overlay District**

Mayor Belisle stated that this area would encompass the Highway 85 and Highway 16 corridor and asked all to review the report submitted by Mr. Ferry. In his recommendation, Mr. Ferry asks that the “prohibited uses” be stricken from ordinance. C. Owens stated that he feels the prohibited uses should remain as “some just won’t go there”. Mayor Belisle then suggested leaving all prohibited uses as listed in chart 6.4 of proposed ordinance. C. Harrison asked if the prohibited uses are included in our current zoning & was told yes.

• **Changes to Current Sign Ordinance**

Mayor Belisle stated that changes to the sign ordinance are simply inclusion into the ordinance for the proposed Commercial Overlay District.

• **Changes to Current Conservation Subdivision District**

Mayor Belisle reminded all that this ordinance is State mandated and the changes from what we currently have as ordinance is going from 25% to 40% greenspace, of which 75% must be contiguous.

• **Changes to Current Historic Neighborhood Overlay**

Jim Garver of Pylant Street asked if a copy of the proposed changes are available and what where the planned changes. Lynn Wendt of the Planning Commission stated that the changes consist of no longer requiring public hearings for the application of a Certificate of Appropriateness, only 7-day public notice at the property and also COA’s will go before the Historic Preservation Commission and then Council (and may also be appealed to the Courts). Council asked if there was a fee attached to the application for a COA and was told no, as advertising is not needed. C. Wood pointed out a

spelling error at 10.7.3 which reads “effort” and should be “effect”. The clerk will make this correction

3. COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC-None

4. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL-See Above

5. ADJOURN

C. Owens made motion to adjourn the May 15, 2006 Public Hearings & was 2nd by C. Harrison. Motion carried unanimously.