

The Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session Tuesday, August 13, 2013 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 605 Spring Street, Columbus, Texas, with the following present:

Chairperson	-	Annie Mae Hargrove (absent)
Vice Chairperson	-	Tracy Lilie
Member	-	Chris Arthur
Member	-	Judy Barrett
Member	-	Henry Potter
Member	-	Mary Ellen Prause
Member	-	Robin Garcia
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
City Secretary	-	Linda Lakich

1. **Call to order.**

Vice Chairperson, Tracy Lilie, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. **Public hearing to review as required in Sec. 14.02.732(17)(BBB) of the City of Columbus Code of Ordinances, a request to allow a business to use a building or premises in District I (Crossroads Industrial Park) as a meat processing plant.**

Tracy Lilie opened the public hearing at 6:31 p.m.

Curtiss Schonenberg of the Columbus Community & Industrial Development (CCIDC) Board said that Wild Boar Meats would like to open a holding, slaughtering, and processing facility for feral hogs in the Industrial Park. Since this is on the non-allowed uses list, they will need approval from the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Troy Davenport from Wild Boar Meats gave a summary of the proposed business. He said that they would process 60 feral hogs per day with the whole processed hog being shipped mostly to Asia. They would hire nine employees originally with a plant that would be approximately 50x50 foot. Mr. Potter asked why they would want to build in the city limits and was told that they want to be on the city sewer system. Mr. Arthur was told that the employees other than the plant manager would be hired locally, and that the plant would only operate one shift during the day. Mr. Potter expressed his concern that this facility would negatively affect the current neighbors and future sales at the park. A representative from Great Southern Wood expressed concerns with fencing, waste run off, and truck traffic. Members of the Colorado County Fair Board stated that they are concerned about the odor and flies. Robin Garcia said that she is concerned about the residents of Glidden.

Tracy Lilie closed the public hearing at 7:15 p.m.

3. **Consideration and action to prepare a recommendation and report for City Council regarding a request to allow a building or premises in District I (Crossroads Industrial Park) to be used as a meat processing plant, as required in Sec. 14.02.732(17)(BBB) of the City of Columbus Code of Ordinances.**

Tracy Lilie asked each member for their recommendation. Henry Potter said there were too many unanswered questions and that he would like more time. Mary Ellen Prause said that she did

not think that it would work and that property values would go down. Robin Garcia said that she did not think that it would be right for the area and that her recommendation would be no. Chris Arthur said that the Glidden Fresh Water District president had expressed concerns to him and that he would like more information. He also said that he could make some inquiries, gather more information, and have it available for a later meeting.

Henry Potter made a motion to table the item to allow the Planning & Zoning Commission to gather more information. Chris Arthur seconded the motion.

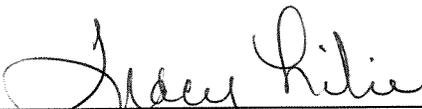
The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Tracy Lilie, Henry Potter, Judy Barrett, and Chris Arthur
Noes: Robin Garcia and Mary Ellen Prause

The motion passed.

4. **Adjournment.**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.



Vice Chairperson, ~~Annie Mae Hargrove~~ Tracy Lilie

ATTEST:



Linda Lakich, City Secretary