MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD ON THE 23rd OF February 2026

On the 23rd of February 2026, the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Lufkin, TX convened a Special Meeting in Room 202 of City Hall with the following members thereof, to wit:

Kevin Cota	Commissioner
Jack Ellis	Commissioner
Nathan Gann	Commissioner
Keisha Williams	Commissioner
Monica Peters-Clark	Commissioner
Alaina Helton	City Planner
Rosie Maldonado	Planning Asst.
Absent:	
Joseph Ceaser	Chairman

INVOCATION - The meeting was opened at 5:03 PM with a prayer by Mr. Parker.

AGENDA

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Commissioner Gann motioned to approve the February 9, 2026, Planning and Zoning Commission minutes. Commissioner Peters-Clark seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

2. **Review and Discuss the Role and Authority of the Planning & Zoning Commission.**

   Before the presentation, City Planner Alaina Helton went over the information in the binder given to the commission.

   Ms. Helton provided an overview of the legal authority of the P&Z Commission.

3. **Review and Discuss the P&Z Commission By-Laws & Hearing Procedures.**

   Ms. Helton provided an overview of the P&Z Commission By-Laws and public hearing procedures.

4. **Review and Discuss Recent Texas Legislation.**

Ms. Helton went over some of the new laws passed during the 2025 Texas Legislative Session; including new regulations pertaining to zoning notification requirements and changes to protest procedures for certain types of zoning requests.

Commissioner Cota requested that the P&Z Commission receive a follow-up and explanation when City Council approves zoning items that the P&Z Commission recommends denial for.

Ms. Helton also mentioned sending Commissioners to additional training events in the future, which all of the Commissioners were in favor of.

Staff Comments

Commissioner Green asked Ms. Helton for any concluding comments from staff.

Ms. Helton stated we have one item on the agenda for March 9th.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at approximately 5:53pm.

Joseph Ceasar, Chairman

ATTEST:

Alaina Helton, City Planner