



**CITY OF KNOX PLANNING COMMISSION
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Meeting Minutes: November 2, 2021

Members Present: Don Kring, Jeff Berg, Dan Allen, John Wilson, Mark Simpkins, Ron Parker, Brent VanNorman, Todd Flagg

Members Not Present: Jeff Houston

Staff Present: Kenny Pfost, Todd Wallsmith

Staff Not Present: N/A

The November 2, 2021, Planning Commission meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Don Kring. The Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call was performed. Member Parker made a motion to accept the September 7, 2021 minutes, and member Berg seconded the motion. Carried 8-0.

Solar Energy Ordinance: President Kring opened discussion on the solar energy ordinance. He mentioned that Jeff LaPoint with Advantage Capital had recommended making changes to the ordinance that the Commission had drafted. Some changes were made to the ordinance, and copies were given to the members. However, most of the changes that Mr. LaPoint recommended were not inserted into the ordinance, specifically due to the changes benefitting the company that Mr. LaPoint represents. Secretary Pfost gave members a copy of a solar energy ordinance that Howard County, Indiana, is working on. Member Simpkins expressed that the Howard County ordinance is a very well-written ordinance. Other members agreed with Member Simpkins. Member Berg made a motion to use the Howard County ordinance with the additions of the fee schedule, setbacks, residential requirements, and definitions from the ordinance that the Commission had drafted and set a public hearing. Member Parker seconded the motion. Carried 8-0. Secretary Pfost will schedule a public hearing for December 13th. If the Commission passes the ordinance, it will go before the Knox City Council on December 14th.

Citizen Comments: N/A

Any other business: N/A

Adjournment: Member Berg made a motion to adjourn. Member Allen seconded the motion.
Carried 7-0 at 7:31pm.

Kenny Pfof
Director/Secretary