



**APPROVED MINUTES
PLANNING COMMISSION
CAYCE CITY HALL
1800 12TH STREET, CAYCE SC
Monday, March 20, 2017
6:30 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ed Fuson. Members present were Butch Broehm, John Raley, Robert Power, Chris Kueny, and Chris Jordan. Larry Mitchell was absent excused. Staff present was Carroll Williamson and Monique Ocean.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Raley made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 27, 2017, meeting. Mr. Jordan seconded the motion. The motion passed by a majority vote. Mr. Kueny abstained from voting because he was absent from the meeting.

III. STATEMENT OF NOTIFICATION

Mr. Fuson asked if the media and public were duly notified of the public hearing. Ms. Ocean confirmed that everyone was notified.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. STREET NAME PETITION

The City of Cayce is proposing to change a portion of Poplar Street and Lillie Street to Mount Zion Street. The name change will only affect the sections from 12th Street to Hopkins Street.

a. Opening Statement

Carroll Williamson began by explaining to the Commission that the City was in receipt of a request to change the name of a section of Poplar Street and to change Lillie Street. Mr. Williamson indicated the area by showing a map. Mr. Williamson explained that the name change request would only affect the section of Poplar that intersects with Lillie Street and all of Lillie Street.

b. Public Testimony

The floor was then opened to anyone wishing to speak for or against the request. Mr. John Brown, Chairman of Deacon body of Mount Zion Church, came before the Commission to speak in favor of changing the names of the streets to Mount Zion Street. Mr. Brown stated there are two different sections of Poplar Street the two sections has proven to confuse visitors looking for the church. Mr. Brown expressed that Mount Zion Church has made many improvements to the neighborhood so naming the streets after the church would be honorable, in his opinion. Mr. Williamson explained to the Commission and the audience that renaming the street would require

a vote from the Planning Commission and does not have to be heard by City Council. Mr. Warren Washington of Columbia and Mrs. Janie Ruth Major of Columbia came before the Commission to oppose the name change. Mr. Warren stated he believed Lillie Street was named after his grandmother and he did not want the name to be changed. Mr. Washington stated he did not understand why a church would desire to change the name of a street and he believed GPS could lead people to an address. Mrs. Major came before the Commission and stated she grew up on Hopkins Street and the family home still remains there. Mrs. Major stated the area is considered a heritage to her and she opposes the request to change the names of Poplar Street and Lillie Street. The Commission received clarification on where Lillie Street was located. The Commission discussed that signage does not exist to separate Lillie Street from Poplar Street and the entire street could possibly be thought of as Poplar. Mr. Jackie Smalls, Assistant Pastor of Mount Zion, came before the Commission to speak in favor of the request. Mr. Smalls stated that members of Mount Zion Church spoke with every resident on Poplar Street and obtained signatures in favor of the request. Mr. Skip Jenkins, a resident of Cayce, came before the Commission to speak in favor of the request. Mr. Jenkins stated that Mount Zion Church has done a great deal to keep the street clean and to beautify the area. He stated that residents with addresses on Poplar Street had been contacted about the request. The Planning Commission discussed that a majority of the property owners within 200 feet of the request did not respond to the public hearing notice in any way and approval of the request may appear that the City was showing favoritism to one church. No one else was present to speak for or against the request.

V. ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING

With no further discussion, Mr. Fuson closed the public hearing and called for a vote. The Planning Commission discussed they were inclined to make a motion to deny the name change request but would be willing to table the matter until more of the affected property owners responded to the public hearing notice or signed the petition. Mr. Jordan made a motion to table the request to give property owners more time to respond. Mr. Raley seconded the motion. All were in favor. The vote to table the request until the next meeting passed unanimously.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Jordan made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Raley seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**A quorum of Council may be present.
No discussion or action on the part of Council will be taken.**