Board of Zoning Appeals Minutes April 5, 2016

I. Call to order

The regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals was called to order on April 5, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room, 1207 Palm Boulevard. Members present were Pete Doherty, Carolyn Holscher, Glen Thornburg, Arnold Karig and Jay Leigh; also Secretary Douglas Kerr was present.

Mr. Kerr acknowledged that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with State law and the properties had been posted.

II. Nomination and election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Mr. Karig opened the floor for nominations for Chairman. Mr. Doherty nominated Mr. Karig and Mr. Leigh seconded the nomination. With no other nominations, a motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to elect Mr. Karig as Chairman.

Mr. Karig opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman. Mr. Leigh nominated Mr. Thornburg and Mr. Doherty seconded the nomination. With no other nominations, a motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to elect Mr. Thornburg as Vice Chairman.

II. Approval of minutes

The next item on the agenda was the review of the minutes of the March 1, 2016 meeting. Ms. Holscher made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Leigh seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

III. Home Occupancies

Mr. Karig explained that the Board acted as a quasi-judicial body and all comments made were treated in the same manner as court testimony; therefore, any person who would like to speak to the Board should be sworn in. He then swore in all members of the audience that would be speaking.

61 Seagrass Lane

Mr. Kerr explained that the applicant was requesting a special exception to allow the establishment of a property management business and he would be doing office work only at the house with no one coming to the property and no exterior evidence of a business.

Mr. Karig asked the applicant if there is anything he would like to add. The applicant, Mark Mills, explained that it would be just him and a cell phone and a computer working at the home and all business would be carried out from his office.

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Mr. Doherty made a motion to approve the request and Ms. Holscher seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

514 Carolina Boulevard

Mr. Kerr explained that the applicant was requesting a special exception to allow the establishment of a commercial real estate broker's business and he would be doing office work only at the house with no one coming to the property and no exterior evidence of a business.

Mr. Karig swore in the applicant as he arrived after the other applicant was sworn in.

The applicant, Chester Clontz, explained that he has his commercial real estate broker's license and he wants to base the operation out of his home. He said that he deals primarily with investment real estate and that all of the business in the home would be office work.

Ms. Holscher asked if his work would generally be from a laptop. Mr. Clontz answered, yes and a phone.

Mr. Leigh asked if there would be any signage visible at the house. Mr. Clontz answered no.

Ms. Holscher made a motion to approve the request and Mr. Leigh seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

IV. Adjournment

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 PM.