

AGENDA ITEM # 7

March 17, 1998

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Consider making appointment to Economic Development Committee from CAPCO.

Tabled until later.

AGENDA ITEM # 8

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Consider approving resolution supporting minimum lot size in Williamson County, off the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone to be 0.75 (3/4) of an acre for installation of on-site sewage facility, minimum of 1 1/2 acres for a lot with a private well and property intended for business/commercial/industrial to be sized according to living unit equivalent of above criterion.

Paulo Pinto with the Cities & Williamson County Health District addressed the court requesting approval of resolution supporting lot size to be 3/4 acre, and clarifying this is only a recommendation to the Board of Health who will make the final decision. It will then be approved by TNRCC. TNRCC regulation is a minimum 1/2 acre but counties can be more strict and go to larger lot sizes to protect water sources.

Engineer Don Bizzell stated the reason for increasing lot size might be drainage, etc. but not the septic tank issue because there is no evidence supporting that theory.

Developer Bob Stanton addressed the court requesting the lot size stay 1/2 acre minimum because some economic groups will not be able to afford rural property.

Paulo Pinto stated he was just trying to space things out and protect the environment which is his job.

Moved: Commissioner Mehevec

Seconded: Judge Doerfler

Motion: To approve resolution supporting minimum lot size in Williamson County, off the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone to be 0.75 (3/4) of an acre for installation of on-site sewage facility, minimum of 1 1/2 acres for a lot with a private well and property intended for business/commercial/industrial to be sized according to living unit equivalent of above criterion.

Vote:

Judge Doerfler asked Mr. Pinto if the Board of Health had looked at the different classified soils in the county as to how much was needed.

Paulo Pinto stated he was going to request the subdivision development process be more stringent to answer questions up front about soils, drain fills, etc.

Moved: Commissioner Mehevec

Seconded: Judge Doerfler

Amended Motion: To approve resolution supporting minimum lot size in Williamson County, off the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone to be 0.75 (3/4) of an acre for installation of on-site sewage facility, minimum of 1 1/2 acres for a lot with a private well and property intended for business/commercial/industrial to be sized according to living unit equivalent of above criterion and to consider doing a complete study on soil classification as to lot size for our specifications.

Vote:

Commissioner Mehevec withdrew his motion

Judge Doerfler withdrew his second

Moved: Commissioner Heiligenstein

Seconded: Judge Doerfler

Motion: To approve resolution to the Cities & Williamson County Health District that while recognizing minimum lot size is now 1/2 acre there are cases in the county that may require a greater lot size and the Health District research and study a policy which would address those areas or soils of the county that are in need of larger minimum lot size, and designate such.

Vote: Motion carried 4 - 0

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