

CITY OF PANORA

Meeting Minutes

PLANNING AND ZONING MEETING MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH, 2026 AT 12:00 P.M.

- I. Vice Chair Person Curtis Twigg opened the Planning and Zoning Board meeting at 12:00 p.m. and called roll. Commission members present were Dave Beidelman, Shane Gliem, Chris Hastings, Courtney Hodges, Rod Huggins, and Curtis Twigg. Steve Baker was absent. Staff attending was Lisa Grossman-City Administrator.
- II. Approval of Agenda – Commissioner Hastings made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Beidelman. Motion carried unanimously.
- III. The commission considered a request from the Lutheran Church of Hope to consider a text amendment to the Panora Zoning Ordinance to revise Section 5-4-20 (2.) Permitted Uses by adding a new subsection M. Churches or accessory facilities. The commission held a hearing and considered making a recommendation to the Panora City Council to recommend approval, recommend approval with modifications, or recommend denial.
 1. Mark Brandt, representing the Lutheran Church of Hope, presented the church’s position regarding why the commission should approve the proposed text amendment.
 2. The following individuals spoke in favor of the text amendment and construction of the church in the Light Industrial District: David Garland of 210 NE 2nd Street, Panora and Roger Dorr of 106 NW 3rd Street, Panora.
 3. The commission had the opportunity to ask questions of the applicant or public.
 4. The City’s building inspector, Jason Van Ausdall, represented the city and discussed various reasons why the text amendment would not fit within the LI district and does not follow the City’s current approved Comprehensive Plan.
 5. The commission deliberated the text amendment.
 6. Commissioner Beidelman made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Hastings. With the roll being called the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Twigg moved to recommend approval of the text amendment to add a new subsection M. Churches or accessory facilities to Section 5-4-20 (2.) Permitted Uses of the Panora Zoning Ordinance, with a second by Commissioner Hastings. Upon roll call, the motion passed 3–2, with Commissioners Gliem, Hodges, and Twigg voting aye. Commissioners Beidelman and Huggins voting in opposition. Hastings abstained from the vote.
- IV. With no other business, Vice Chair Person Twigg asked for a motion to adjourn. Twigg made a motion to adjourn at 12:35 p.m., seconded by Gliem. With the roll being called, the motion carried unanimously.

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Curtis Twigg, Commissioner Vice Chair

ATTEST:

Lisa Grossman, City Administrator

Mayor Curtis Thornberry