

Minutes
City of McDonough
Board of Zoning Appeals Hearing
August 14, 2025
6:00 P.M.

APPROVED

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BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

The meeting of the McDonough Board of Zoning Appeals was held at the City Hall, 2nd Floor in McKibben Chambers with the following members present.

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Members' Present:	Samuel Humphrey (Chair) Reid Burch (Vice-Chair) Charles Piersaul, Jr. (Secretary) Jerry Edmonds Patricia Thompson
Not Present:	Darren Wolfe

Also present was staff: Aaron Hypolite, Planner
Tina Tebo, Planning Tech
Kelsey Liddick, Permit Coordinator

Chairperson Humphrey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call was conducted by staff.

Swearing in of Members Darren Wolfe was not conducted, Mr. Wolfe was unable to attend the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

Chairman Humphrey asked Staff if the called meeting was properly advertised. Staff stated that the meeting was properly advertised and in compliance with the open meeting act. The entire meeting schedule for the year was published in the November 30, 2024, edition of the Henry Daily Herald Newspaper. The petition ad was published in the July 12, 2025, edition of the Henry Daily Herald Newspaper. The agenda for tonight's meeting was posted on the City of McDonough website and on the bulletin board on the 1st floor of City Hall on August 7, 2025. Notification of a special called meeting is not applicable. Yes, the requirements were met.

Reid Burch made motion to approve agenda, Charles Piersaul seconded. Motion Passed (5-0).

Reid Burch made motion to approve the May 8, 2025, minutes, Jerry Edmonds seconded. Motion Passed (5-0).

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION: No public in attendance.

Petition Items:

OLD BUSINESS ITEM(S):

Case #250309: Yarbrough property (9 Lemon St.) – Staff commented that the vote was invalid at the last meeting and a motion to reconsider was required; however, the applicant was unable to attend tonight's meeting. **Samuel Humphrey made a motion to postpone the MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION to the September 11, 2025, meeting, seconded. Motion Passed (5-0)**

NEW BUSINESS ITEM(S):

Case #250606: Whataburger (851 Hwy. 81 E.) – Rebecca Talfous (representative) was present and commented on the variance request to allow two (2) additional wall signs above code. Staff comments and recommendations for approval with conditions were provided (see final staff report), condition #3 has been struck out. Discussions ensued regarding the location, ingress/egress, and the reason for the variance (signage at the main entrance). Chair opened public hearing session. No public comments were made. Chair closed the public hearing session.

Charles Piersaul made motion for approval with staff recommendations, Patricia Thompson seconded. Motion Passed (5-0).

Case #250608: The Brannan Street Project (3 Brannan St.) – Jim Joyner (applicant) and Jonathan Joyner (representative) were present and commented on the variance request to allow a one (1) and a half (1/2) story duplex to be constructed. Staff comments and recommendations for approval with conditions were provided (see final staff report). Discussions ensued regarding the location, previous duplex burnt down, ½ story would be an attic (not living space), the surrounding area (multi-family) façade (brick/hardy plank) and exemption from the two (2) car garage since this is not a single-family home. Chair opened public hearing session. No public comments were made. Chair closed the public hearing session. Reid Burch **made motion for approval with staff recommendations, Charles Piersaul seconded. Motion Passed (5-0).**

Community Development Department & Staff Comments: Staff provided a courtesy reminder to the board regarding the upcoming PZ Training on September 24th and to please RSVP for breakfast/lunch.

BZA Members and Chairperson Comments: No comments were made.

Adjourn: Motion made to adjourn, seconded. Meeting adjourned.