

REGULAR MEETING OF THE PASCAGOULA PLANNING BOARD
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2022 AT 6:00 PM
CITY OF PASCAGOULA, MISSISSIPPI

The Planning Board of the City of Pascagoula, Mississippi, met at City Hall in a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, August 10, 2022 at 6:00 P. M.

The following official(s) were present:

Wesley Smith (Chairman)
Heather Wiggins
Jerry Jackson
Willie Sims (Vice-Chairman)
Chris Hollis

Official(s) not present:

Linda Tillman
Leonard Stewart

Other officials present:

Josh Church, City Planner, Building Official
Angelia Kimbrough, Senior Administrative Assistant

A. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. American Tower by Brian Sullivan of Crafton Communications, Inc.

2317 Canty Street: The request is for a Special Use Permit to install a free standing wireless communication tower, and a variance of the required setbacks from an adjacent Industrial District.

John Church presented the application stating the applicant American Tower would be leasing subject property for the installation of a freestanding monopole cell tower. The subject property is in a Light Industrial District that abuts a Light Industrial zoning district to the south and Single Family Residential 6 District to the East and South East.

Josh stated the applicant is requesting a setback variance of approximately 25 feet from the abutting Light Industrial property to the South. The UDO requires a setback of equal to or exceeding the one half the tower height or 50 feet, whichever is greater. Josh noted the reason for the request is due to force relocation of an existing cell tower site that has lost its lease and to allow its customers to continue to operate wireless telecommunication facilities in the area for the purpose of general communications.

The staff made a recommendation to approve the application for a Special Use permit to install a freestanding monopole cellular communication tower and variance of 25 feet

setback for an Industrial District. Charlie Green a resident in the neighborhood was in objection to the application. Charlie Greens noted he didn't want the tower at said location noting he is not in objection to the tower itself, he would like to see it elsewhere. After hearing Charlie Green's concerns, and there being no further protest. Paul Murphy, attorney for Butler Snow serving as local council for American Tower the client's introduced Jonathan Yates of Heller Yates firm attorney representing American Tower.

Jonathan Yates voiced Charlie Green's concerns, stating the tower would not affect the view with the relocation, as would any existing utility poles already on site. Paul stated the relocation of said property would be a good location due to being close to Ingalls shipbuilding, and would continue to service the communities need. After hearing from Jonathan Yates, Brian Sullivan of Crafton Communications Inc. presented pictures of what the tower would look like from different locations, views and angles of existing towers that host T-Mobile and C-spire. After hearing from Brian Sullivan, Jerry Jackson had question as to lighting.

After no further discussion. A motion was made by Jerry Jackson to "APPROVE" the application. The motion was seconded by Willie Sims and the vote thereupon was as follows: Heather Wiggins "AYE", Wesley Smith "AYE", Jerry Jackson "AYE", Willie Sims "AYE", Chris Hollis "AYE".

The application will go to the City Council with the recommendation to "**APPROVE**".