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KENNER RESIDENTS OFFER INPUT AT TOWN HALL MEETING FOR NEW ZONING CODE

Kenner, LA. – The fifth town hall meeting to get public input on a new citywide zoning ordinance attracted the largest crowd and plenty of questions and concerns from Kenner residents.

At the meeting, held Tuesday evening in the City Council Chambers, residents asked about truck routes in residential neighborhoods, sign regulations on Williams Boulevard and commercial vehicles parked in residential areas, among other topics.

The goal of the town hall meetings was to create an informal atmosphere in which residents and business owners could pass along their opinions and concerns about a new Unified Development Code in Kenner.

The old zoning ordinance was adopted in 1978 and has been revised more than 130 times over the years. Kenner Planning Director Jay Hebert said his department has conducted research in order to modernize the code and eliminate any unnecessary zoning procedures.

Hebert said the feedback from the five town hall meetings will be represented in the new zoning code. “We have gotten a lot of information from residents, which was the goal,” he said. “Now, we will go back and review the comments and compare them to the research we have already done,” he said.

Hebert estimated a draft of the Unified Development Code would be completed within one to two months. Two citywide town hall meetings will then be scheduled to explain any differences between the proposed new code and Kenner’s current zoning ordinance.

The City Council has the last say on the Unified Development Code, and Hebert estimated the document could come up for a final vote before the end of the year.

There’s still time for residents to make suggestions for the new code by emailing the Planning Department at Planning@Kenner.la.us or Tim Jackson with the University of New Orleans Planning Division, which has worked with the city on the new code. His email is thjacks3@uno.edu.

For more information, contact the Kenner Planning Department at (504) 468-7280.

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