

Mr. Gibbs: Next item on the agenda is PZHO-2015-05 requested by Dwane Babin for a home occupation – “B&W Investigations LLC” at 200 Ciravola Lane, Boutte. Zoning District OL. Council District 4. Ms. Stein.

Ms. Stein: Thank you Mr. Chair. Mr. Babin wishes to use his residence as the office for a private investigation agency. He has been licensed by the Louisiana State Board of Private Investigator Examiners (LSBPIE) since May 2013—registered with a Metairie agency.

His signature on the completed application form indicates an understanding of the operational regulations for a home occupation. He has been advised that zoning compliance for a home occupation does not negate any restrictive covenants.

In the past, this particular type of home occupation has brought out neighbor concerns regarding safety. The department has no record of complaints or violations against 20 private investigators who have been permitted as home occupations since 1992; however, a neighbor complaint regarding this type of business would not necessarily come to code enforcement or the planning department.

As an office use with no customers visiting the residence, the proposed business meets the general parameters of the home occupation regulations. For that reason, the department recommends approval, pending the outcome of the public hearing.

Mr. Gibbs: Thank you Ms. Stein. This is a public hearing for PZHO-2015-05. Is there anyone in the audience that would care to speak in favor or against? Is the applicant here? State your name and address please.

Dwane Babin, 200 Ciravola Lane, Boutte, La.

Mr. Gibbs: Mr. Babin is there anything that we're not understanding on this, it's pretty clear to us.

Mr. Babin: I'm setting up a little office, everything else will be subbed out as far as employees and all of that.

Mr. Gibbs: Obviously no traffic.

Mr. Babin: None. I'm not going to do any work there, except for paperwork.

Mr. Gibbs: Anybody have any questions or concerns? Thank you Mr. Babin and good luck to you. This is a public hearing for PZHO-2015-05 is there anyone else in the audience care to speak in favor or against? Seeing none, cast your vote.

YEAS: Pierre, Loupe, Gibbs, Foster, Frangella, Galliano

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Booth

Mr. Gibbs: That passes unanimously. Mr. Babin this is going to go before the Council as well on May 4th, same venue. I believe it's at 6:00.
