

MINUTES  
WORK SESSION  
PUBLIC HEARING

THURSDAY, JULY 29, 2021

Members Present:

Mayor Steve Lawrence  
Dr. Sonny Proctor  
Kirk Raffield  
Jim Looney  
John Foust  
Anne Sneve

Staff:

Brandon Douglas  
Beverly Ragland  
Tara Benson  
Shauna Coleman  
Lonnie Waters

Guests in Attendance:

Norman White  
Neal Hender  
Gina Johnson  
Johnny Greenway  
Kai Rich

Members Absent:

Legal Counsel:

Press:

Know Pickens  
Pickens Progress- Larry Cavender

Mayor Steve Lawrence asked Councilmember Kirk Raffield if he recognized a quorum. See a quorum, Mayor Lawrence recognized meeting as opening. He requested Development Director Lonnie Waters to provide the invocation. He requested Councilmember Raffield to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Lawrence advised that an agenda is in front of them and before he entertained a motion to adopt the agenda, Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to adopt the agenda with Councilmember Looney providing a second. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

Mayor Lawrence announced that this is a Public Hearing. The format will be that every item will have its public hearing to be open and closed after each item.

Mayor Lawrence recognized the first item under new business (item A) Request to rezone Parcels JA03 073.001 and JA03 128 located between 561 and 641 Hood Road, Jasper, GA from R-1 Residential to C-2 General Commercial. Mayor Lawrence called on Mr. Waters. Mr. Waters provided background information with staff recommending to approval of the request. Mr. Waters stated that citizens have spoken up against the project. Mayor Lawrence recognized Johnny Greenway and Kai Rich. The spoke about the need for more storage units and the foot traffic would be minimum, 10 or less cars a day. They stated that this land used to be zoned C-2 and was changed to R-1 from former developers. Mayor Lawrence asked Council if they had any questions. Councilmember Sneve asked how many acres. They said approximately 4 acres. With no future question from council Mayor Lawrence asked for anyone in the audience to come forward. No one came forward. Councilmember Raffield stated that as a property owner in proximity close to this development that has been proposed that when it is time for a vote, he will be recusing as a property owner. Mayor Lawrence closed this session of the public hearing. This is the second public hearing with the action taking place at the next regular council meeting.

Mayor Lawrence moved on the next Public Hearing (item B) Request to rezone Parcels 030C 001 and 030B 061.001 located off Highway 515 from R-A and R-1 Residential to a Planned Unit Development (PUD). Mayor Lawrence stated that the applicant requested to table.

Mayor Lawrence recognized the first item under new business (item C) Request to rezone a portion of Parcel 030A 073 consisting of 49.13 acres located off Philadelphia Road from R-A Residential to R-3 Residential. Mayor Lawrence called on Mr. Waters to provide background information. Mr. Waters recommend approval with conditions. It is expected that the applicant will comply with the conditions. If the current proposal does not meet the minimum standards, it is understood that the development plans will be altered to come in compliance. Applicant Norman White made a presentation on the proposed and stated that if approved, the project would be completed in phases and that no more than 90 units per year. He also went over lot sizes. Mr. Douglas addressed Mayor, Council and public. Making sure that the applicant and the public is aware that based on the criteria that staff has reviewed of the R-3 standards for the attached product, the R-3 has a detached single-family and attached and then a multi-family component. Mr. Douglas went on the explain the density. Mr. Douglas wanted to clarify that the 1,700 square feet proposed for the 24-foot wide is heated space. Mr. Norman confirmed it is. Mayor Lawrence asked if anyone in the audience had any questions. No one came forward.

Mayor Lawrence recognized the first item under new business (item D) Discussion of America Rescue Plan & Georgia's Fiscal Recovery Fund Application. Mayor Lawrence called on Mr. Douglas. Mr. Douglas went over the process of applying for a rezoning or annexation. Mr. Douglas provided an update as to there have been no new updates on the American Rescue Plan. Staff intentions to continue speaking with you and public on getting a concept together on how to make some additions to the fire department. Finance Director, Beverly Ragland updated Mayor and Council on the

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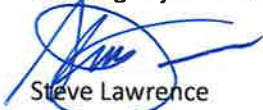
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American Rescue Plan. Staff will need to open a checking account at United Community Bank for these funds. Mayor Lawrence called for a motion to open a bank account at United Community Bank. Councilmember Looney made a motion to approve. Councilmember Raffield made a motion to second. Motion to approve passed unanimously.

Mayor Lawrence recognized the first item under new business (item E) Update on Sidewalk Project. Mayor Lawrence asked for council to authorize the City Manager to put together a bid package for repair to see the repairs needed to existing sidewalks and from that can determine what is left to prioritize the new sidewalks. Councilmember Proctor made a motion to approve. Mayor Lawrence asked for any discussion. Mr. Douglas provided a list for Council to review. Mayor Lawrence stated that we will not start any work on sidewalks until Georgia Power is done. After a brief discussion of the process, Mayor Lawrence called for a motion for staff to move forward with compiling the necessary repairs. Councilmember Foust made a motion to approve. Councilmember Sneve provided a second. Motion to approve passed unanimously.

Mayor Lawrence called for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Raffield made a motion. Councilmember Sneve provided a second. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.



Steve Lawrence  
Mayor



Beverly Ragland  
Finance Director/City Clerk