

Minutes

City Planning Commission Meeting

City Council Chambers, 2400 Washington Ave
Wednesday, April 7, 2021, 2:00 PM

City of
NEWPORT NEWS
Virginia



MEMBERS PRESENT:

Katie Stodghill, Chairwoman; Sharyn L. Fox, Vice-Chairwoman; Timothy Grabowski; Phillip Jones; Willard G. Maxwell, Jr.; Michael Taylor; and LaMonte Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Daniel L. Simmons, Jr.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sheila W. McAllister, Planning Director; Flora D. Chioros, Assistant Director – Current Planning; Saul Gleiser, Senior Planner; Carolyn Poissant, Planner II; Kenar Johnson, Planner I; Lynn Spratley, Deputy City Attorney; and Nyoka Hall, Zoning Administrator

A. Call to Order

Ms. Stodghill called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M.

B. Planning Commission Creed and Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Taylor read the Planning Commission's purpose as stated in Section 15.2-2210 of the Code of Virginia. He made a motion to adopt the agenda before the Planning Commission. Ms. Fox seconded the motion. The City Planning Commission voted to adopt the agenda by acclamation.

C. Invocation

The invocation was rendered by Mr. Jones.

D. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Williams led the Planning Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

E. Minutes

The minutes of the February 17, 2021 public hearing and March 3, 2021 work session were approved as presented.

F. Public Hearing

SIGN-2021-0001, City of Newport News Requests an amendment to the Sign Ordinance clarifying the dimensional regulations for signs visible from the main travel way of any interstate system as regulated in the Chapter 12 of Title 33.2 of the Code of Virginia (Section 33.01-8(g)).

Flora Chioros, Assistant Director - Current Planning, presented the staff report (copy attached to record minutes).

Ms. Stodghill opened and closed the public hearing.

Ms. Fox made a motion to recommend adoption of sign ordinance amendment SIGN-2021-0001 to City Council. The motion was seconded by Mr. Williams.

Vote on Roll Call:

For: Jones, Williams, Fox, Taylor, Grabowski, Stodghill

Against: None

Abstention: None

The City Planning Commission voted unanimously (6:0) to recommend approval of sign ordinance amendment SIGN-2021-0001 to City Council.

G. Executive Secretary Report

Ms. McAllister stated on March 9, 2021, City Council approved the conditional use permit for Hidenwood Presbyterian Church for an electronic sign at 414 Hiden Boulevard; the conditional use permit for Patrick Henry Ventures for a banquet facility at 12373 Hornsby Lane, Suite A; the conditional use permit for National Retail Properties (Camping World) for sales/service of large vehicles at 11963, 11951 & 11947 Jefferson Avenue; and the rezoning for a portion of 1511 Harbor Lane from R8 High Density Multiple-Family Dwelling to M2 Heavy Industrial with proffers. She stated the conditional use permit request for the electrical substation (solar arrays) for Gildersleeve Middle School was continued to the June 22, 2021, City Council meeting. Mr. Williams asked why the conditional use permit for the solar arrays was continued. Ms. McAllister stated the applicant requested a continuation.

Ms. McAllister stated on March 16, 2021, the Board of Zoning Appeals approved the special exception to construct a single family dwelling on a lot with 37.5 feet of frontage at 2312 Marshall Avenue.

Ms. McAllister stated on March 23, 2021, City Council approved the change of zoning and conditional use permit for a mini-storage single entrance interior facility at 9707 & 9711 Jefferson Avenue and the conditional use permit for a Burger King at 3500 Jefferson Avenue.

Ms. McAllister stated on May 5, 2021, the Planning Commission will hear a change of zoning request from R8 High Density Multiple-Family Dwelling to R3 Single-Family Dwelling for 6 Hoopes Road; a change of zoning request from C1 Retail Commercial to R5 Low Density Multiple Family Dwelling for 109 & 111 Main Street; a zoning text amendment for the Marshall Ridley Choice Neighborhood Overlay District; and a plan amendment for 3700 Marshall Avenue.

Ms. McAllister stated we have no cases for the April 21, 2021 meeting. Ms. Fox asked if the Planning Commission needed a work session. Ms. McAllister stated no, not for this month. She stated they may have a work session in May. Mr. Taylor asked how the new Planning Commissioners are handling their training. Mr. Jones stated he has found the training informative and illuminating. Mr. Taylor stated he is pleased that the new Planning Commissioners are getting the information they need and do not require assistance in a work session.

Ms. Fox made a motion to cancel the April 21, 2021 Planning Commission meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jones. The Planning Commission voted by acclamation.

Ms. McAllister introduced Kenar Johnson, Planner I.

H. Committee Reports

Mr. Taylor stated the Regulations Committee met and discussed the Marshall-Ridley Choice Neighborhood Overlay District, which will be reviewed by the Planning Commission in a work session following today's public hearing.

I. New Business

Amendments to Planning Commission Rules of Procedure

Mr. Taylor made a motion to recommend adoption of the amendments to the Planning Commission Rules of Procedure. The motion was seconded by Ms. Fox.

Vote on Roll Call:

For: Jones, Williams, Fox, Taylor, Grabowski, Maxwell, Stodghill

Against: None

Abstention: None

The City Planning Commission voted unanimously (7:0) to amend the Planning Commission Rules of Procedure.

J. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:13 P.M.



Recording Secretary



Executive Secretary