



**Radford Planning Commission  
Monday, March 15, 2021  
Municipal Building**

**Members Present:** Mr. Collier  
Mr. Gillespie  
Ms. Hamden  
Mrs. Huntington  
Dr. Pearce  
Mr. Howard, Chairperson

**Absent** Mr. Watson, Vice-Chairperson  
**Staff/Visitors:** Melissa Skelton, City Staff

Chairperson Howard called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm in the Radford City Council Chambers at 10 Robertson Street, Radford Virginia, a quorum was present.

**Approval of Agenda**

Chairperson Howard made a motion to approve the agenda.

*Voting Yes:* Mr. Collier, Mr. Gillespie, Ms. Hamden, Mrs. Huntington, Dr. Pearce, Mr. Howard

**Approval of Minutes for November 16, 2020**

Minutes were recommended for approval by Commissioner Huntington, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie.

*Voting Yes:* Mr. Collier, Dr. Pearce, Mr. Gillespie, Ms. Hamden, Mrs. Huntington, Mr. Howard  
*Abstain:*

**Approval of Minutes for February 17, 2021**

Minutes were recommended for approval by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Collier.

*Voting Yes:* Mr. Collier, Dr. Pearce, Mr. Gillespie, Ms. Hamden, Mrs. Huntington, Mr. Howard  
*Abstain:*

Public Address: No public comments provided.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**SUBJECT:** Public Hearing for Special Use Permit request from Ellet Valley Investments

**SUMMARY:** SP-21-001 – (1129 East Main Street) Ellet Valley Investments has submitted an application seeking approval of a Special Use Permit (SUP) for Tax Map #5-(1)-62T, 1129 East Main Street. The SUP application request is to allow residential use on the second floor of the existing building within the B-3 Business District.

Discussion included the capacity of the Third Street public parking lot, its current condition, and whether or not it meets the current ordinance requirements. It does provide adequate capacity. Ms. Huntington noted that trash collection is not really well addressed in this area but will definitely have to occur behind the building in the alleyway. It will need to be formally addressed by the developer and the city.

The public hearing was opened at \_\_6:04\_\_\_\_pm

A set of comments was submitted in writing from Mr. Bart Castleberry that are incorporated by reference as part of the public hearing. They reference the congestion of the alleyway behind the building where the proposed development will occur.

No additional public was present.

The Public hearing was closed at \_\_\_\_6:06\_\_\_\_pm

Since the official ordinance was not available for review at this time, the Planning Commission will wait until after the Council’s public hearing to make its final recommendation.

#### **STAFF REPORT-**

The City and Taylor Hollow have entered into an agreement with Hill Studio to assist with preparation of the National Register of Historic Places Nomination Update for the East Radford Historic District to expand the end date of the period of significance from 1946 to 1970.

Final comments for the Housing Study were due today, and expect final report to be out in the near future.

The City has partnered with the Regional Commission on an Economic Planning Grant for the East Main Business Corridor. They have developed a public engagement page to assist with feedback from the community/businesses. The Commission will be presenting this public engagement page to City Council, at their March 22, 2021 meeting, and after which they send out a press release on the launch.

City now has a YouTube page and the goal is to begin streaming Planning Commission’s meetings in April.

#### **COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mr. Collier – No comment

Mr. Gillespie – Thank you for showing us this project!

Ms. Hamden – Appreciate the presentation, and thanks for patience with many questions! Thanks also to Melissa for trying to work through everything to accommodate all of us!

Mrs. Huntington – No comment

Dr. Pearce – No comment

Mr. Watson – Absent

Mr. Howard – No comment

A motion was made by Commissioner Huntington to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 pm, seconded by Commissioner Hamden

*Voting Yes:* Mr. Collier, Mr. Gillespie, Ms. Hamden, Mrs. Huntington, Dr. Pearce, Mr. Howard  
*Voting No:*  
*Abstain:*

Submitted by:

Date: March 15, 2021

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