



**Radford Planning Commission
Monday July 18, 2022
Municipal Building**

Members Present:

Mr. Collier
Mr. Gillespie
Ms. Hamden
Mrs. Huntington
Mr. Watson, Chairperson

Absent:

Dr. Pearce, Mr. Howard

Staff/Visitors:

Melissa Skelton, City Staff

Chairperson Watson called the meeting to order at 5:34 pm in the Radford City Council Chambers at 10 Robertson Street, Radford Virginia. A quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Gillespie made a motion to amend the agenda and add the calendar to old business, seconded by Ms. Hamden.

Voting Yes: Mr. Collier, Mr. Gillespie, Ms. Hamden, Mrs. Huntington, and Mr. Watson

Approval of Minutes for June 22, 2022

Minutes were recommended for approval of the minutes with correction as submitted by Mrs. Huntington seconded by Mr. Gillespie.

Voting: Mr. Collier, Mr. Gillespie, Ms. Hamden, Mrs. Huntington, and Mr. Watson *Abstain:* None

Public Comments

No public comments were provided.

Old Business:

SUBJECT: RZ-22-002 (Portion of 10 Forest Ave.) (First Apostolic Church of Radford, on behalf of New River Concrete Supply)

SUMMARY: First Apostolic Church of Radford, on behalf of New River Concrete Supply has submitted an application seeking approval of a rezoning of a portion of Tax Map # 18-(1)-1. The request is to rezone from M-2 Heavy Industrial to B-1, Limited Business for the development of a church.

Ms. Skelton shared with the Planning Commissioners a letter from the Chair of the EDA, that stated support of the rezoning and that this property would not be one they

Ms. Hamden referenced the letter from the EDA and how it helped with her decision process.

Mrs. Huntington shared she had spoken with the EDA chair and asked if it were universal that the EDA members felt that this property was not ideal industrial due to access, and was told that all the members of the EDA were in agreement.

Mr. Gillespie thanked Mrs. Huntington for providing the breakdown to nontaxable land.

Mr. Collier appreciated the minutes from that last meeting to help him make an informed decision.

Mrs. Huntington added that she plans to share with City Council that the Planning Commissioner's did put a lot of thought into this decision.

ACTION: A motion was made by Mrs. Huntington, seconded by Ms. Hamden to recommend to council to approval of the rezoning.

Voting Yes: Mr. Collier, Mr. Gillespie, Ms. Hamden, Mrs. Huntington, and Mr. Watson

Voting No: None

Abstain: None

SUBJECT: Appointment of Officers

SUMMARY: Mr. Gillespie made a motion to appoint the following as officers:

Ryan Watson – Chair

Barry Collier – Vice-Chair

Annie Pearce - Secretary

Voting Yes: Mr. Collier, Mr. Gillespie, Ms. Hamden, Mrs. Huntington, and Mr. Watson

Voting No: None

Abstain:

SUBJECT: Consider approval of 2022-23 Calendar

ACTION: A motion was made by Mr. Collier, seconded by Mr. Gillespie to add work session meetings on the 1st Monday of each month, except for September due to holiday.

Voting Yes: Mr. Collier, Mr. Gillespie, Ms. Hamden, Mrs. Huntington, and Mr. Watson

Voting No: None

Abstain:

NEW BUSINESS:

SUBJECT: Review of the By-Laws

ACTION: Ms. Hamden requested the review be tabled, seconded by Mrs. Huntington.

Staff Report: Provided an update on the East Main Street Project. She shared that she spoke with EDA about having a joint meeting with the Planning Commission in order for them to update one another on their goals.

COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

- Mr. Gillespie – Echoed tonight’s comments and thanked Mrs. Huntington on information regarding nontaxable property. He added that he hopes the City and RU can try to find mutual goals and a better relationship.
- Mr. Collier – He appreciated the minutes and discussion to help make informed decisions.
- Ms. Hamden – Thanked staff for allowing them to process the way they needed to in order to make informed decision. Thanked the Pastor from FAC for their patience as they vetted the information. And appreciated the PC for working together as they do.
- Mrs. Huntington – She asked that the minutes reflect their previous discussion regarding the nontaxable land, and that she had stated, and Mr. Howard agreed that the City was at least 50% nontaxable, and that was incorrect, the City is at 45% nontaxable land. Appreciative of the extent of discussion and allowing more time to research, to be able to all come to a consensus.
- Mr. Watson – Thanked Mrs. Huntington regarding information on nontaxable land. And knowing that churches and cemeteries each make up 2% of nontaxable land, makes his decision easier. RU has 35% of the nontaxable land and that is more concerning. He added that maybe council can provide incentives for churches that are no longer being used to redevelop them.

A motion was made by Ms. Hamden to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 pm, seconded by Mrs. Huntington.

Voting Yes: Mr. Collier, Mr. Gillespie, Ms. Hamden, Mrs. Huntington, Mr. Watson

Voting No: None

Abstain: None

Submitted by: Melissa Skelton

Date: July 18, 2022