

# **Chatham County - Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission**

Arthur A. Mendonsa Hearing Room December 11, 2018 ~ 1:30 PM MINUTES

# December 11, 2018 Regular MPC Meeting

Members Present: Joseph B. Ervin, Vice Chairman

Linder Suthers, Secretary Tom Woiwode, Treasurer

Travis Coles Ellis Cook

Roberto Hernandez Lacy Manigault Wayne Noha Eula Parker

Members Not Present: Thomas Branch

Karen Jarrett Tanya Milton Lee Smith Joseph T. Welch

**Staff Present:** Melanie Wilson, Executive Director

Marcus Lotson, Interim Development Services Director Matthew Lonnerstater, Development Services Planner Marcel Williams, Development Services Planner

Bri Finau, Administrative Assistant

Julie Yawn, IT

Advisory Staff Present: Bridget Lidy, City of Savannah

Bob Sebek, Chatham County Jefferson Kirkland, Chatham County

- I. Call to Order and Welcome
- II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Approval of Agenda

# 1. Approval of Agenda

#### **Motion**

Approve December 11, 2018 Regular MPC agenda as presented.

# Vote Results (Approved)

Motion: Travis Coles Second: Ellis Cook

Ellis Cook - Aye
Joseph Ervin - Aye

W. Lee Smith - Not Present

Roberto Hernandez - Aye
Linder Suthers - Aye
Tom Woiwode - Aye
Travis Coles - Aye

Joseph Welch - Not Present
Tommy Branch - Not Present

Lacy Manigault - Aye

Tanya Milton - Not Present
Karen Jarrett - Not Present

Eula Parker - Aye
Wayne Noha - Aye

# IV. Notices, Proclamations and Acknowledgements

2. January 8, 2019 Regular MPC Meeting, 1:30 P.M., Arthur A. Mendonsa Hearing Room, 112 E. State Street.

# V. Item(s) Requested to be Removed from the Final Agenda

3. ZONING MAP AND TEXT AMENDMENT | 5715 Skidaway Rd. | Cohen's Retreat PUD |18-005942-ZA

#### **Motion**

The petitioner has requested that this item be postponed to the Regular Meeting on January 8, 2019.

# Vote Results (Approved)

Motion: Linder Suthers Second: Travis Coles

Ellis Cook - Aye
Joseph Ervin - Aye

W. Lee Smith - Not Present

Roberto Hernandez - Aye
Linder Suthers - Aye
Tom Woiwode - Aye
Travis Coles - Aye

Joseph Welch	- Not Present
Tommy Branch	- Not Present
Lacy Manigault	- Aye
Tanya Milton	- Not Present
Karen Jarrett	- Not Present
Eula Parker	- Aye
Wayne Noha	- Aye

# 4. REZONING MAP AMENDMENT | 3811 and 3813 Bull Street | B-G (General Business) to R-I-P (Residential-Institutional-Professional) | File No. 18-006285-ZA

#### **Motion**

The petitioner has requested that this item be postponed to the Regular Meeting on January 8, 2019.

# Vote Results (Approved)

Motion: Linder Suthers Second: Travis Coles

Ellis Cook - Aye
Joseph Ervin - Aye

W. Lee Smith - Not Present

Roberto Hernandez - Aye
Linder Suthers - Aye
Tom Woiwode - Aye
Travis Coles - Aye

Joseph Welch - Not Present
Tommy Branch - Not Present

Lacy Manigault - Aye

Tanya Milton - Not Present
Karen Jarrett - Not Present

Eula Parker - Aye
Wayne Noha - Aye

# 5. REZONING MAP AMENDMENT | 215 Whitaker Street Rezone from RIP-B to BC-1 | 18-006246-ZA

#### **Motion**

The petitioner has requested that this item be postponed to the Regular Meeting on January 8, 2019.

#### Vote Results (Approved)

Motion: Linder Suthers Second: Travis Coles

Ellis Cook - Aye

Joseph Ervin - Aye

W. Lee Smith - Not Present Roberto Hernandez - Aye **Linder Suthers** - Aye Tom Woiwode - Aye **Travis Coles** - Aye Joseph Welch - Not Present - Not Present Tommy Branch Lacy Manigault - Aye Tanya Milton - Not Present Karen Jarrett - Not Present Eula Parker - Aye Wayne Noha - Aye

# VI. Items Requested to be Withdrawn

The Consent Agenda consists of items for which the applicant is in agreement with the staff recommendation and for which no known objections have been identified nor anticipated by staff. Any objections raised at the meeting will result in the item being moved to the Regular Agenda. At a 12:30 briefing, the staff will brief the Commission on Consent Agenda items and, time permitting, Regular Agenda items. No testimony will be taken from applicants, supporters or opponents, and no votes will be taken at the briefing.

# VII. Consent Agenda

Second: Ellis Cook

- 6. November 20, 2018 Briefing and Regular Meeting Minutes for Approval
  - ∅ 11.20.18 MEETING MINUTES.pdf
  - ∅ 11-20-18 MPC BRIEFING MINUTES.pdf

# Motion Recommend APPROVAL of the Briefing and Regular Meeting Minutes. Vote Results (Approved) Motion: Linder Suthers

Ellis Cook - Aye
Joseph Ervin - Aye

W. Lee Smith - Not Present

Roberto Hernandez - Aye
Linder Suthers - Aye
Tom Woiwode - Aye
Travis Coles - Aye

Joseph Welch - Not Present
Tommy Branch - Not Present

Lacy Manigault - Aye

Tanya Milton - Not Present

Karen Jarrett - Not Present

Eula Parker - Aye
Wayne Noha - Aye

#### **VIII. Old Business**

# 7. ZONING MAP AND TEXT AMENDMENT | Mid-City District Expansion | 18-005534-ZA

- ∅ 18-005534-ZA Staff Recommendation.pdf
- Application 5534.pdf
- Mid-City District with MLK Corridor Expansion .pdf
- EXHIBIT A Existing Zoning Map.pdf
- EXHIBIT B Mid-City District Zoning Map 11-27-2018.pdf
- EXHIBIT C FLU Mid-City Expansion.pdf
- Mid-City Expansion Presentation 11-8-18.pdf

**Mr. Matthew Lonnerstater** presented the staff-initiated petition to expand the Mid-City Local Historic district boundaries through the Montgomery Street corridors and the MLK corridor. It was established in 2005. It contains four districts pertaining to the boundaries, allowing for residential and restaurant business. The proposed NewZo plan will eliminate the civic use of the area, but it provided the guidance for rezoning the area. Existing non-conforming uses as business will be allowed to remain.

- Mr. Clinton Edminister, petitioned-area business owner, stated he supports the petition.
- Mr. Douglas Kaufman, building owner in the petitioned area, stated he supports the petition.

#### **Motion**

Board approved staff recommendation to: Amend the Zoning Map and Mid-City Ordinance (Article K) as proposed.

# Vote Results (Approved)

Motion: Travis Coles Second: Eula Parker

Ellis Cook - Aye
Joseph Ervin - Aye

W. Lee Smith - Not Present

Roberto Hernandez - Aye
Linder Suthers - Aye
Tom Woiwode - Aye
Travis Coles - Aye

Joseph Welch - Not Present
Tommy Branch - Not Present

Lacy Manigault - Aye

Tanya Milton - Not Present

Karen Jarrett	- Not Present
Eula Parker	- Aye
Wayne Noha	- Aye

# IX. Regular Business

8. ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT | Amendments to Sections 8-3021(22), 8-3025(d) and 8-3090(a) to apply the "density exemption" and "parking reduction" for certain properties adjacent to the Savannah Historic District that currently apply only to properties within the district. | File No.18-005939-ZA

- Staff Report-5939.pdf
- Former Pastoral Center.pdf
- @ Residential Density.pdf

**Mr. Marcus Lotson** presented the text-amendment petition, for the purpose of redevelopment of 601 East Liberty Street. Requesting exemption of current requirements with specific criteria.

**Mr. Harold Yellin**, representative of the petitioner Standard Southeast, stated the property is just outside of the historic district and not eligible for current standards due to not meeting minimum lot size and other factors.

**Mr. Roberto Hernandez** stated as the petitioned property is for sale by the City, he is allowed to participate in this petition's hearing, as he nor any family member will benefit from the sale of the property or result of the MPC Board decision. He suggested waiting for the approval of NewZo.

**Mr. Yellin** stated the contract does not allow for time of a continuance; if continued, requesting the contract to be modified to allow for the time.

**Mr. Daniel Carey** stated he supported staff recommendation. He suggested expanding the Historic District to incorporate subject property to resolve issue.

#### **Motion**

The MPC Board approved staff recommendation to: Deny the proposed text to zoning ordinance sections 8-3021(22), 8-3025(d) and 8-3090(a).

# Vote Results (Approved)

Motion: Roberto Hernandez Second: Lacy Manigault

Ellis Cook - Aye

Joseph Ervin - Aye

W. Lee Smith - Not Present

Roberto Hernandez - Aye
Linder Suthers - Nay
Tom Woiwode - Aye
Travis Coles - Aye

Joseph Welch - Not Present
Tommy Branch - Not Present

Lacy Manigault - Aye

Tanya Milton - Not Present
Karen Jarrett - Not Present

Eula Parker - Aye
Wayne Noha - Aye

9. REZONING MAP AMENDMENT | Rezone 19, 23, 25 and 101 East 40th Street from TN-2 (Traditional Neighborhood) to TC-1 (Traditional Commercial) | File No. 18-005938-ZA

- Streetview.pdf
- Streetview2.pdf
- Maps.pdf
- @Table 1 TN-2 and TC-1 Use Table Comparison.pdf
- Table 2 TN-2 Dimensional Standards.pdf
- Table 3 TC-1 Dimensional Standards.pdf
- Staff Report-5938.pdf

**Mr. Marcus Lotson** presented the petitioner's request to rezone the subject properties from traditional residential to traditional commercial.

**Mr. Josh Yellin**, representative of the petitioners, stated the request is to harmonize with the change of the neighborhood. He reassured that the buildings will not be demolished. The request is to utilize the uses allowed under the requested zoning.

Mr. Daniel Walters, area resident/property owner, stated he supported the project.

**Ms. Virginia Mobley**, concerned citizen, questioned the validity of the mixed use request. She is opposed to the request because it impacts parking.

**Ms. Julie Liberman**, area resident, stated the allowed uses of the requested rezoning will negatively impact the neighborhood. She is opposed to the petitioner's request.

**Mr. Bill Dawers**, property owner, stated he is the only TN-2 zoned in his area. He stated residential use needs to be retained in the area.

**Mr. Yellin** stated the improvements will positively impact the neighborhood because there will be additional parking and reduction in blight.

#### Motion

The MPC Board approved: Staff recommendation to deny of the request to rezone 19, 23, 25 and 101 East 40th Street from TN-2 to TC-1.

#### Vote Results (Approved)

Motion: Ellis Cook

Second: Linder Suthers

Ellis Cook - Aye

Joseph Ervin - Aye

W. Lee Smith - Not Present

Roberto Hernandez	- Aye
Linder Suthers	- Aye
Tom Woiwode	- Aye
Travis Coles	- Aye
Joseph Welch	- Not Present
Tommy Branch	- Not Present
Lacy Manigault	- Aye
Tanya Milton	- Not Present
Karen Jarrett	- Not Present

- Aye

- Aye

10. MAJOR SUBDIVISION | CONCEPT PLAN | Cottonvale Road Subdivision | 224 Cottonvale Road | File Number S-181109-00128-1

Maps.pdf

Eula Parker

Wayne Noha

- Cottonvale SD Concept Plan.pdf
- @Staff Report S-181109-00128-1.pdf

**Mr. Marcus Lotson** presented the petitioner's request of single family subdivision of 60 lots. Notification to area residents was sent.

**Mr. Travis Bazemore**, representative of the petitioner, stated he is in harmony with the Staff's Recommendation.

#### **Motion**

The MPC Board approved: Staff recommendation to approve the proposed Major Subdivision and Concept Plan subject to the conditions identified in the staff report.

#### Vote Results (Approved)

Motion: Travis Coles Second: Ellis Cook

Ellis Cook - Aye

Joseph Ervin - Aye

W. Lee Smith - Not Present

Roberto Hernandez - Aye
Linder Suthers - Aye
Tom Woiwode - Aye
Travis Coles - Aye

Joseph Welch - Not Present
Tommy Branch - Not Present

Lacy Manigault - Aye

Tanya Milton - Not Present
Karen Jarrett - Not Present

Eula Parker	- Aye
Wayne Noha	- Aye

11. REZONING MAP AMENDMENT | 1932 East Montgomery Crossroads | Rezone from P-RM-25 (Multi family Residential - 25 Units per acre) to B-N (Neighborhood Business) | File No: 18-006339-ZA

- @ Maps.pdf
- Permitted Uses in the BN.pdf
- @RM-List of Uses.pdf
- Staff Report 6339.pdf

**Mr. Marcus Lotson** presented the petitioner's request to rezoning from P-R-M-25 to B-N Neighborhood. It is currently a Multi-Family Residential use.

**Mr. Harold Yellin**, representative of the petitioner, provided an overview of the plans for the property to provide insight of the request.

Ms. Linder Suthers highlighted the historic Sandfly area is diminishing.

**Mr. Yellin** indicated this area is not a part of Sandfly, and believes it will benefit the community. The area residents were notified as a courtesy.

**Mr. Norman Luten**, area resident, requested a continuance so that the community may be informed. He stated he is aware that the community does not want the area to become overrun with businesses.

#### **Motion**

The MPC Board approved: Staff recommendation of approval of the request to rezone the subject property from a P-RM-25 (Planned Multifamily Residential – 25 units per acre) zoning classification to a BN (Neighborhood Business) zoning classification with the condition that the General Development Plan and Concept Plan for elevation and design be approved by the Planning Commission.

#### Vote Results (Approved)

Motion: Ellis Cook Second: Wayne Noha

Ellis Cook - Aye

Joseph Ervin - Aye

W. Lee Smith - Not Present

Roberto Hernandez - Aye
Linder Suthers - Nay
Tom Woiwode - Aye
Travis Coles - Aye

Joseph Welch - Not Present
Tommy Branch - Not Present

Lacy Manigault - Aye

Tanya Milton - Not Present
Karen Jarrett - Not Present

Eula Parker - Aye

Wayne Noha - Aye

# 12. ZONING MAP AMENDMENT | 1408-1410 Martin Luther King Jr., Blvd | B-G to TC-2 | 18-006343-ZA

- Maps.pdf
- Exhibit A BG and TC-2 Use Tables [AgendaPlus].pdf
- Exhibit B Contributing Resources.pdf
- Exhibit C Mid-City District Zoning Map.pdf
- Staff Report-18-006343-ZA-MAP.pdf

Mr. Matt Lonnerstater presented the petitioner's request to change zoning from B-G to T-C-2.

Mr. Josh Yellin, representative of the petitioner, stated they support staff recommendation.

#### **Motion**

The MPC Board approved: Staff recommendation for approval of the request to rezone the parcels at 1408 and 1410 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. from B-G (General Business) to Mid-City TC-2 (Traditional Commercial).

# Vote Results (Approved)

Motion: Travis Coles Second: Linder Suthers

Ellis Cook - Aye

Joseph Ervin - Aye

W. Lee Smith - Not Present

Roberto Hernandez - Aye
Linder Suthers - Aye
Tom Woiwode - Aye
Travis Coles - Aye

Joseph Welch - Not Present
Tommy Branch - Not Present

Lacy Manigault - Aye

Tanya Milton - Not Present
Karen Jarrett - Not Present

Eula Parker - Aye
Wayne Noha - Aye

# 13. MASTER PLAN AMENDMENT | 5670 Ogeechee Road | Berwick Plantation | PUD-C | P-181114-00130-1

- Master Plan.pdf
- Concept Plan.pdf
- @ Aerial Map.pdf
- Staff Report P-181114-00130-1 Berwick Plantation Master Plan Amendment.pdf
- Opposition Letter Berwick Plantation.pdf

Mr. Matt Lonnerstater presented the petitioner's request to amend the original master plan, to incorporate the excluded portion of land. This will allow for additional units on the property as a whole. No additional variances are requested.

Ms. Jessica Vick, representative of the petitioner, restated their request and support of staff recommendation.

#### **Motion**

The MPC Board approved: MPC staff recommendation of approval of the proposed amendment to the Berwick Plantation Master Plan changing the land use of 4.77-acres of parcel CT-3 from Commercial/Retail to Multi-Family Residential and to establish the maximum permitted density on the 21.14-acre site as 11.92dwelling units per acre, subject to the following conditions:

Consistent with the approved Master Plan buffers shall be established as follows: A 50-foot buffer and sign easement shall be established adjacent to U.S. 17, a 20-foot buffer shall be established adjacent to the drainage easement at the far southern boundary (adjacent to detention pond), and 25-foot enhanced vegetative buffers shall be established along all other property lines. Enhanced vegetative buffers shall be defined as a dense mixture of canopy trees, understory trees, and shrubs approved by the MPC staff and/or Chatham County Arborist. Also, an architectural-style privacy fence will be installed along the exterior property line of Berwick Plantation (if an existing fence is not existing on the mini-storage warehouse facility) and between the adjacent commercially-classified property and the proposed multi-family site.

A general development plan shall be submitted for approval by the MPC staff and Chatham County Engineer.

# Vote Results ( Approved )

Motion: Travis Coles Second: Tom Woiwode

Ellis Cook - Aye Joseph Ervin - Aye

W. Lee Smith - Not Present

Roberto Hernandez - Aye **Linder Suthers** - Aye Tom Woiwode - Aye **Travis Coles** - Ave

Joseph Welch - Not Present **Tommy Branch** - Not Present

Lacy Manigault - Aye

- Not Present Tanya Milton Karen Jarrett - Not Present

**Eula Parker** - Aye Wayne Noha - Aye

14. RECOMMENDATION TO ZBA | 1512 Bull St. & 17 E. 31st St. | Height Variance | Phillip McCorkle | 18-006319-ZBA

- Exhibit A Maps.pdf
- Exhibit B Application and Rednering.pdf
- Article K Selected Pages.pdf

**Mr. Matt Lonnerstater** presented the petitioner's request and provided renderings of the request. The MPC must authorize forwarding to City ZBA because of the 33% increase.

**Mr. Philip McCorkle**, representative of the petitioner, supported staff's report. It is a mixed-use property and the request is in relation to use.

**Ms. Virginia Mobley**, citizen, stated those immediately impacted were not aptly notified. More time is requested for the residents to voice their opinions.

Mr. Calvin Fowler, of Bull Street Baptist Church, stated they are in support of the petition.

Mr. Clinton Edminister, area resident, stated he is in favor of the petitioner's request.

Mr. Bill Dawers, area resident, highlighted concerns regarding the area.

**Mr. McCorkle** stated a meeting is scheduled on December 11, 2018 with the neighborhood association. He stated he visited Ms. Mobley to address her concerns.

#### **Motion**

The MPC Board approved: Staff recommendation to approve one story height variance. It will move forward to ZBA.

#### Vote Results (Approved)

Motion: Ellis Cook

Second: Roberto Hernandez

Ellis Cook - Aye

Joseph Ervin - Aye

W. Lee Smith - Not Present

Roberto Hernandez - Aye
Linder Suthers - Nay
Tom Woiwode - Nay
Travis Coles - Nay

Joseph Welch - Not Present
Tommy Branch - Not Present

Lacy Manigault - Nay

Tanya Milton - Not Present
Karen Jarrett - Not Present

Eula Parker - Aye
Wayne Noha - Aye

15. ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT | City of Savannah, Petitioner | Revise the definition of Inn to include owner occupancy requirement or on site management. | File no: 18-002580-ZA

# Staff Report-2580.pdf

Mr. Marcus Lotson presented the requested language change by the City to differentiate from short-term

rentals.

Mr. Bob Rosenwald, citizen, supported staff report and recommendation.

# **Motion**

The MPC Board approved: Staff recommendation to approve of the request to amend Article A, Section 8-3002 (Definitions) to amend the definition of Inn.

# Vote Results (Approved)

Motion: Ellis Cook Second: Travis Coles

Ellis Cook - Aye

Joseph Ervin - Aye

W. Lee Smith - Not Present

Roberto Hernandez - Aye
Linder Suthers - Aye
Tom Woiwode - Aye
Travis Coles - Aye

Joseph Welch - Not Present
Tommy Branch - Not Present

Lacy Manigault - Aye

Tanya Milton - Not Present
Karen Jarrett - Not Present

Eula Parker - Aye
Wayne Noha - Aye

16. REZONING MAP AMENDMENT | 1220, 1222, 1224 Wheaton Street | I-L (Light Industrial) and R-M-25 (Multi-Family Residential, 25 units per acre) to R-M-40(Multi-Family Residential, 40 units per acre) | File No. 18-006341-ZA

- **ZONING MAP.pdf**
- VICINITY MAP.pdf
- @AERIAL MAP.pdf
- **ØTAX MAP.pdf**
- østaff-report-18-006341-za-map.pdf
- **ONDITION NOTED OPPOSITION.docx**

**Mr. Marcel Williams** presented the petitioner's request to rezone 3 parcels that are currently split zoned and unoccupied.

Mr. Josh Yellin, representative of the petitioner, requested approval of staff recommendation.

Ms. Takia Harris, area resident, stated she is in opposition of the petition.

#### **Motion**

The MPC Board approved: Staff recommendation to approve the request to rezone the subject properties from the I-L and R-M-25 districts to the R-M-40 district, with the condition of Site Plan be returned to the MPC.

# Vote Results (Approved)

Motion: Ellis Cook Second: Travis Coles

Ellis Cook - Aye

Joseph Ervin - Aye

W. Lee Smith - Not Present

Roberto Hernandez - Aye
Linder Suthers - Aye
Tom Woiwode - Aye
Travis Coles - Aye

Joseph Welch - Not Present
Tommy Branch - Not Present

Lacy Manigault - Aye

Tanya Milton - Not Present
Karen Jarrett - Not Present

Eula Parker - Aye
Wayne Noha - Aye

# 17. REZONING TEXT AMENDMENT | Philip McCorkle | Section 8-3215(2)(b) | Commercial uses in the CIV district | File No. 18-005956-ZA

#### Staff Report-18-005956-ZA.pdf

**Mr. Marcel Williams** presented the text amendment requirements requested by the petitioner. He has no concerns with the 110' variance request to save the trees.

Mr. Philip McCorkle, representative of the petitioner, supported the staff report.

**Ms. Virginia Mobley**, area resident, stated she supports staff recommendation to limit to Bull Street. She is opposed to 'big box development,' which is allowable if approved as written.

### **Motion**

The MPC Board approved: to deny petitioner's request with approval of specific, alternative language as proposed by staff. 110' setback is acceptable with understanding of no additional variances regarding lot lines.

# Vote Results (Approved)

Motion: Travis Coles Second: Tom Woiwode

Ellis Cook - Aye

Joseph Ervin - Aye

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W. Lee Smith	- Not Present
Roberto Hernandez	- Aye
Linder Suthers	- Aye
Tom Woiwode	- Aye
Travis Coles	- Aye
Joseph Welch	- Not Present
Tommy Branch	- Not Present
Lacy Manigault	- Aye
Tanya Milton	- Not Present
Karen Jarrett	- Not Present
Eula Parker	- Aye
Wayne Noha	- Aye

- X. Presentations
- **XI. Other Business**
- XII. Adjournment
  - 18. Adjourn
- XIII. Development Plans Submitted for Review
  - 19. Development Plans Submitted for Review
    - December 11th MPC Meeting Development Log.pdf

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Melanie Wilson, Executive Director

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