

The Planning & Zoning Commission met in a Public Hearing Thursday, May 23, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall in the Conference Room at 56 Broad Street.

Board Members Present: Robert Herman, Greg Brown, Clifton Pritchett and Dana Grinstead. Max Kilgore was absent

Others Present: Sara Myers and Jersey Bray

Robert Herman called the meeting to order.

APPROVE: Dana Grinstead moved for the approval of the agenda. Clifton Pritchett seconded; motion passed by a yes vote by all who were present. No opposition.

APPROVE: Greg Brown moved for the approval of the meeting minutes from the April 25, 2024, meeting. Dana Grinstead seconded; motion passed by a yes vote by all who were present. No opposition.

Robert Herman went over the procedures for the meeting and stated that since a public hearing had already taken place for the rezoning request for parcel number H0100020021 on April 25, 2024, the Commission had the authority to put it to a vote immediately, however, he stated he would give those in attendance the opportunity to speak on the matter.

Mr. Herman asked if there was anyone in attendance to give the Commission an overview of the request for rezoning for parcel number H0100020021 located at 220 McCormick Avenue. Brigitte Bovee spoke on behalf of the project. An overview of the project was restated for the Commission. Mrs. Bovee also reiterated that access on Hillcrest Avenue would be gated if the Commission chose to place that stipulation on the request. Mr. Herman asked if any others in attendance wanted to speak in favor of the project, no others in attendance spoke on behalf of the request for rezoning from R: County Residential to R-2: City Single Family Residential. Mr. Pete Dortch addressed the Board asking if the rezoning could be for R-1: City Single Family Residential with dwellings having a heating/cooled minimum square footage of 1800 sq. ft. Mr. Dortch produced a petition with signatures of others who are in opposition to rezoning parcel number H0100020021 located at 220 McCormick Avenue. The petition is on file with the meeting information i.e. newspaper advertisement, hard copy applications, on file for this meeting date. David Ricks spoke on behalf of adjacent property owner Deborah Ricks. Mr. Ricks stated concerns about the effects this new development would have with its close proximity to Mrs. Ricks' property. Harley Lawson spoke and stated that he understood the need for additional housing, however, he was concerned with potential adverse effects the new development could have on the adjacent established neighborhood. Charlotte Way spoke and stated her concern as it pertains to stormwater run-off. Dana Grinstead moved to approve the rezoning request as presented. Greg Brown seconded; motion passed by a yes vote by Robert Herman, Dana Grinstead and Greg Brown. Clifton Pritchett opposed.

Mr. Herman informed those in attendance that the Planning and Zoning Commission only makes recommendations, the final decision lies with the City of Hawkinsville Board of Commissioners. Those in attendance were informed that this rezoning request would be presented to the City Board of Commissioners at the June 3, 2024, regular meeting at 6:00 p.m.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned by Robert Herman.