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MINUTES

The Salisbury-Wicomico Planning and Zoning Commission met in regular session on June 18, 2020, via WebEx teleconference, with the following persons participating:

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Charles "Chip" Dashiell, Chairman

Dr. James McNaughton

Scott Rogers

Mandel Copeland

Jim Thomas

PLANNING STAFF:

Anne Roane, Infrastructure and Development Dept.

Henry Eure, Infrastructure and Development Dept.

Brian Wilkins, Infrastructure and Development Dept.

Keith Hall, Deputy Director, Wicomico County Planning, Zoning, and Community Development

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Jesse Drewer, Planner II, Wicomico County Planning, Zoning, and Community Development

Gloria Smith, Planner, Wicomico County Planning, Zoning, and Community Development

Marilyn Williams, Land Development Coordinator, Wicomico County Planning, Zoning, and Community Development

Melissa Cassimore, Recording Secretary, Wicomico County Planning, Zoning, and Community Development

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Mr. Dashiell, Chairman.

Chairman Dashiell announced in response to the COVID-19 crisis and in an effort to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the public this

meeting is being conducted via teleconference call. He proceeded with thanking County and City Staff for assisting with making the teleconference possible. Also, Chairman Dashiell welcomed the public that may be joining on the call. Chairman Dashiell concluded the opening remarks by recognizing the loss of loved ones as a result of this pandemic, as well as acknowledging the efforts of fire responders, health care providers, doctors and nurses on the front line in countless communities.

Mr. Hall conducted a roll call of Commission members participating on the call, as well as City and County staff. Mr. Hall announced a quorum of Commissioners was achieved for the meeting. Chairman Dashiell requested Mr. Hall to provide a brief overview of procedures and tips for conducting a teleconference meeting. Mr. Hall presented the house keeping procedures, which included participants and applicants placing phone on mute, announce name prior to speaking, conducting individual roll call for Commissioner comments and votes on items. With no questions, Mr. Hall turned the meeting over to Chairman Dashiell.

MINUTES: The minutes from the May 21st meeting were brought forward for approval. Upon a motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Rogers, and duly carried, the minutes from the May 21, 2020 meeting were **APPROVED** unanimously as submitted.

PUBLIC HEARING TEXT AMENDMENT – Sperry Van Ness/Miller Commercial Real Estate, on behalf of Oak Ridge Baptist Church – To amend Section 17.212.030 – To Add Warehouse or Storage Facility in a Shopping Center (H. Eure)

Mr. Rogers recused himself from this agenda item.

Mr. Jesse Drewer read the Notice for Public Hearing into the record.

Chairman Dashiell confirmed Mr. Henry Eure and Mr. John McClellan were on the call to be sworn in. No members of the public were on the call to testify.

Mr. Keith Hall administered the oath to Henry Eure and John McClellan.

Mr. Henry Eure and Mr. John McClellan of SVN, on behalf of Oak Ridge Baptist Church, confirmed being on the conference call. Mr. Eure presented the Staff Report and stated the applicant is requesting to amend the text of Title 17, Zoning to include the language “warehouse or storage facility” in 17.212.030 L. In accordance with the requirements of Section 17.228 of the Salisbury Municipal Code, the Planning Commission must hold a Public Hearing on proposed Text Amendments to the Code. The Commission must forward a recommendation

(within six (6) months) to the City Council. The City Council must also hold a public hearing before granting final approval to Code Text Amendments (by Ordinance).

Staff recommends forwarding a favorable recommendation to the Mayor and City Council for the proposed amendment that would inherently permit a warehouse or storage facility in shopping centers.

Chairman Dashiell asked if Mr. McClellan had any comments to add.

Mr. McClellan discussed the vacancies around the County of big anchor stores along with the difficulties in filling the vacancies. Mr. McClellan stated this would be a low impact and low traffic use that would open the avenue to monetize the vacancies in shopping centers.

Chairman Dashiell asked Mr. Hall to conduct a roll call of Commissioners for questions and comments.

Dr. McNaughton asked if there will be general restrictions that apply to hazardous materials and other items.

Mr. Eure discussed high versus low hazard storage use. Due to most containing combustible materials the most common storage use is high hazard. Mr. Eure stated if approved it would be building code compliant and inspections would be done before occupancy permit issued.

Dr. McNaughton asked if the Fire Department was in support.

Mr. Eure answered the Fire Department would review the plans and inspect before a Certificate of Occupancy was issued.

Mr. Thomas confirmed no questions or comments.

Mr. Rogers is recused.

Mr. Copeland confirmed no questions or comments.

Chairman Dashiell had no questions or comments. Chairman Dashiell asked if the public had any questions or comments. There were none.

Upon a motion by Mr. Thomas to forwarding a favorable recommendation to the Mayor and City Council for the proposed amendment that would inherently permit a warehouse or storage facility in shopping centers. The motion was seconded by Dr. McNaughton. Chairman Dashiell requested Mr. Hall to conduct an individual roll call vote of Commission members. With exception of

Mr. Roger's recusal, all Commissioners individually voted in the affirmative. Chairman Dashiell stated the motion for the Text Amendment was approved.

Mr. McClellan thanked the Commission for their help with this matter.

**ANNEXATION ZONING – Atlantic Tractor, LLC, rep. by Sandy McAllister, Atty.
– 31415 John Deere Drive – 5.0 acres – Multi-Use Non-Residential District - #19-014;
M-39, P-38, G-10 (A. Roane)**

Ms. Anne Roane and Mr. Sandy McAllister, Attorney for Atlantic Tractor, LLC, confirmed being on the conference call. Ms. Roane presented the Staff Report and stated the applicant is requesting annexation into the City of Salisbury. The primary reason for this request is to have access to City water, sewer and services. A Salisbury City Council Work Session was held on May 4, 2020. Other properties on John Deere Drive have been annexed into the City for utilities. Staff recommends approval as submitted.

Chairman Dashiell asked if Mr. McAllister had any comments to add.

Mr. McAllister thanked Ms. Roane for her assistance and added other properties on John Deere Drive have been annexed previously. Mr. McAllister is looking for a favorable recommendation to the City.

Chairman Dashiell asked Mr. Hall to conduct a roll call of Commissioners for questions and comments.

Dr. McNaughton confirmed no questions or comments.

Mr. Thomas asked if Holt Paper is already connected to City water and sewer.

Ms. Roane answered Holt Paper has not petitioned for annexation. She further discussed Royal Farms and Hardee's have services therefore this property would be connected to the existing lines.

Mr. Rogers confirmed no questions or comments.

Mr. Copeland confirmed no questions or comments.

Chairman Dashiell confirmed no questions or comments. Chairman Dashiell asked Dr. McNaughton if he had another question.

Dr. McNaughton asked about the inventory.

Ms. Roane answered that those discussions are handled between the applicant and the City Council.

Chairman Dashiell responded the zoning is all the Commission would be addressing; the City Council will be handling other matters. Chairman Dashiell asked if the public had any questions or comments. There were none.

Upon a motion by Mr. Rogers to forwarding a favorable recommendation to the Mayor and City Council for the property to be zoned Mixed-Use Non-Residential. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thomas. Chairman Dashiell requested Mr. Hall to conduct an individual roll call vote of Commission members. All Commissioners individually voted in the affirmative. Chairman Dashiell stated the motion for the favorable recommendation was approved.

Mr. McAllister thanked the Commission.

REVISED SIGN PLAN APPROVAL – Salisbury Marketplace – J.D. Sign Company for Karemore Properties, LLC – 815 Snow Hill Road – Gen. Comm. District - # 202000508, Map-48, Grid-4, Parcel-244 (H. Eure)

Mr. Henry Eure and Mr. Jason Dean of JD Sign Company, confirmed being on the conference call. Mr. Eure presented the Staff Report and stated the applicant is requesting to amend the existing Sign Plan by incorporating the colors black and yellow to the existing Sign Plan. A new exterior sign is also proposed for the storefront window of Food Lion. The proposed signs have the support of the property owner.

Staff recommends approval for the proposed Sign Plan as submitted.

Chairman Dashiell asked Mr. Dean if he had any comments to add.

Mr. Dean thanked Mr. Eure for his presentation.

Chairman Dashiell asked Mr. Hall to conduct a roll call of Commissioners for questions and comments.

Dr. McNaughton confirmed no questions or comments.

Mr. Thomas confirmed no questions or comments.

Mr. Rogers confirmed no questions or comments.

Mr. Copeland confirmed no questions or comments.

Chairman Dashiell had no questions or comments. Chairman Dashiell asked if the public had any questions or comments. There were none.

Upon a motion by Mr. Rogers to approve the Revised Sign Plan as submitted. The motion was seconded by Dr. McNaughton. Chairman Dashiell requested Mr. Hall to conduct an individual roll call vote of Commission members. All Commissioners individually voted in the affirmative. Chairman Dashiell stated the motion for the Revised Sign Plan was approved.

AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION EASEMENT APPLICATION – MARVIC Associates, LLC – Laws Road – 167.29 acres – Map-60, Grid-5 & 12, Parcel 17 & 19 (G. Smith)

Mrs. Gloria Smith and Victor Laws III of MARVIC Associates, LLC confirmed being on the conference call. Ms. Smith presented the Staff Report and stated a correction to the Staff Report is MARVIC, LLC should be MARVIC Associates, LLC as stated on Attachment #4. Ms. Smith stated the applicant is requesting to file an easement application to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation program for their property, 167.29 acres, located on both sides of Laws Road, southwest of Powellville. Ms. Smith stated the property is zoned A-1 Agricultural-Rural, it is located in an area designated as Agriculture/Resource and within the Priority Preservation Area in the County Plan. Mrs. Smith explained the process begins with the Commission reviewing the application for location in concurrence with the County Comprehensive Plan, the Ag Preservation Advisory Board will meet in the summer to review the soils, upon completion both recommendations will be forwarded to County Council for a public hearing. Applications are due to the State by July 1st with details being completed by October 1st.

Chairman Dashiell asked Mr. Laws if he had any comments.

Mr. Laws thanked Ms. Smith for her presentation and help in this process.

Chairman Dashiell asked Mr. Hall to conduct a roll call of Commissioners for questions and comments.

Dr. McNaughton confirmed no questions or comments.

Mr. Thomas confirmed no questions or comments.

Mr. Rogers confirmed no questions or comments.

Mr. Copeland confirmed no questions or comments.

Chairman Dashiell responded no questions or comments. Chairman Dashiell asked if the public had any questions or comments. There were none.

Upon a motion by Mr. Rogers to make a favorable recommendation to the Wicomico County Council for support of the sale of an Agricultural Land Preservation Easement of the MARVIC Associates, LLC property based on its compliance with the County Comprehensive Plan, seconded by Dr. McNaughton. Chairman Dashiell requested Mr. Hall to conduct an individual roll call vote of Commission members, which all Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. Chairman Dashiell stated the motion to make a favorable recommendation for this Agricultural Land Preservation Easement Application is approved.

AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION EASEMENT APPLICATION – William D. Todd – Cross Road – 87.9 acres – Map-6, Grid-15 & 16, Parcel-146 (G. Smith)

Ms. Gloria Smith confirmed being on the call. Mr. Todd was not on the call. Ms. Smith presented the Staff Report and stated the applicant is requesting to file an application to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation program for their property, 87.9 acres, located on the southerly side of Cross Road, south of Sharptown. Ms. Smith stated the property is zoned Agricultural-Rural, it is located in an area designated as Agriculture/Resource and within the Priority Preservation Area in the County Plan. Surrounding properties are in the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation or Wicomico County Land Preservation Easement as noted in Attachment #2. Mrs. Smith explained the process begins with the Commission reviewing the application for location in concurrence with the County Comprehensive Plan, the Ag Preservation Advisory Board will meet in the summer to review the soils, upon completion both recommendations will be forwarded to County Council for a public hearing.

Chairman Dashiell asked Mr. Hall to conduct a roll call of Commissioners for questions and comments.

Dr. McNaughton confirmed no questions or comments.

Mr. Thomas confirmed no questions or comments.

Mr. Rogers confirmed no questions or comments.

Mr. Copeland confirmed no questions or comments.

Chairman Dashiell responded no questions or comments. Chairman Dashiell asked if the public had any questions or comments. There were none.

Upon a motion by Mr. Rogers to make a favorable recommendation to the Wicomico County Council for support of the sale of an Agricultural Land Preservation Easement of the William D. Todd property based on its compliance with the County Comprehensive Plan, seconded by Dr. McNaughton. Chairman Dashiell requested Mr. Hall to conduct an individual roll call vote of Commission members, which all Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. Chairman Dashiell stated the motion to make a favorable recommendation for this Agricultural Land Preservation Easement Application is approved.

COUNTY SUBDIVISION PLATS – Michael & Candice Davis – Preliminary/Final 5 lots – Naylor Mill & Levin Dashiell Roads – Map-28; Grid-22, Parcel-115 (M. Williams)

Ms. Marilyn Williams confirmed being on the call. Michael & Candice Davis were not on the call. Ms. Williams presented the Staff Report and stated the applicant has proposed subdivision of the northerly side of Naylor Mill Road, Parcel 115, to create two (2) new lots with the remainder being Lot #3. Proposed on the southerly side of Naylor Mill Road is the creation of two (2) new building lots with remaining lands of 34.67 +/- acres. The majority of the southerly portion of the parcel lies within the R-20 zone, with the balance located in the Heavy Industrial (I-2) zone. Conversely, all of Lot 3 and most of Lot 2 located on the northerly side of the road lie within the Heavy Industrial zone, and Lot 1 lies within the R-20 zone. Minimum lot sizes for the two zoning designations are 20,000 sq. ft. for R-20 and 25,000 for I-2. Ms. Williams stated the applicant is requesting the approval of the Minor Subdivision and Simplified Forest Conservation Plan.

Staff recommends approval with the following six (6) conditions:

1. The Final Plat shall comply with all requirements of the Wicomico County Subdivision Regulations;
2. Health Department approval is required prior to the recordation of the Final Plat;
3. The Final Plat shall comply with all requirements of the Forest Conservation regulation and a Long-term Management Agreement must be recorded in the land records for Wicomico County prior to the recording of the subdivision plat;
4. All new road entrances must be approved by the Wicomico County Department of Public Works;
5. Ingress/egress easements for Lots 1 and 2 and for Lot 4 and the Remaining Lands must be recorded in the land records for Wicomico County prior to the recordation of the subdivision plat;
6. This approval is subject to further review and approval and conditions imposed by the Planning and Zoning and Public Works Departments; and

7. Note to be added to the plat stating “Proposed use and development of approved lots shall conform with Chapter 225 (Zoning) of the Wicomico County Code.”

Chairman Dashiell further discussed the proposed seventh (7) condition. Lots 1-3 on the northerly side are zoned R-20 and I-2 with the majority of Lots 2 & 3 being I-2, Heavy Industrial zone, not for residential use. Chairman Dashiell asked Mr. Hall to conduct a roll call of Commissioners for questions and comments.

Dr. McNaughton confirmed no questions or comments.

Mr. Thomas confirmed no questions or comments.

Mr. Rogers confirmed no questions or comments.

Mr. Copeland confirmed no questions or comments.

Chairman Dashiell responded no questions or comments. Chairman Dashiell asked if the public had any questions or comments. There were none.

Upon a motion by Mr. Rogers to approve the Minor subdivision and Simplified Forest Conservation Plan with the six (6) proposed conditions and also adding a seventh (7), seconded by Dr. McNaughton. Chairman Dashiell requested Mr. Hall to conduct an individual roll call vote of Commission members, which all Commissioners in attendance voted in the affirmative. Chairman Dashiell stated the motion is approved.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Chairman Dashiell thanked Commission members for their participation to make this meeting a success during this unusual time. Chairman Dashiell looks forward to meeting again in person to move the business of the City and County forward.

Mr. Hall stated the County has no further items for consideration from the Commission.


Ms. Roane stated the startup of the zoning ordinance should be brought forward in August and the first Task Force Meeting will be held on Monday. Ms. Roane thanked Mr. Hall for setting up the teleconference.

Chairman Dashiell expressed his appreciation to the City and County Staff for all they continue to do to help this Commission and to see all the business in the City and County gets the attention it needs in spite of the challenging circumstances.

The next Commission meeting will be July 16th.

There being no further business, the Commission meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m. by a motion from Mr. Rogers and seconded by Mr. Thomas, and duly carried by all members.

This is a summary of the proceedings of this meeting. Detailed information is in the permanent files of each case as presented and filed in the Wicomico County Department of Planning, Zoning, and Community Development Office.



Charles "Chip" Dashiell, Chairman



Lori A. Carter, Director



Melissa Cassimore, Recording Secretary