Planning Commission



Minutes of the Thursday, March 15, 2018 Study Session

Members of the Planning Commission
Woods Burnett
Chairman

Leonard Carter, Jr.
Timothy V. Key
Larry Watts

Bob Clark
JoAnn McKie
Briton Williams

1. <u>Call to Order</u> – The study session of March 15, 2018, having been duly publicized, was called to order by Chairman Woods Burnett at 6:00 p.m. Chairman Chip Burnett, Commissioners Bob Clark, JoAnn McKie, and Len Carter were present. Commissioner Tim Key arrived at 6:07 p.m. followed by Commissioner Briton Williams at 6:11 p.m. Commissioner Watts was absent. Also present were Michael Pace, Mountaineer Pest Control; Tom Zeaser, Director of Engineering and Public Works; members of the media and public.

2. Discussion -

Application RZT 18-001

Mr. Zeaser stated that the owner of Mountaineer Pest Control, located at 1518 Georgia Avenue, brought forward plans for a new building at 1516 and 1518 Georgia Avenue. A cursory review of the elevations brought to light compliance issues with the Neighborhood Preservation Overlay including a 2-story structure with parapet roof, front porch with shed roof, a roof slope incompatible with the surrounding neighborhood, setback requirements and percentage of window and door openings. The applicant later purchased 1514 Georgia Avenue with plans to expand the business onto that lot. The commissioners asked several questions about the current and proposed building design and if the design could come into compliance with the North Augusta Development Code. The staff and property owner addressed all questions.

North Augusta Development Code §10.9.3 Residential Lot Landscaping, Foundation Planting

Commissioner McKie presented several residential landscape plans that demonstrate an issue with the landscaping requirements for lots of varying sizes. She pointed out that some smaller homes would need more landscaping than larger build outs per the NADC. She suggested designating a set number of plants per lot or a text amendment that would specify a new requirement for patio homes. Chairman Burnett expressed his concerns

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with the feasibility of creating a new criteria that would be applicable to all lot specifications and suggested a request for a variance from the Board of Zoning Appeals for any properties that are unable to meet the current requirements might be appropriate.

3. Adjourn - With no objection, Chairman Burnett adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Kuleigh Baker, Secretary

Departments of Engineering and Planning and Development

Secretary to the Planning Commission