

LONG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

PUBLIC HEARING

September 5, 2017

5:30 P.M.

1. Chairman Riddle opened the hearing at 5:30 P.M.
2. Rezone 4.65 acres from Agricultural/Forestry (AF) zoning to General Commercial (C-2).
3. A representative from Dollar General stated that the Department of Transportation has issued all access permits for the store.
4. The Planning and Zoning Board recommended the rezoning 4.65 acres from Agricultural/Forestry (AF) zoning to General Commercial (C2) for Bhupendra Patel.
5. Mr. Walden neighboring land owner was in full support of this rezoning.
6. Commissioner Richardson stated we need more commercial growth in the county, and everyone in this area supports this business.
7. Chairman Riddle closed the hearing at 5:45 P.M.

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PUBLIC HEARING

September 5, 2017

5:45 P.M.

1. Chairman Riddle opened the hearing at 5:45 P.M.
2. Rezone 1 acre from Agricultural/Forestry (AF) zoning to Neighborhood Commercial (C-1).
3. Mr. Barnes stated he wanted to withdraw his application.
4. Mrs. Reynolds discussed her complaint regarding the building for the mechanic shop erected behind her home; Mrs. Reynolds stated the building was put up before rezoning approval, there was no inspection process and there was no rezoning request at the time the building was installed. Mrs. Reynolds requested a privacy fence and removal of building.
5. Mrs. Smith stated that there was a lot of false statements made by Mrs. Reynolds.
6. Chairman Riddle closed the hearing at 6:00 P.M.

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REGULAR MEETING

September 5, 2017

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Mike Riddle with the following members present: Mr. Thompson, Mr. Richardson and Mr. Deloach.
2. Invocation led by Pastor Leroy Lott of Greater Elem Missionary Baptist Church.
3. Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioners.
4. Motion made by Mr. Deloach, seconded by Mr. Richardson and carried to accept the August minutes. Mr. Riddle voted yea and Mr. Thompson voted yea.
5. Motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Deloach and carried to appoint Mrs. Elise Stafford to the Coastal Workforce Development Board as a representative for Long County for a two year term. The term will begin on September 5, 2017 and will end on September 5, 2019. Mr. Riddle voted yea and Mr. Richardson voted yea.
6. Motion made by Mr. Deloach, seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried to adopt "Pink out Friday" Proclamation on October 13, 2017. Mr. Richardson voted yea and Mr. Riddle voted yea.
7. Motion made by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried to accept the rezoning request for 091-2017-004. Mr. Riddle voted yea and Mr. Deloach voted yea.
8. Motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Deloach and carried to accept the resignation from the Development Authority Board of Lou Ann Phillips and Robert Parker. Mr. Richardson voted yea and Mr. Riddle voted yea.
9. Motion made by Mr. Deloach, seconded by Mr. Richardson and carried to table the appointments to the Development Authority until the October meeting. Mr. Thompson voted yea and Mr. Riddle voted yea.
10. Motion made by Mr. Deloach, seconded by Mr. Richardson and carried to reject all previous bids for the Side Walk Project. Mr. Riddle voted yea and Mr. Thompson voted yea.

11. Motion made by Richardson, seconded by Mr. Riddle and carried to rebid the Side Walk Project. Mr. Deloach voted yea and Mr. Thompson opposed. The motion passed 3-1.
12. Motion made by Mr. Deloach, seconded by Mr. Richardson and carried to enter executive session for Personnel and Litigation. Mr. Thompson voted yea and Mr. Riddle voted yea.
13. Motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Riddle and carried to exit Executive Session. Mr. Richardson voted yea and Mr. Deloach voted yea.
14. Motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Richardson and carried to authorize a meeting with COAG Attorney, Mr. Hutchins, County Clerk, Mary Ann Odum, County Administrator, Frank Etheridge, Chairman, Michael Riddle and County Attorney, James Smith to discuss potential litigation. Mr. Riddle voted yea and Mr. Deloach voted yea.
15. Motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Deloach and carried to pay bills. Mr. Richardson voted yea and Mr. Riddle voted yea.
16. Motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Richardson and carried to adjourn. Mr. Deloach voted yea and Mr. Riddle voted yea.

DISCUSSION

1. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION: Ryne Stewart and Ray Purcell were presented a plaque in recognition of life saving services performed on August 14, 2017.
2. BRAD HUTCHINS/COAG: Mr. Hutchins stated Constitutional Officers have different control of their offices, County Commissioners can decide the budget amount but the Constitutional Officers can not be interfered with their spending. The clients don't want to move forward with this litigation, but will if their forced too. The county will have to pay the outside attorney and the county attorney, the amount will be substantial. My clients want the resolution establishing legal level of budgetary control rescinded without any interference from the County Commissioners.
3. ALTON BERRY: Mr. Berry submitted a written statement to the board to ensure that he has clearly communicated his request to have his concerns accurately recorded in the Long County Board of Commissioners official minutes for June 2017. Mr. Berry stated Long County Code Enforcement had no licensed officers during the period his house was being built. The officers inspected the various building stages and construction work performed during the construction of his house. His most serious concern is that the foundation for his 2700 square feet house was not allowed to cure properly, prior to being set on that foundation.

4. SARAH DALTON/RYE PATCH ROAD: Discussed her concern with the speeding on the dirt road section of Rye Patch Road. The commissioners stated that they were in the process of conducting a survey of roads concerning the speed limit and Department of Transportation will have to approve.
5. HUCKLEBERRY SUBDIVISION: There were 7 issues with accepting this subdivision and Mr. Etheridge, County Administrator recommended that the Board of Commissioners not accept the right of way in Huckleberry Subdivision until the issues are addressed and corrected by the marks and or the property owners in the subdivision. Long County does not need to accept the roads for public use.
6. COMMISSIONER CLIFTON DELOACH: Suggested the Code Enforcement Fee Schedule be changed. Mr. Etheridge replied we would be working on that.
7. BERNIECE JOHNSON/FINANCE DIRECTOR: Stated she recommended the legal level of budgetary control and would like to meet with department heads in referencing to moving one line item to another. Ms. Johnson explained this would help her having the reports correct.