

MEETING OF THE DARLINGTON CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

TUESDAY, March 15, 2022 – 9 A.M.

Attending were Planning Commission members Mr. Lewis, Mr. Sprott, and Mr. Wiggins; staff, Mrs. Bailey, planning and economic development director; and Mrs. Privette, Pee Dee Regional Council of Governments.

Call to Order: Ms. Rock called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Approval of the Minutes for the meeting of July 20, 2021: Mr. Wiggins made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Lewis made the second. The motion carried unanimously.

Comprehensive Plan Update: Mrs. Privette said the complete draft was ready for review by the Commission. She suggested prioritizing the goals listed since there were so many. ‘If everything’s a priority, nothing’s a priority,’ she said. The time horizon of the plan is 15 years, so the Commission could say focus on goals 1-3 for the first five years, 4-5 for the next and so on. The Pee Dee Council of Governments also is drafting a Capital Improvement Plan for the City, which will be brought to the Commission to review before its presentation to City Council. Mrs. Bailey will distribute copies of the 2035 City Comprehensive Plan to each Commission member. Each member has until the May 17 meeting to review and make corrections as well as prioritize the goals listed in the plan. The Commission will compile these changes and get those to Mrs. Privette. She will incorporate those changes and present the final draft to the Commission in July. The Commission will then render its recommendation to City Council at the July meeting. Council will take up the plan after that.

Zoning Requests: Mrs. Bailey presented a request for the property at Richmond and Spring Street to be zoned R-6, high density residential. The property owner plans to build five or six houses on the land, and previous versions of the zoning map included this parcel as in the City limits with an R-6 zoning designation. The property was just annexed into the City at the last Council meeting. Mr. Wiggins made a motion to recommend the R-6 zoning designation for the property. Mr. Sprott made the second. The motion carried unanimously.

2022 Calendar: Mrs. Bailey presented a calendar of meetings dates for 2022, on the third Tuesday of every other month: Jan. 18, March 15, May 17, July 19, Sept. 20, and Nov. 15. Mr. Wiggins made a motion to approve the calendar as presented. Mr. Sprott made the second. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business: Mr. Wiggins said he had two possible candidates for Council to nominate to the Planning Commission, so it would be easier to have a quorum and complete City business. He will return the applications to Mrs. Bailey prior to the next City Council meeting, so they can be appointed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 a.m.