

Special Meeting of the Haymarket Town Council  
15000 Washington Street, #100~Haymarket, VA 20169  
Mayor Pamela E. Stutz  
Monday, January 14, 2008

Meeting called to order

Stutz thanks everyone for attending the meeting. Mayor comments that there have been a lot of discussion and phone calls. She reminds that we have signed a contract with Mr. Kennedy and it is contingent upon a lot of different things. The Town has asserted that it would work diligently in improving the processes for the site review.

Two issues noted:

1. Setbacks. She notes that some of the setback restrictions will be waived.
2. Overhead power lines.

Request has not been made to the Town at this time for any setback waivers. Mayor asks for a designation from the PC to work on this project.

The mayor wants open communication with all boards and commissions and wants no misinformation to be disseminated for any developer that may come to the town. Mayor asks if anyone has questions.

Chair Landwehr clarifies that she was not aware of the contract clause. Her reaction to setback waivers was not supportive. Effects need to be mitigated between commercial and residential land uses. The plan has several variances. Mayor comments that the Planning Commission and Town Council have the right to vary from the restrictive zoning ordinances. Mayor would like the PC to appoint someone to help with this project.

Chair comments that she has researched options for the Town. This plan does protect historic properties against destruction.

Sikorsky asks, "how does the current violation of zoning affect the new site plan."  
Sikorsky asks how does the council come about the resolution for these exceptions. What is the next step?

Council has a continuation meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> of January. Chair Landwehr will volunteer to represent the PC with the discussion of the site plan for the walking district plan. The preliminary plan will be in around the 18<sup>th</sup> of this month. Town Attorney confirms that if any ordinance in zoning is waived it will need to be an ordinance. Attorney suggests work sessions so that these issues are resolved in a timely manner. Mayor sets work session for 22<sup>nd</sup>, Tuesday @7:00 p.m.

Councilman Weir apologizes to those in the audience that are waiting for their applications to be heard. He is not really happy with this. He is not in favor of any fast tracking or favoring just because it involves the Town. No one has seen the preliminary plan yet and we are being asked for variances. These variances have been explored by other property owners. Having this joint meeting really bothers Weir. Council does have the authority; The Town Council's task is to preserve the health and public safety of the public. We have to look at each application based on its own merit. In essence, he feels the Council is giving the PC "their marching order". Feels we are sending mixed messages. Above and beyond the precedent issue, the long-range plan has not been taken into account. His personal position on this deal is clear that he is not in favor of it. He is not in favor of the price. Now we have the lower price, variances, set back issues. He did not think we would come to this, at a high cost. Weir feels we will cost the

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residents. When he ran for this council he ran opposed to this type of decision making. Councilman Weir hands in his resignation and leaves the premises.

Sikorsky agrees that this is a long process so she has been asking these questions, she is not giving a blanket approval on this project. Vazquez comments that all of council feels that way.

Cole is sorry that Weir feels we are trying to do things underhandedly. In some ways this is a special case.

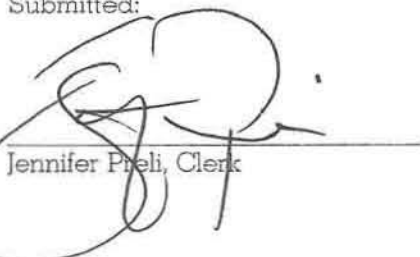
Landwehr for the record as a Planning Commission member doesn't mean she is not going to not have the PC review this plan thoroughly and their recommendation may not be positive.

Cole motions to adjourn the special meeting of January 14, 2008, Vazquez seconds;

Ayes: Sikorsky, Cole, Jarboe, Vazquez

Nays: 0

Submitted:



Jennifer Preli, Clerk

Approved:



Pamela E. Stutz, Mayor