



The Public hearing for planning and zoning along with the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Fort Valley was held Thursday, June 15, 2017, at 6:27 pm at the Court House.

Mayor Barbara B. Williams presided.

Council Members in attendance: Duke Lane, Jr., Alonzo Allen, Jimmy Barnes, & LeMario Brown. City Attorney, Billy Jerles was present. Chief Spurgeon (Public Safety) and Director Ben Carpenter (Public Works) were present. City Administrator Karin D. Vinson & Office Assistant Scakajawea Wright, served as recorders.

Announcement by the Mayor:

- The public hearing advertised on the planning and zoning issues.
- Agenda for tonight was announced and following the Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, and Approval of last month's minutes, they will move into the planning and zoning meeting.
- The time allocated for the hearing is one hour. Those that are in favor of the change and those that are oppose to the planning and zoning pitch will be given 30 minutes each.
- She thanked them for their interest in their community.

Invocation- Pastor Jacqueline Bryant, New Bethel Christian Center

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Councilman Duke Lane to approve minutes of the May 18, 2017 Regular meeting. Councilman Brown 2nd the motion. All in Favor.

Mayor yielded the chair to the City Attorney, Billy Jerles to moderate the hearing.

Planning and Zoning Hearing

Applicant: Howard Harper

Location: 901 Tulip Drive

Moderator- City Attorney, Billy Jerles

- City Attorney Billy Jerles gave instructions and how the hearing would proceed.

- Under Sec 126- The required standards states that Council should consider changes, if any to the zoning of R-1 to C-1.

No one was in favor of rezoning 901 Tulip Dr from residential to commercial.

Opposing:

Belinda Hudson

- She lives at 402 Valley Dr.
- She is opposed of moving from residential to commercial
- 297 signed petitions
- She is the established representative of Fort Valley & new residents

Concerns

- Safety of residents, increase of traffic, and commercialization
- She shared concerns in regards to the children and school.
- There was no plan B for the trampoline business.
- If he decided to sale the business, they didn't know what could be placed there.

Cindy Adams

- She lives at 607 Chamlee Dr.

Concerns

- She brought forward Article 12-126. It is the article for reporting standard listed reasons on why it would affect the residential property under the law

Terry

- She lives at 612 Hardeman Ave.

Concerns

- Report was on people coming into small cities building and abandoning property

Charlie Adams

- He lives at 412 Valley View Dr.

Concerns

- Zoning could impact the city negatively
- Due diligence must be performed before consideration.
- In order for due diligence to take place, he wanted an architect plan and report for the business.

Tony

- He lives at 601 West View Dr.

Concerns

- He has lived there for almost 2 years and don't want to see a change.

- He suggests that something else be done with the property.

Cindy Vesser

- She lives at 600 West View Dr.

Concerns

- The person hasn't made a plan for the property and it isn't up to city code.

The Planning and Zoning hearing moderating session was closed by Attorney Billy Jerles.

Mayor Williams:

- a. The Mayor announced Jane Mathews, Kay Mire, Nancy Faircloth shared an email but couldn't be present.

Mayor stated the Planning and Zoning Committee Board recommended to decline planning and zoning. Mayor and Council made the decision to decline rezoning. The Mayor brought it to a vote all that opposed and those that were in favor of planning and zoning, let it be known by a show of hands. All were in Favor of committee decision to decline.

Public hearing closed at 6:59pm.

City Council Meeting began at 7:00pm

Announcements by the Mayor:

- The Peach Festival was a success. The people enjoyed themselves.
- Peach Festival Committee was applauded for a job well done with the plan of the festival.
- Father's Day reminder
- On June 23-26, 2017- Mayor and Council will be training and networking at the Annual GMA Conference in Savannah, GA.
- Lend a hand to help children do more wholesome things this year.
- FVSU has increased 9.5% in enrollment. Admissions is 30% higher.
- All other schools in GA only increased by 7.4%.
- Blue Bird is producing 375 buses a week.
- They have a full time day and night shift.
- July 13, 2017 @ 7pm- The City of Fort Valley will be hosting its Employee banquet at the Pettigrew building.

Special Recognitions:



- Employee of the Month
 - Public Works- Suzanne Thompson
 - Public Safety- Jonathan Smith
 - He had the highest academic score.

New business:

1. Service Delivery Plan- Resolution and Service Delivery Strategy
 - a. Councilman Allen motioned to accept the resolution.
Councilman Barnes 2nd the motion. All in Favor.
2. Resolution and MOU between Main Street and City of Fort Valley- Department of Human Affairs
 - a. Councilman Brown motioned to accept the resolution.
Councilman Allen 2nd the motion. All in Favor.
 - b. This agreement must be renewed every five years
3. Alcohol License- Harvey Joseph, Shaggy LLC- 106 W. Church St
 - a. Councilman Brown motioned to accept the resolution.
Councilman Allen 2nd the motion. All in Favor.
4. Resolution for the adjustment in Janis Anthony's Salary
 - a. Councilman Lane motioned to accept the resolution.
 - b. Councilman Brown 2nd the motion. All in Favor.
5. Resolution and Agreement for the Intergovernmental Agreement between DDA and City of Fort Valley
 - a. Councilman Barnes motioned to accept the resolution.
Councilman Brown 2nd the motion. All in Favor.
6. Surplus Old Ice House property located off Old Macon Rd.
 - a. Councilman Lane motioned to accept the resolution.
Councilman Allen 2nd the motion. All in Favor.
7. Resolution to accept RDF Application
 - a. Councilman Brown motioned to accept the resolution.
Councilman Lane 2nd the motion. All in Favor.
8. Slum and Blight Resolution (RDF Grant)
 - a. Councilman Allen motioned to accept the resolution.
Councilman Brown 2nd the motion. All in Favor.
9. Speed bump resolution- Lavender St. and Everett Square
 - a. Councilman Barnes motioned to accept the resolution.
Councilman Allen 2nd the motion. All in Favor.
 - b. There is a deaf and blind child on Lavender St and all parks including Everett Square will receive speed bumps.

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Person Wishes to Address Mayor and Council

10. Alcohol License Review (FAZES)

- a. The license was reviewed 6 months ago
- b. A conditional License was approved.

Complaint:

Chief Spurgeon

- a. Alcohol was contributed to Youth.
- b. Teens pulled over for drunk driving with a minor in the back seat.
- c. Mr. Davis was sighted by the State Revenue Board.
- d. He did not meet the conditions for reinstatement.

Councilman Lane motioned to deny renewal of alcohol license.

Councilman Allen 2nd the motion.

Mr. Davis Approached Council:

- a. He stated he had not received a proper notice.
- b. He claimed he had not been notified about the hearing.
- c. He stated that he had not received a copy of the conditions that needed to be met.
- d. He claimed he was only given a copy of the Ordinance.
- e. Security cameras were given. However the footage only held two weeks.
- f. Davis stated he was told there was a car pulled over and three guys were in it and one of the three was lying in the back seat. All stated they were at Fazes. His claim is that now the gender has been changed to a female.

Mayor's Response:

- a. Mayor asked him if he was present at the Council meeting in November. Davis stated he was. Then she read him the Conditions and asked if he was aware of them. He stated he had only heard them verbally. See report.
- b. He had been cited for buying alcohol from a local vender.
- c. The conditions were violated.
- d. She asked everyone to let it be known by shows of hands all that are opposed of giving back the Alcohol license. Four voted to deny renewal of alcohol license. Councilman Barnes was not in favor of denial.

Mr. Davis Response:

- a. Davis said the State Department of Revenue issue is just a citation. He had been alleged of purchasing alcohol from a non-distributor.



Mayor:

- a. Asked, if that was legal?

Councilman Lane:

- a. Asked about the alleged purchase?

Mr. Davis:

- a. It is against regulations and his case is being heard on July 12 in Macon. He said he is alleged of purchasing from a non-distributor.

Councilman Lane:

- a. Asked, "Have you received and certified letters from the City"?

Mr. Davis:

- a. I have not received a single one. He stated the City Marshall knew because one of the letters had been returned to him. He stated, the City Marshall called him and told him he had to attend the Council Meeting, but wouldn't tell him why he had to attend.
- b. Davis said he had his mail forwarded to his new address because he had moved from Warner Robins.

Councilman Allen:

- a. Asked him about his cameras?

Mr. Davis :

- a. Davis said he has cameras surrounding his business. He stated that he also wears a body camera on him every night. He has 3 cameras outside. He stated he has done everything he was told to do to meet the condition requirements.

Councilman Brown:

- a. Asked Chief Spurgeon about incident.

Chief Spurgeon:

- a. Reported two main incidents- One with the juvenile and the other with the State Revenue Board for purchasing alcohol from a non-distributor. Both of the incidents were within his 6 month probationary period.

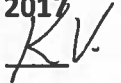
Motion by Councilman Lane to deny renewal of alcohol license.

Councilman Allen 2nd the motion. 4 voted to deny renewal of alcohol license. Councilman Barnes voted not in favor of denial.

Committee Reports:

Economic Development Committee: Councilman Allen reported that the walking trail at the Festival Park is being finished. The Austin Theatre is hosting a Sip, See N Stroll July 7th. The cost will be \$48.

Public Works Committee: Councilman Barnes reported that the cemetery is looking great and the walking Trail at the Festival Park is being finished. Ben has is hiring a temporary Class A driver.



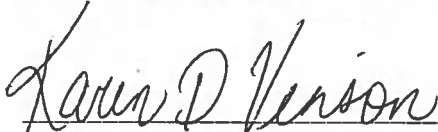
Personnel Committee: Report given by Councilman Lane. Chief Spurgeon and Director Ben Carpenter were commended on an outstanding job with safety and clean up.

Finance Committee: Councilman Brown reported that 76% of expenditure revenues have been collected and the 2016 audit is complete.

Public Safety Committee: Councilman Brown reported one building and 15 medical incidents for the Fire Department. The Police Department has hired four officers. The City Marshal Lieutenant Postell is investigating 12 code violations. See Reports.

Mayor Williams announced the city will be having a Barbecue-n- Blues event. They are looking for a planning committee.

Motion by Councilman Allen to adjourn the meeting. (7:41p.m.)
Councilman Barnes 2nd the motion. All in Favor



Karin D. Vinson
City Administrator