

**MINUTES  
PUBLIC HEARING  
TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2019  
6:00 P.M.**

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{Summary minutes of City Council meeting. Audio tapes of the meeting are on file and are included by reference as part of this meeting. An agenda of this meeting has been either mailed or made available to persons, organizations and local news media as per their request. The agenda gives the date, time and place of the meeting as well as the order of business. This disclosure is in compliance with the South Carolina Code of Laws of 1976, Section 30-4-80 (c).}

A public hearing was held on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. in the City Municipal building with the following present:

**COUNCIL:** Mayor Harold Thompson, Mayor Pro Tem Robert Garner; Councilmembers Tommy Anthony, Vicki Morgan, Ricky Harris; Pamela Sloss and Sonja Craig.

**DEPARTMENTAL STAFF:** Gloria Rogers – Municipal Clerk/Human Resource Director; Joe Nichols – Utility Director; Kenny Thomas – Public Service Director; DeWayne Hardy – Public Service Supervisor and Kathy Teague – Business License Coordinator

**CITY ATTORNEY:** Larry Flynn was not in attendance

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** Hutch Hall, Bobby Jo Gibbs, Mary Norman, Lynn Eaves and Oscar Gist

**NEWS MEDIA:** Graham Williams – Union County News

**OTHERS:** Robby Moody; Annie Smith; Elizabeth Oliver and Ben Powles

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Thompson called the meeting to order.

**2. BUSINESS**

**HEARING TO SOLICIT COMMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH REZONING OF PROPERTIES FROM A-4 AND/OR R-10 TO A-1 AROUND THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA – UNION CAMPUS AREA**

Robby Moody, Senior Planner of Catawba Regional Council addressed council regarding the above subject. Mr. Moody states that proper notice was given for the public hearing. Also he states that Annie Smith from the University is in attendance for council or anyone who has questions which is part of the public hearing. He states that he would be glad to answer any questions as well. There were no questions from council; however, Councilmember Morgan states that anything the City of Union can do for the USC-Union, they should.

Mayor Thompson asked if there was anyone from the general public who would like to comment.

Libby Oliver asked if this would change the university's property because it is contiguous with property around the property.

Mr. Moody states that the university is made up of multiple parcels and this effects about eleven parcels that make up the university; the administration building, five parcels that makes up Pecan Grove that runs north of Truluck; the main building and the parking lot behind it which is four parcels and then the old post office which was also the old Family Dollar right across the street.

Next Ms. Oliver asked if this would have any effect on property attached to those properties that surround it.

Mr. Moody states that all the parcels in that area that the university owns is already zoned A-1 and it does not affect any parcels; only parcels that are owned by the university or the commission.

Bens Powles asked if the re-zoning would benefit the university. Mr. Moody states that in particular, the R-10 parcels even though the university is there and has an established presence. If there are activities on the parcels, it would be considered a non-confirming use under the zoning ordinance and it would require additional approvals because of the rezoning. This is a one-time approval and any other development activity or plans the university has in terms of zoning would be approved because the A-1 zoning district specifically allows colleges and universities.

Mayor Thompson asked if there was anyone else from the general public who wish to speak.

No one else spoke.

Mayor Thompson states that the public hearing is adjourned and the Planning Commission will reconvene during the regular council meeting to bring back their recommendation.

3. **Adjournment**

Public hearing adjourned at 6:05 P.M.

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Gloria J. Rogers, Municipal Clerk

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