

**MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2017
6:00 P.M.**

{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 (e).}

A public hearing was held on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 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 Todd Harris, and Sonja Craig. Councilmember Pamela Sloss was absent.

DEPARTMENTAL STAFF: Gloria Rogers – Municipal Clerk, Walker Gallman – Finance Director; Joe Nichols – Utility Director; Adam Harris – Assistant Utility Director and Laura Hembree – Accounting Supervisor.

CITY ATTORNEY: Larry Flynn

PLANNING COMMISSION: Lynn Eaves – Chairman; Oscar Gist, Sr. – Vice Chairman, Bobby Joe Gibbs and Hutch Hall. Mary Norman was absent.

NEWS MEDIA: Graham Williams – Union County News

OTHERS: Robby Moody, Wayne McBride, Kathy Teague and Elise Ashby.

1. Call To Order

Mayor Pro Tem Garner called the meeting to order.

2. Business

- A. Hearing To Solicit Public Comments In Connection With Amendment of Zoning Ordinance Sections 109.12 and 109.13 to Allow Multi-Family Residential As a Special Expection in the A-1 Central Business Zoning District.

Mayor Thompson asked Robby Moody to comment on the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Sections 109.12 and 109.13.

Mr. Moody states that this hearing is being held to solicit public comments in connection with a request to amend Zoning Ordinance Sections 109.12 and 109.13 to allow multi-family residential as special exception in the A-1 zoning district. He states that apartments are not permitted uses in the A-1 central business district. The downtown residential uses will help to support revitalization efforts on Main Street in the Central Business District and recent improvements to the University of South Carolina's Union campus. The zoning ordinance will be clarified to specifically include multi-family residential as a land use permitted by a special exception. The Zoning Board will also need to give approval on a case by case basis on other requests such as this request. The Planning Commission will meet after hearing and come back with a recommendation at tonight's regular council meeting.

Mayor Thompson asked if there were any questions from council.

Councilmember Morgan states that she feels this needs to be done for our campus.

Mayor Thompson asked if there were anyone from the general public who would like to comment or have any questions.

No one commented.

3. Adjournment

Public hearing adjourned at 6:05 P.M.

Gloria J. Rogers, Municipal Clerk

Minutes approved _____ 2017