

**MINUTES  
PUBLIC HEARING  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2008  
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 (e).}

A public hearing was held on Tuesday, November 18, 2008 at 6:00 P.M. in the City Municipal building with the following present:

**COUNCIL:** Mayor Harold Thompson; Councilmembers Tommie Hill, Ricky Harris, Keith Henderson and Orangelow Ruff.

**DEPARTMENTAL STAFF:** Gloria Rogers, Municipal Clerk/Personnel Director; Walker Gallman – Finance Director, Perry Harmon – Public Service Director; Sam White – Public Safety Director; Joe Nichols – Utility Director and Mike Petrie – Maintenance Shop Director.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** Charles Barber, Bobby Joe Gibbs, Oscar Gist, Sr. and Mary Norman.

**NEWS MEDIA:** Steve Ramsey - WBCU

**OTHERS:** Robert Small, Nixon Small, Hope Small, Harold Farr, Sr., Elizabeth Farr, David Fant, Mary H. Johnson, Reginald McBeth, Torance Inman, Jacqueline R. Johnson and others.

**1. Call To Order**

Mayor Thompson called the meeting to order.

**2. Business**

**A. HEARING CONCERNING REZONING OF 121 RAVENSCROFT STREET FROM A-4 OFFICE, RESIDENTIAL & INSTITUTIONAL TO R-6 RESIDENTIAL**

Mayor Thompson asked if there was anyone who would like to speak in favor of or in opposition of the rezoning.

Harold Farr, Sr., 134 Forest Circle, spoke in favor of the rezoning. Mr. Farr states that there is a need for a daycare facility in the area because of easy access for parents who do not have transportation.

Mary Harris Johnson, 103 Barron Street, spoke in favor of the rezoning. Ms. Johnson states that she is requesting that the property be rezoned. She is the owner of the property and will also operate the daycare facility. Ms. Johnson states that she has been a licensed to run a daycare for 22 years and operate a daycare facility on South Church Street. Ms. Johnson also states that the back yard of the property has a fence around it and a funeral home business is next door and the owner does not foresee any problem with the location being rezoned for a daycare facility.

Jacqueline R. Johnson, 136 Sims Drive, spoke in favor of the rezoning. She also spoke on behalf of Ms. Mary H. Johnson stating that she has known Ms. Mary Johnson for years and she feels that her daycare would be a big asset to the community and she should be allowed to operate a daycare facility at 121

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Ravenscroft Street. Ms. Jacqueline Johnson also states that Ms. Mary Johnson Harris has performed a good job over the past years as a daycare operator.

The Planning Commission will review the rezoning request and submit their recommendation at tonight's regular meeting.

**3. Adjournment**

Public hearing adjourned at 6:06 P.M.

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Gloria J. Rogers, Municipal Clerk

Minutes approved \_\_\_\_\_ 2008