

**MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2008
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, October 21, 2008 at 6:00 P.M. in the City Municipal building with the following present:

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

DEPARTMENTAL STAFF: Gloria Rogers, Municipal Clerk/Personnel Director; Walker Gallman – Finance Director and Joe Nichols – Utility Director.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Charles Barber, Lynn Eaves, Bobby J. Gibbs, Oscar Gist and Mary Norman.

NEWS MEDIA: Charles Warner – Union Times

OTHERS: Debbie Eaves, Jim Cunningham, Debbie Woodard, L.D. Owens, Clint Smith, Ronald Mummery, Jr., Charlie Vaughan, Shirley Vaughan, Mary Ellen Williams, Harold Beason, Annie Belle Beason, Polly McGee, Michelle Young, Deb Belk, Kathryn Jolly, Thomas Shick, Donna Cody, Don Cody, William Smith Jo Carol Smith, Alien Smith, Debbie Robertson, Cindy Hulon, Bobby Helms, Hope Small, Robert Small, Benjamin Burnett, Kakie White, Dot Nichols, Sunny White, Ned Farr and Torance Inman.

1. Call To Order

Mayor Thompson called the meeting to order.

2. Business

A. HEARING CONCERNING REZONING OF 105 SPRUCE STREET FROM R-10 RESIDENTIAL TO A-2 HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL

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

Debbie Eaves, 401 Springdale Drive, spoke in opposition of the rezoning.

Tom Shick, 221 Hillcrest Drive, spoke in opposition of the rezoning. He feels that the interest of the rezoning is for self-serving reasons.

Mary E. Williams, 217 Hillcrest Drive spoke in opposition of the rezoning. She states that the lots there were never intended to be for business purpose.

Debra Belk, 215 Hillcrest Drive spoke in opposition of the rezoning.

William Smith, 110 Gregory Street, owner of a house next door to Henderson Plumbing, spoke in opposition of the rezoning. He states the parking of the equipment is an eyesore.

Jim Cunningham spoke in opposition of the rezoning.

Don Cody, 112 Hillcrest Drive, spoke in opposition of the rezoning.

Donna Cody, 112 Hillcrest Drive, spoke in opposition of the rezoning and presented a petition signed by resident in the area who are against the rezoning of the property at 105 Spruce Street to the Planning Commission and also pictures of mud on the road from the heavy equipment.

Annie Bell Beason, 107 Spruce Street spoke in favor of the rezoning. She states that she does not have a problem with Henderson Plumbing. She would like to see the rezoning take place and the lot there looks a better than it use to.

Polly McGee, 120 Hillcrest Drive spoke in opposition of the rezoning.

Charlie Vaughan, 212 Hillcrest Drive spoke in opposition of the rezoning. He states that he has contacted the tax assessor office and the tax assessor states that the property would depreciate if rezoned.

Shirley Vaughan, 212 Hillcrest Drive spoke in opposition of the rezoning.

Debra Robertson, 200 Spruce Street spoke in opposition of the rezoning. She states that a neighborhood is not a place for heavy equipment.

Kakie White, 201 Wimbledon Road, was reared in the neighborhood and spoke in opposition of the rezoning.

Keith Henderson, owner of the property at 105 Spruce Street, spoke in favor of the rezoning. He states that he is very much concerned about the safety of people and children in the neighborhood. His states that the building was already established on the property. Mr. Henderson read a letter requesting rezoning of his property. He states that no one has contacted him opposing the rezoning by phone or by letter. He states that he has employees that depend on the business for income and if the property is not rezoned, he maybe forced to relocate his business somewhere other than the City of Union or even close his business. Also Mr. Henderson states that he went through the proper channels for the rezoning.

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

3. Adjournment

MOTION by Councilmember Bailey to adjourn meeting.

SECOND by Councilmember Ruff.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Public hearing adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

Gloria J. Rogers, Municipal Clerk

Minutes approved _____ 2008