



CITY OF LUMBERTON

CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES • JUNE 25, 2020

Special Meeting

Third Floor Conference Room

3:00 PM

500 N Cedar St, Third Floor, Lumberton, NC 28358

I. CALL TO ORDER

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Bruce W. Davis	Mayor	Present	
Leroy Rising	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
Melissa Robinson	Precinct 2	Present	
John R. Carroll	Precinct 3	Present	
Karen Higley	Precinct 4	Present	
John Cantey	Precinct 5	Present	
Chris Howard	Precinct 6	Present	
Eric Chavis	Precinct 7	Present	
Owen Thomas	Precinct 8	Present	
Wayne Horne	City Manager	Present	
Brandon Love	Deputy City Manager	Present	
Holt Moore	City Attorney	Present	
Laney Mitchell-McIntosh	City Clerk	Present	

B. Invocation: City Attorney Moore –

II. PUBLIC HEARING:

- A. Lumberton Housing Authority has submitted a Rezoning petition for property located at 2440 E. 5th Street – ArTriel Kirchner, Interim Planning Director
At the March 4, 2020 City Council meeting, Council voted to continue the hearing for this petition until the next scheduled meeting. Due to Statutes relating to the COVID-19 pandemic the next scheduled public hearing was postponed until today, June 24, 2020.

Lumberton Housing Authority has submitted a Rezoning petition for property located at 2440 E. 5th Street (parcel #1014-03-026 & 1014-03-03301/Deed Book 1001 Page 296 & Deed Book 970 Page 269). This request is to rezone the property from B-7, Business general commercial/mobile home sales to R-3, multifamily for the construction of a multifamily development.

This property is located within Area 5 our Land Use Plan and its recommended future use is Industrial. Furthermore, this property is located within Council Precinct #4.

If this rezoning is granted the applicant must obtain a Land Use Permit from the City of Lumberton's Planning Department.

On February 18, 2020 the Planning Board held the public hearing and recommends City Council approve the request.

On February 19, 2020 the Planning Department sent out letters to the adjacent property owners within 150 feet of the petitioned property, notifying them of the rezoning request.

On February 18, 2020 a request was sent to Public Works Department to have a sign placed on the property, notifying the adjacent property owners of the rezoning request, on or before February 21, 2020.

On February 18, 2020 a request was sent to the Robesonian to have the legal ad for this request ran on February 21, 2020 and February 28, 2020
Recommends that City Council hold tonight's public hearing and make a decision regarding the rezoning request.

Councilman Cantey stated that there has been a lot of conversations and I respect Councilwoman Higley wishes but I would like to remind every person here that we are City Council representatives and we do what is best for all citizens. Try to keep in mind that since Hurricane Matthew and Florence floods, we have Myers Park and Hilton Height communities that are without homes. I know that you are thinking that people outside of this City of County will be able to move into these units; however, HUD will not say that it will be just for our City but we know that our people will be placed here.

We are all about diversity and we are to stand up and do what is right.

After a brief discussion ensued, a substitute motion was made to approve the rezoning petition but failed with the Mayor casting the tie breaker.

AYES

Councilwoman Robinson
Councilman Cantey
Councilman Howard
Councilman Chavis

NAYES

Councilman Rising
Councilman Carroll
Councilwoman Higley
Councilman Thomas
Mayor Davis

The original motion was voted on which is to deny the rezoning petition.

RESULT:	DEFEATED [5 TO 4]
MOVER:	Karen Higley, Precinct 4
SECONDER:	Owen Thomas, Precinct 8
AYES:	Davis, Rising, Carroll, Higley, Thomas
NAYS:	Robinson, Cantey, Howard, Chavis

III. ADJOURNMENT