

Minutes
Richmond County Board of Commissioners
1401 Fayetteville Road, Conference Room, Rockingham, NC
VIRTUAL MEETING
Thursday, February 4, 2021 10:00AM

The Richmond County Board of Commissioners met for a Virtual Meeting on Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. with the following present in room: Chairman Jeff Smart, Vice-Chairman Justin Dawkins; Commissioners Don M. Bryant, Remotely: Commissioner Tavares Bostic, Commissioner Rick Watkins, Commissioner Andy Grooms and Commissioner Toni Maples. County Attorney Bill Webb was remote.

ITEM NO. 1 Approval of Agenda - Decision

By a motion of Vice Chairman Justin Dawkins and seconded by Commissioner Don Bryant. Commissioner Andy Grooms voted yes, Commissioner Toni Maples voted yes, Chairman Jeff Smart voted yes, Commissioner Rick Watkins voted yes, and by unanimous vote. Motion carried

ITEM NO. 2 Request for Board Consideration of Approval for Text and/or Map Amendment(s) to the Richmond County Zoning Ordinance-RZM2020-4 -Tracy Parris, Planning Director - Decision

Staff read email from Ramona Galbreath which was received during the 24 hour additional comment period.

Staff communicated rules of rezoning and staff read recommended approval about consistence, reasonableness, and public interest of the rezoning.

The governing board adopted a statement of reasonable and plan consistency in conjunction with the motion to approve.

I move to approve the proposed rezoning to the rural residential district. I find it to be consistent with the purposed and intent of the land use plans and policies that have been adopted or any other officially adopted plan that is applicable, because it creates an environment which allow for a wide range of appropriate housing opportunities, encouraging cluster development patterns, which are consistent with the existing neighborhood. I also find approval of the rezoning request is reasonable and in the public interest because the rezoning would benefit the community by providing diverse housing options. Land is located close to major arterial transportation corridors or proposed corridors. And, parcels are more conducive to the high-density housing existing in the community. A significant number of parcels included in the request are more in line with the Rural Residential district.

By a motion of Commissioner Don Bryant and seconded by Vice Chairman Justin Dawkins. Commissioner Andy Grooms voted yes, Commissioner Toni Maples voted yes, Chairman Jeff Smart voted yes, Commissioner Rick Watkins voted yes, Commissioner Tavares Bostic and by unanimous vote. Motion carried

ITEM NO. 3 Adjournment - Decision

By a motion of Vice Chairman Justin Dawkins and seconded by Commissioner Don Bryant. Commissioner Andy Grooms voted yes, Commissioner Toni Maples voted yes, Chairman Jeff Smart voted yes, Commissioner Rick Watkins voted yes, and by unanimous vote. Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 10:12AM

Respectfully Submitted by the Clerk

Dena R. Cook, NCCCC

Clerk to the Board

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