

**Planning Commission  
MINUTES – Regular Meeting**

**February 26, 2020  
City of Hagerstown, Maryland**

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Douglas S. Wright, Jr., chair, opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m., on Wednesday, February 26, 2020, in the Conference Room, Fourth Floor, City Hall. Also present were commission members C. Davis, C. Ploscaru, R. Thomas, and J. Wheeler. The following staff members were present: K. Maher, Director of Planning and Code Administration; M. Flick, Planner; and D. Calhoun, Secretary.

**REGULAR MEETING**

**Roll Call.**

Commission members S. McIntire, and J. Stone were absent.

**Approval of Minutes:**

February 12, 2020.

**MOTION:** (Wheeler/Davis) I move approval of the minutes.

**DISCUSSION:** None.

**ACTION:** APPROVED (Unanimous)

**Development Review:**

None.

**Planning Commission Business:**

**Comprehensive Rezoning Public Hearing Input – Recommendation on Changes Requested by the Public.**

Staff summarized the public testimony received at the Mayor and Council’s public hearing on February 25.

- There was opposition to the proposed rezoning on the north side of Hebb Road.
- Mike Fitzgerald testified that he was in favor of the rezoning package in general.

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- Concerning property on the east side of Eastern Boulevard (across from Hillside Manor), someone believed this property should be zoned RMED since it is designated as Medium-Density Residential on the Future Land Use Map in the Comprehensive Plan. They will be submitting a letter in opposition to the request. Staff and commission members noted that water and sewer services are not close to this property, there are floodplain issues, and the property has a pronounced slope.
- A request is anticipated for rezoning property on Security Road from RMOD to RMED. This property also has floodplain, however, the area is developed with townhouses on either side.
- Gerald Cump had a concern about parking in N-MU, however, his concern was addressed following the hearing.

Staff believed that the Mayor and Council should receive input from the Planning Commission on the new rezoning requests. Another public hearing may be necessary so the adjacent property owners can be notified about possible changes to the zoning in their neighborhoods. Mr. Wright suggested that the people who are requesting the new zoning classifications meet with the Planning Commission so commission members can make an informed recommendation to the Mayor and Council. The next time this will be discussed with the Mayor and Council will be March 17. Commission members agreed that they should meet with the owners of the properties where requests are pending. The discussion will be limited to whether their requests should be included in the Comprehensive Rezoning. Staff will invite the two parties to the March 11 Planning Commission meeting. Ms. Flick will forward any additional input received to commission members for their consideration.

Ms. Flick noted that in CortPark, the forest conservation parcel will be going to CL. All three parcels are either locked up in easements or are located in the 100-year floodplain and cannot be developed. This is for “map beautification” and the proposed change was pointed out to the Mayor and Council at the hearing on February 25.

Staff reported that the 2019 Land Management Code package of amendments was introduced at the February 25 Mayor and Council meeting.

**Adjourn.** It was moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn (7:18 p.m.)

3/11/2020

Approved



Debra C. Calhoun – Secretary