

BLYTHEWOOD TOWN COUNCIL/PLANNING COMMISSION
JOINT MEETING
SPECIAL CALL MEETING

THE MANOR
100 ALVINA HAGOOD CIRCLE
BLYTHEWOOD, SC 29016
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 09, 2022
1:30PM

MINUTES

Members Present

Mayor Franklin
Councilman Baughman
Councilman Brock
Councilman Griffin
Councilman McKenrick

Staff Present

Carroll Williamson, Town Administrator
Sharon Durst, Clerk

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. ROLL CALL OF TOWN COUNCIL

Mayor Franklin called the meeting to order at 1:36 pm. Three Council members were present, constituting a quorum.

B. NOTIFICATION AND POSTING OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Town Clerk, Sharon Durst confirmed notification and posting of the meeting agenda.

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Councilman Baughman made a Motion to approve the agenda. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Brock. All in favor; 4-0

D. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman McKenrick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

E. INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Councilman McKenrick.

II. OPEN CITIZENS COMMENTS

No one signed in to speak.

Councilman Brock asked Mr. Williamson if he could provide clarity on the Dominion Energy project approved by Richland County.

Mr. Williamson stated that Richland County approves all storm water land disturbance construction in the Town. This was a land disturbance project. The developer went to Richland County for review and approval of the project. He stated that Richland County was under the assumption that Dominion Energy would notify the Town, however that did not happen. Mr. Williamson also stated that usually on most projects the Town and Richland County work together but there was miscommunication on a type

of project that's just not seen very often with a utility project that is not in the right of way, yet on private property.

Mr. Williamson also said that he visited the site unaware of what was going on and was presented with the approved plan. He said he understood that it is a land disturbance project, but the use is also being changed on an undeveloped space or property that does not have a use established.

Mr. Williamson stated that he spoke with Dominion and discussed with them changing the use of the land and the ordinance states it is a temporary non-conforming use and that the Town Administrator can authorize temporary non-conforming use for up to twelve (12) months as long as it meets some benefit of non-conforming use. He stated that he wrote a temporary permit with an expiration date of March 31, 2023 the site would be cleaned up and back to the normal state.

Councilman Brock asked Mr. Williamson if there is anything that can be done moving forward to prevent an issue as such from happening again.

Mr. Williamson stated that he has asked Richland County to grant him access to their internal system and they have refused to do so because that would be helpful to review what projects are being done in and outside of the Town.

Mayor Franklin asked Mr. Williamson if he could shed some light on the project on the south end of Westwood High School.

Mr. Williamson stated that he has seen a self-storage sign posted and that's all he knows.

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Per SC Section 30-4-70

- A. Discussion of proposed purchase of property
- B. Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual agreements- Town Attorney
- C. Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual agreements- Town Administrator
- D. Receipt of legal advice subject to attorney-client privilege regarding claims and potential Claims by and against the Town.

Councilman Baughman made a motion to go into executive session following a 10 minute recess. Councilman Brock seconded the motion. All in favor: 4-0. Town Council went into executive session at 1:44 p.m.

IV. RECONVENE

Mayor Franklin reconvened to open session at 2:53 p.m.

V. ITEMS REQUIRING A VOTE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Griffin made a motion to authorize the Mayor, Councilman McKenrick, along with the Town Administrator, to enter into contract negotiations for the purchase of real property as discussed in executive session. I further move that the negotiating party report back to Council by the next regularly scheduled meeting the results of these negotiations so that Council can take any necessary action. Councilman Baughman seconded the motion. All in favor: 5-0.

Councilman Brock made a Motion to authorize the Town of Blythewood to enter into Attorney-Client fee agreement as presented by Attorney Peter Balthazor of Riley, Pope , Laney as presented today and execute that contract as soon as possible.. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Baughman. All in favor; 5-0

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Brock made a Motion to adjourn at 2:55 pm. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Baughman. All in favor; 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Durst

Sharon Durst, Town Clerk