

MINUTES
CALLED MEETING
JUNE 18, 2018

A called meeting of the Council for the City of Covington was held on Tuesday, June 18, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 333 W. Locust Street, Covington, Virginia.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Thomas H. Sibold, Jr. with the following members present: Mayor Sibold, Vice Mayor David S. Crosier, Councilman Raymond C. Hunter and Councilman S. Allan Tucker. Councilwoman Mary Ann Beirne was absent.

The purpose of the meeting was to hold a joint Public Hearing with the Covington Planning Commission regarding the rezoning request of D.D Kerns Construction Company to rezone Lots 14-A-17; 14-A-18; 14-A-19 and 14-A-29 located at S. Maple Avenue and S. Lexington Avenue from R-3 to M-1.

Planning Commission Chairman Tad Robertson called the meeting to order with all members present as follows: Chairman Robertson, Carolyn O'Conner, Jerry Morgan, Brandon Parker, Wes Walker, Patrick Scruggs and Wayne Lamb.

Chairman Robertson stated the purpose of the meeting and instructions for speaking during the public hearing.

Eric Tyree, Director of Developmental Services, presented background information regarding this area and the current use as well as possible use of the property. He recommended support of the M-1 rezoning with the owner providing a barrier of some kind. (Fencing, rock wall, etc.)

The Public Hearing was opened.

Amber Kerns, representing D. D. Kerns Construction Company, spoke in favor of this rezoning to M-1. She stated that they are not asking for any new uses, but to maintain what is in place and has been used for a long time. Parking for employees is part of the usage. She understands that a blind/barrier of some kind is required by the Code.

Sue Crowder, a resident of 42 years, expressed her opposition to this rezoning. She noted the Church in the area and the view of the equipment on that lot. She stated that the residents had been promised that the equipment would be kept in the building. She concluded her remarks noting that she sees a need for business in the area, but not in a residential area.

Jeanette Tate, a resident of 15 years, spoke in opposition to this rezoning. She stated that she has no problem with D. D. Kerns business, but she does have a problem with the equipment parked in the area. Ms. Tate stated that this is visually unpleasant. She expressed concerns regarding the traffic situation when the equipment is being moved.

Jack Hepler spoke in opposition to the rezoning stating that this is an "eyesore" with the tall cranes and equipment. He has concerns with this in a residential area.

With no more comments heard from the citizens present, the Public Hearing was closed.

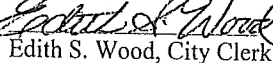
At this time, members of the Planning Commission asked Ms. Kerns questions regarding lighting, hours of operation and use of parking lot. Ms. Kerns also responded that they try to be a good neighbor to the Church allowing the use of their lot for parking during services.

Following questions and discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Scruggs to table this action. Motion died for lack of a second.

A motion was made by Mr. Lamb, seconded by Mr. Morgan, to recommend the M-1 rezoning to City Council. Motion carried 6 to 1. Mr. Scruggs against.

No further business to come before Council, the called meeting of Council was adjourned.

ATTEST:


Edith S. Wood, City Clerk


THOMAS H. SIBOLD, JR., MAYOR