

REGULAR MEETING OF STAUNTON CITY COUNCIL
Thursday, November 10, 2016
7:30 p.m.
Council Chambers

PRESENT: **Carolyn W. Dull, Mayor**
 Ophie A. Kier, Vice Mayor
 Erik D. Curren
 James J. Harrington
 R. Terry Holmes
 Andrea W. Oakes
 Walter J. Obenschain

ALSO PRESENT: **Stephen F. Owen, City Manager**
 Steven L. Rosenberg, Deputy City Manager
 Douglas L. Guynn, City Attorney
 Linda L. Little, Clerk of Council

Mayor Dull called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor read the following proclamation and presented it to Julie Markowitz, Executive Director of Staunton Downtown Development Association:

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

WHEREAS, the City of Staunton, Virginia, celebrates our local small businesses and the contribution they make to our local economy and community; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Staunton area support their local businesses and recognize that such local businesses create jobs, boost our local economy and preserve our neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the City of Staunton, Virginia, supports local businesses by, among other initiatives and activities, having a downtown service district and partnering with the Staunton Downtown Development Association; and

WHEREAS, the City of Staunton, Virginia joins with other localities in Virginia and across the nation in recognizing the importance of local businesses;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that I, Carolyn W. Dull, Mayor of Staunton, on behalf of the Council of the City of Staunton, Virginia, do hereby designate Saturday, November 26, 2016, as Small Business Saturday, and urge the residents of our Staunton community, our regional community, and communities across the country, to support small business and merchants on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year.

Dated this 10th day of November, 2016.

s/Carolyn W. Dull

Carolyn W. Dull, Mayor

ATTEST: s/Linda L. Little

Linda L. Little, CMC
Clerk of Council

Ms. Markowitz thanked City Council for their continued support and taking the time to acknowledge small businesses and their contribution to the community.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

No additional items by members of Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Oakes moved to approve the work session and regular meeting minutes of October 27, 2016.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Harrington and carried unanimously as follows:

Mayor Dull	aye	Mr. Holmes	aye
Dr. Harrington	aye	Ms. Oakes	aye
Dr. Curren	aye	Vice Mayor Kier	aye
Mr. Obenschain	aye		

REGULAR MEETING

A. Public Hearing and Consideration of a Request by Karen Hudson to Rezone 8 S. St. Clair Street from B-1, Local Business District, to R-4, High Density Residential District

Mr. Steve Owen, City Manager, called on Mr. Tim Hartless, City Planner, to present this item.

Mr. Hartless stated that Karen Hudson is requesting to rezone 8 South St. Clair Street from B-1, Local Business District, to R-4, High Density Residential District. The property is located on the west side of South St. Clair Street in the block between W. Johnson Street and W. Beverley Street. The surrounding properties are residential in character and use, with small lot size and placement of buildings typical of other residences built during the same time (i.e., located close to the front of the parcel). During its review, staff did not identify any issues with this request.

The purpose of the rezoning is to adjust the zoning classification of the property to reflect its existing use, so that the property is no longer non-conforming. The "Generalized Land Use and Development Guide", *Staunton, Virginia Comprehensive Plan 2010 – 2030*, designates this property as Neighborhood Residential, with no specific density shown. Because of the small size of the lot proposed to be rezoned and the residential character of the majority of adjacent parcels, the lot is better suited to a residential classification to encourage its continued residential use.

At the Planning Commission public hearing, on October 19, 2016, no one spoke in opposition to the request. The Planning Commission, based on the proposed rezoning's compliance with the *Comprehensive Plan* and consistency with good zoning practice, unanimously recommended approval of the proposed rezoning.

The Public Hearing was opened.

Ms. Karen Hudson, 86 Nature Trail Lane, Staunton, was present as the applicant.

There being no one else wishing to speak, the Public Hearing was closed.

Dr. Curren moved that Council approve the rezoning and adopt the ordinance as submitted.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Holmes and carried unanimously as follows:

Dr. Harrington	aye	Ms. Oakes	aye
Dr. Curren	aye	Vice Mayor Kier	aye
Mr. Obenschain	aye	Mayor Dull	aye
Mr. Holmes	aye		

Ordinance No. 2016-26

AN ORDINANCE REZONING FROM B-1 LOCAL BUSINESS TO R-4 HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED AT 8 SOUTH ST. CLAIR STREET, STAUNTON, VIRGINIA SHOWN AS PORTION LOT 5 BLOCK Y (PID 5256)

WHEREAS, it appears by deed dated October 22, 1996, recorded in Deed Book 379 Page 22, in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the City of Staunton, Virginia, and shown on a plat dated October 21, 1996, prepared by L.W. Knighting, L.S., Staunton, Virginia, entitled Physical Survey House No. 8 S. St. Clair Street, Staunton, VA. Karen P. Hudson acquired such property from Dorothy L. McCray; and

WHEREAS, Karen P. Hudson has applied to the City of Staunton for a zoning classification change for such property from B-1 Local Business to R-4 High Density Residential; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Staunton has properly heard the matter and recommended the proposed zoning; and

WHEREAS, this matter has been properly advertised, heard and considered.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Staunton, Virginia, that the above described real estate known as 8 S. Saint Clair St (Parcel 5256), Staunton, Virginia, is **HEREBY REZONED** from B-1 Local Business to R-4 High Density Residential, as provided in the Staunton City Code.

Introduced: November 10, 2016
Adopted: November 10, 2016

Effective Date: November 10, 2016

s/Carolyn W. Dull

Carolyn W. Dull, Mayor

ATTEST: s/Linda L. Little

Linda L. Little, CMC
Clerk of Council

B. Annual Report of Library

Mr. Steve Owen, City Manager, called on Ms. Ruth Arnold, Library Director, to present Council with the library annual report.

Some of the highlights Ms. Arnold mentioned were:

- Completed RFID project
- Sunday hours restored September-May
- Filled Youth Services Librarian position (vacant since 2009)
- Launched Hoopla, a streaming media service for Library patrons
- Virginia Public Library Directors Association Awards
 - **Outstanding Children's Program for Jumpin' Jamboree**
 - **Outstanding Library Staff Member to Steve Tabscott, Library Assistant I, for his service and dedication for over 25 years**

Statistical Summary: **July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016**

- Library Circulation: **388,678**
- Talking Book Center Circulation: **16,768**
- Downloaded Items: **13,054**
- Visitors: **200,018**
- New Patrons Registered: **1,615**
- Internet and Wireless Sessions: **20,118**
- Volunteer Hours: **5,478**
- Meeting Room Use (groups): **505**
- Genealogy Room Use: **725**
- Children's Program Attendance: **13,195**
- Summer Reading Game participants: **856**
- Items Added to Collection: **9,101**

Matters from the City Manager

Mr. Owen had nothing to report.

Matters from the Public

Mr. Bill Seibert, 5 Trace Drive, Staunton, urged City Council to hold a referendum on the high school matter.

Those present speaking in favor of renovation of the existing high school were:

Ms. Betty Bernhardt, 314 Woodmont Drive, Staunton
Ms. Susan Reed, College Circle, Staunton
Mr. Matt Fitzgerald, 261 Thornrose Avenue, Staunton
Ms. Fritz Fairfield, 111 Thornrose Avenue, Staunton
Mr. Dickie Bell, 2620 Eston Drive, Staunton
Mr. Hugh Sproul, 951 East Beverley Street, Staunton
Mr. Baldwin Jennings, 332 Sharon Lane, Staunton
Mr. Charlie Hildebrand, 11 Woodland Drive, Staunton
Mr. Sarah Crenshaw, 500 Grubert Avenue, Staunton
Mr. Francisco B. Newman, Jr., 1318 Ashby Street, Staunton
Ms. Barbara Lee, 959 Donaghe Street, Staunton
Mr. John Hartless, 826 Lammermoor Drive, Staunton

Those present speaking in favor of a newly constructed high school were:

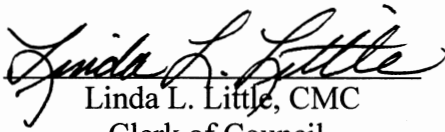
Ms. Amy Wratchford, 223 Meadowbrook Rd., Staunton
Ms. Christine Poulson, 315 Sherwood Avenue, Staunton
Mr. Stephen Poulson, 315 Sherwood Avenue, Staunton
Ms. Christine Hawley, 322 N. Waverley Street, Staunton
Mr. Ron Ramsey, 422 Windemere Drive, Staunton
Mr. Nat Lawrence, 726 Opie Street, Staunton
Mr. Ron Lowman, 1618 N. Augusta Street, Staunton
Ms. Amanda Campbell, 1013 East Beverley Street, Staunton

Mr. Kenneth Venable, 306 Ann Street, Staunton, encouraged the City to look to outside entities for help with funding.

Mr. Kier stated that Council is charged with establishing the dollar amount for the School Board and nothing else. He noted that he is still undecided on which amount would be best.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.


Linda L. Little, CMC
Clerk of Council

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