



**Public Hearing
Via Teleconference
231 East Hayne Street
Tuesday, April 28th, 2020 5:25 PM**

(These minutes are subject to approval at the regular May 2020 meeting)

City Council met on this date with Council members Sloan, Kelley, Durham, Norman, Arnold and Dickard and the Mayor present. City Manager Lee Bailey and City Clerk Bekki Phillips were also present. Notice of the meeting was sent to the media prior to the meeting and posted on the bulletin board at City Hall in advance of the meeting according to the Freedom of Information Act.

- I. **Call to Order-** The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gist at 5:28 p.m.
- II. **Public Comment on changes to the Zoning Ordinance to S.J. Workman & McEdco Rd from R-1 to R-3 Parcel #'s 4-33-00-012.00, 4-33-00-012.00, 4-33-00-012.01, 4-33-00-017.00, 4-33-00-011.00 and 4-33-00-016.01**
 - A. Mr. Mike Elliott was first to speak. Mr. Elliott stated that he has lived at 206 McEdco Rd for over 30 years. Mr. Elliott's concerns are as listed: traffic congestion, influx of people, safety concerns due to traffic, privacy being taken away, value of homes decreasing, expense for the City due to the needed infrastructure, and the homes becoming subsidized housing if not sold.
 - B. Mr. Johnny Osborne was next to speak. Mr. Osborne stated that he had lived at his residence on McEdco Street for almost 50 years. Mr. Osborne stated that the apartments would become a motel. This "motel" would be right in the middle of all of the schools, have people stacked on top of each other, take away privacy from surrounding residents, and be filled with prostitutes and drugs. He expects drive by shootings to become a problem as well. Mr. Osborne stated that the City will get nothing from this but that the tax payers will be paying the rent for all the people to live there. His number 1 concern is that the students and teachers will not be able to learn.
 - C. Mr. William Scott was next to speak. Mr. Scott stated that he has lived at his residence on McEdco Rd for over 55+ years. Mr. Scott stated that he strongly opposes the project. His concerns are as follows: the high density of residents within the property, traffic and congestion, safety for kids to walk the area from school to school, an estimated decrease in his property value of 20-30 %, safety of surrounding residents, and 2 storm run offs around the property. He also expects an increase of wildlife (such as snakes,

cats, and rodents) on the property of neighboring residents once the project area is cleared.

- D. Lisa Lane was next to speak. Her concerns were as follows: a change to the purpose of the neighborhood by rezoning the property to R-3, increased traffic, privacy for her Autistic son, and an expected decrease to her property value.
- E. Mr. Ralph Smith was last to speak. Mr. Smith stated that he lives at 119 McEdco Rd. Mr. Smith's concerns were as follows: losing the peacefulness of his neighborhood, an expected overload on the sewer system, cost of repairing roadways, higher taxes to offset the repairs and maintenance, more crimes in the area, a greater amount of traffic, decreased privacy, and an estimated devalue of property by 20-30%. He expressed that he feels as though they are just being thrown under the bus.
- F. **Adjourn-** A motion was made by Councilman Durham to adjourn the meeting. A second was made by Councilwoman Sloan. The vote passed unanimously. The public hearing adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Attest:



Bekki Phillips
Clerk to Council