

Regular Meeting of County Commissioners
Wednesday May 25, 2022 (Legislative Day)

The regularly scheduled meeting of the County Commissioners was convened in hybrid format, virtually and in person, at 6:01 p.m. with the following persons in attendance:

Reuben B. Collins II, Esq., President, County Commissioner
Bobby Rucci, Vice President, County Commissioner
Gilbert O. Bowling, III, County Commissioner
Thomasina O. Coates, M.S., County Commissioner was absent
Amanda M. Stewart, M.Ed., County Commissioner
Mark Belton, County Administrator
Deborah Hall, Deputy County Administrator
Elizabeth Theobalds, Deputy County Attorney
Carol A. DeSoto, Clerk to the Commissioners

Call to Order/Pledge

Commissioner Collins called the meeting to order, and Commissioner Collins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

A roll call was taken. All Commissioners were present.

Comments

Commissioner Collins, requested a moment of silence for the victims of the elementary school shooting in Uvalde, Texas on May 24, 2022.

Public Hearing: Zoning Map Amendment (ZMA) 21-01, NRP Holdings, LLC Moreland Properties

The Commissioners conducted a hybrid (virtual/in person) public hearing on Zoning Map Amendment 21-01, NRP Holdings, LLC Moreland Properties. Ms. Kelly Palmer, Planner III, Department of Planning and Growth Management reviewed the request to change the current zoning of this property from Low Density Suburban Residential (RL), High density Suburban Residential (RH), and Community Commercial (CC) to High Density Suburban Residential (RH) and Community Commercial (CC).

Ms. Sue Greer, Attorney for the applicant, The Greer Law Firm, questioned the applicant related to this application. The applicant stated that the testimony he provided was the truth to the best of his knowledge and information and belief.

There were no comments provided by the community.

A motion was made by Commissioner Coates, seconded by Commissioner Rucci and passed, with all Commissioners present, voting in favor to close the record.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Coates, seconded by Commissioner Rucci and passed, with all Commissioners present, voting in favor to approve Zoning Map Amendment 21-01 Zoning Map Amendment 21-01, NRP Holdings, LLC Moreland Properties.

Public Hearing: Amendment to the 2016 Charles County Comprehensive Plan, Septic Tier Map, Newburg

The Commissioners conducted a hybrid (virtual/in person) public hearing on the Amendment to the 2016 Charles County Comprehensive Plan, Septic Tier Map, Newburg. Mr. Charles Rice, Assistant Chief of Planning, and Mr. Joel Binkley, Planner III, Department of Planning and Growth Management, reviewed the proposed change from Tier Two (2) to Tier Four (4) of the Newburg Area Septic Tier Map.

**At about 6:31 p.m. Commissioner Stewart left session.*

There were nine (9) people who presented comments.

Ms. Carol DeSoto, Clerk to the Commissioners, provided information related to the written comments received to date. There were fifty-three (53) comments for this proposal; fifty-eight (58) against this proposal; and three (3) that were neutral.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rucci, seconded by Commissioner Coates and passed, with Commissioners Bowling, Coates, Rucci and Collins present, voting in favor to keep the public record open for sixty (60) days. **Commissioner Stewart was not present for the vote.* A roll call of the vote was taken: Commissioner Bowling-no; Commissioner Coates-yes; Commissioner Stewart-absent; Commissioner Rucci-yes; Commissioner Collins-yes. The motion passed three (3) to one (1).

Public comments will be open through July 23, 2022.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rucci, seconded by Commissioner Coates and passed, with Commissioners Bowling, Coates, Rucci and Collins present, voting in favor to close this public hearing. **Commissioner Stewart was not present for the vote.*

At 7:11 p.m., a motion was made by Commissioner Bowling, seconded by Commissioner Rucci and passed, with Commissioners Bowling, Coates, Rucci and Collins present, voting in favor to adjourn.

**Commissioner Stewart was not present for the vote.*



Carol A. DeSoto, Clerk to the Commissioners



Reuben B. Collins, II, Esq., President