



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, November 7, 2017

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PUBLIC SERVICES SPECIAL CALLED MEETING AT 4:45 P.M.

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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING AT 5:00 P.M.

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1. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR PERRIN AT 5:30 P.M.

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2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

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3. ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK DONNA JACKSON

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Present 10 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance; Charles Coleman; Bobby Long; Joe Hafner; David McClain and LJ Bryant

Absent 2 - Chris Moore and Chris Gibson

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

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COM-17:069

INTRODUCTION OF VICE PRESIDENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MIKE DOWNING AND DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS CRAIG RICKERT OF JONESBORO UNLIMITED BY MAYOR PERRIN

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COM-17:070

UPDATE ON DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT BY CITY PLANNER DERREL SMITH

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Attachments: [Opponents for Multifamily09262017.pdf](#)
[Opponents for Multifamily10022017.pdf](#)
[Design Guidelines for Duplex and Triplex Units.pdf](#)
[Design Guidelines for Duplex and Triplex Units Option B.pdf](#)
[Key Differences-Multifamily.pdf](#)

City Planner Derrel Smith said about a month ago I was up here and showed you some design guidelines for multifamily. At that time, you asked me to go back and look at those and try to incorporate duplexes and triplexes into those. You will have three handouts. One will say Design Guidelines for Duplex and Triplex Units. The other is an option B. One is the differences between those. The first one is very similar to the multifamily that we looked at. I kept it in the same format. The second one I kind of shortened up a little bit. Instead of putting all of the form massing and placement, I just went and tried to look at the orientation of the building, landscaping, and screening. Those were the main things I looked at on that.

If you look at the Key Differences, I broke it down into orientation, parking and placement, landscaping, building materials, setbacks, and minimum lot sizes. I tried to put what our current code has, what option A brings to the table, and what option B brings to the table. Please let me know if you would like something from A and something from B and want me to make a third option, I can do that also. I need your direction on where you want me to go now.

Mayor Perrin said he told City Planner Derrel Smith to do this so that you all would have it. They will publish it on the website tomorrow for everyone to look at. The purpose of this actually came up several months ago primarily in the multifamily to where we felt like the City needed some type of standards, a little more strict standards on multifamily housing. As we got into that discussion, some of the comments from the public showed that they wanted us to look at duplexes and triplexes. Mr. Smith has gone back and pulled those to give you two options. I told him to do an A and a B so you all could look at that and highlight the ones that you like and then get it back to the administration or to Mr. Smith. I think a lot of the things that were brought up in discussion on the floor, particularly about duplexes and triplexes, have been addressed in these documents. Once we get it down to where you all feel comfortable with that then we will have some public meetings. We want to discuss this with the public and from that we will bring it back to the Council and vote on what you all would like to do for multifamily, duplexes, and triplexes. There are three areas there that we want to make sure to cover tonight. It is not for big discussion tonight. Mayor Perrin asked Mr. Smith if there were any areas that he wanted to highlight or address here or if this is just for fyi.

Mr. Smith said this was more for information. One of the biggest things was orientation. Both require that buildings face the street. Both options require that there be landscaping in the front instead of all contrary. One option on building materials requires all brick or stone. The other basically lets the market decide it. All of that can be interchanged. The biggest thing we looked at was if we start looking at buffers and green spaces, a 7,200 sq. ft. lot would not fit a duplex. One of the options I am looking at is trying to raise that up to 10,000 sq. ft. That is probably the biggest change that you will see in this whole thing. Those are what we have been looking at. I am still working through the commercial. This is what we have right now. Please give me a call anytime and let me know which way you want this.

Councilmember David McClain asked how soon are we looking to get this in place. What is the timeline? Mayor Perrin stated he was hoping that this would give you all a

couple of weeks to look through this material and get it back to Derrel. Then, we would have to get with City Attorney Carol Duncan to put something together to come back to present to the Council to look at and to vote on. Before we do that, I want to have some public hearings on that. We are looking at two weeks for you all to look at it, review it, and get back with Derrel or myself on the comments or any changes. After that, I would like to have some public hearings. I know we are getting into the holiday season. We will work around those and have some public hearings. After that, we can come back and do this. What I would like to do is have the public as well as this Council on the same wavelength in 2018 when building starts. We have approximately 60-90 days here. I don't think there are going to be a lot of requests on building standards in here right now in November and December. There could be, but I don't think there will be that many. We will get the comments back to Derrel, have some public hearings probably one or two, so everyone can come and take a look at it and give their input on that. Then, we will come back and have something drafted for you all to look at. Obviously, you all will be glad to be there at the public hearings. You definitely have a lot of reading there.

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Presentation by Mayor Perrin to the 2017 Jonesboro High School State Champion Golf Team.

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Presentation by Mayor Perrin to the 2017 Jonesboro High School State Champion Tennis Team.

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5. CONSENT AGENDA

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Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilman Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilman John Street, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motioned PASSED

Aye: 10 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance; Charles Coleman; Bobby Long; Joe Hafner; David McClain and LJ Bryant

Absent: 2 - Chris Moore and Chris Gibson

[MIN-17:118](#)

Minutes for the Special Called City Council Meeting on October 11, 2017

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Attachments: [SC Council Minutes 101117.pdf](#)

This item was APPROVED on the consent agenda.

[MIN-17:124](#) Minutes for the City Council Meeting on October 17, 2017

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This item was **APPROVED** on the consent agenda.

[RES-17:160](#) A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO PLACE VARIOUS TRAFFIC SIGNS AT DESIGNATED LOCATIONS AS DETERMINED BY THE TRAFFIC CONTROL COMMITTEE

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This item was **APPROVED** on the consent agenda.

[RES-17:169](#) RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO LEVY A 2 MILL TAX ON ALL REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR THE PUBLIC LIBRARY TAX

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This item was **APPROVED** on the consent agenda.

[RES-17:170](#) RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO LEVY A ONE-HALF (.5) MILL TAX ON ALL REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR THE JONESBORO POLICE PENSION PLANS

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[RES-17:171](#) RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO LEVY A ONE-HALF (.5) MILL TAX ON ALL REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR THE LOCAL FIREMENS PENSION PLANS

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This item was **APPROVED** on the consent agenda.

[RES-17:173](#) RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING A SETTLEMENT ON THE LEE LLOYD VS. CITY OF JONESBORO LAWSUIT AND ACCEPT DONATION OF PROPERTY FROM MARY LEE MARCOM

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[Acknowledgement.pdf](#)
[Mutual Release.pdf](#)
[Special Warranty Deed from Lee Lloyd to Mary Lee Marcom.pdf](#)
[Marcom Tax Affidavit.pdf](#)

This item was **APPROVED** on the consent agenda.

6. NEW BUSINESS

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COM-17:068

Request by Barbara Tosh to set an appeal hearing regarding the denial by the MAPC to rezone property located at 800 Scott Street from R-1 Single Family Residential and R-2 Low Density Multi-Family Residential to RM-8

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Attachments: [Appeal Letter.pdf](#)
 [Application.pdf](#)
 [Staff Report.pdf](#)

Councilmember Mitch Johnson motioned, seconded by Councilmember John Street, to set the appeal hearing for 5:20 p.m. on November 21, 2017. All voted aye.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

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ORD-17:084

AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZE A CONTRACT WITH DELTA DENTAL TO PROVIDE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CITY EMPLOYEES FOR 2018

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Attachments: [Delta Dental 2018.pdf](#)

Mayor Perrin said we have enrollment setup for November 22. It takes a long time to get all of the 550+ employees enrolled along with their beneficiaries and to get their things ready to be billed. Mayor Perrin asked that the ordinance for Delta Dental and the ordinance for BCBS insurance be walked through tonight.

Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember Bobby Long, to suspend the rules and offer by title only. All vote aye.

Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember Bobby Long, to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Mitch Johnson, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 10 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;David McClain and LJ Bryant

Absent: 2 - Chris Moore and Chris Gibson

ORD-17:085

AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZE A CONTRACT WITH ARKANSAS BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD TO PROVIDE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CITY EMPLOYEES FOR 2018

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 [BCBS Jonesboro Craighead Library.pdf](#)
 [BCBS JURHA.pdf](#)
 [BCBS Jonesboro Municipal Airport.pdf](#)

Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember Joe Hafner, to suspend the rules and read by title only. All voted aye.

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Absent: 2 - Chris Moore and Chris Gibson

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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ORD-17:080

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1110 LOBERG LANE FROM RESIDENTIAL, R-1 TO RM-8, L.U.O. AS REQUESTED BY CHRIS ISHMAEL

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Mayor Perrin said at the last Council meeting, there were 10-12 people who commented or had testimony in the records about this ordinance. I ask that we don't be repetitive on what we are doing. We have talked about it. I would like to limit discussion on each side. The time limit would be up to ten minutes. This is on the second reading. I am sure it will be read for a third time at another Council meeting.

George Hamman, Civilogic, 203 Southwest Drive, said I am representing Chris Ishmael on this matter. We took into consideration some of the things presented at the last meeting on October 17, 2017. We have provided a new site layout that moves the entrance to the north side of the property. It also provides a turnaround area with a 40 ft. radius which is the same as a standard City of Jonesboro cul-de-sac to address their concerns about maneuvering emergency vehicles. That is all of the new information that we have to offer tonight. Thank you.

Judy Casteel, 1902 Independence Cove, said I appreciate your time tonight and I will

try to be brief which for me is interesting. I stand before you once again not just as Judy Casteel, but as the representative of the Scenic Hills Neighborhood Association. I would like for the people who are here in opposition to this rezoning to please stand so everybody gets an idea of who we are talking about. I appreciate it you guys. We have consistently had 20-30 people attend every meeting on this matter since it was first brought before the City. I just wanted to point that out. I also wanted to point out that as soon as this became public, the neighbors started calling. Within the first week, we had a petition organized and by the end of that first week, we had nearly 300 signatures of the closest neighbors. This isn't something we did citywide. It was the people that this impacts. I just wanted to make sure that you all were aware of the petition, who that involved, and the reason. We could have upped the numbers. We have had contact with people from the West End, Quail Ridge, Broadmoor, and Briarwood. There are a lot of people in town that are all interested in what is going on with this because many of them feel that they are going to be in the same boat sooner or later if not right dancing on it at the moment.

We held it to the people that are impacted. In that, I think that you have seen that all of the closest neighbors with the exception of one person have been opposed to this. That opposition obviously continues. It was brought up that we are all zoned R-2 which means that we can have a duplex if something happened to any property in our area. That is true, we all are aware of the fact that we are zoned R-2 and there could be a duplex. There is a big difference between a duplex and six duplexes.

The packet that you have includes pictures from the City of Loberg Lane that make it look like it is level. It is not. This property is at the crest of a hill. On the first sheet with the two pictures on it is of that hill. That is taken from the street right in front of the property. The visuals on that are really rather stark. The second picture shows if you were leaving home, if you were leaving that area, it is a gradual showing of what you see and what you cannot see as you approach the road. When you look at those pictures, I ask you to look at the fact that there is a car in nearly every single one of those pictures. You tell me if you can see it. That is what the visuals are like on the crest of that hill. Pictures 3, 4, & 5 are from Mr. Hamman and Mr. Ishmael. They are a couple of his projects. What they didn't point out when they entered these pictures and spoke of them is that the wall that you see in #3, that is facing the street. The picture #4 is the same thing. Picture #5 is a side view which is where the doors on this duplex are. Those doors are on the side of the lot. They are not in the front. I don't know if you can tell well from the pictures, but the duplexes consume almost the entire lot. There is no green space. I, frankly, don't see much in the way of parking space.

I bring this up only to tell you that these are some of the issues that the people in my neighborhood are concerned about. I know that is being addressed by the City, but this is a very real issue. Number seven is a similar build. They are townhouse duplexes that already exist just off of West Nettleton. That is Santa Fe Circle. I'm sorry the pictures aren't terrific, but you are able to tell there is very, very little green space. There is a lot of concrete. There is a lot of asphalt. There is a lot of roofing. Thankfully, they are not on a hill. They are kind of on level ground so there is no big issue with water there.

The last item in the packet is a letter from Mr. John Rogers. He is someone I know. He is one of my grooming clients. He is really concerned about this project and made the effort to write this letter. He was going to call. As a matter of fact, I think he called one councilmember and missed him. He just has concerns about this and he asked me if I would deliver that letter for him. That is what that is.

I am going to cut this short because I know someone else would like to speak. I do want to point out that we have gone from at the first meeting of the MAPC, it was stated that they were going to save all of the trees that they could. There was going to be 15-20 mature trees that they were saving. The second time around it was well we are going to save what we can. The third time around was well we are going to build an eight foot fence and that is going to take care of the problem which it won't. Mr. Perkins told you before that his deck is at eight feet and so are several people that live on Bunker Hill. They are going to be looking right into bedroom windows. This is not a good plan. Units 1 and 6 on the new plan have their backs to the road so we are talking about the same general view as the duplexes that I put in there. Not an attractive one from Loberg Lane. No green spaces. The ditches and the pond on the new paper are still on a slope that does not change that property. If there is a drop off, I believe it was Mr. Webb that pointed that out from the start to the finish, it is six to eight feet drop.

Mr. Hamman stated that the retention pond should reduce the issue. I believe the City has had before it earlier today a should reduce issue and that didn't work out so well for Mr. Lloyd. Should reduce is good in theory, but we never know until it is too late whether or not it is actually going to work. Mr. Webb and his neighbor just down from him have already had flooding problems from this piece of property. If it is developed with all of the concrete and the asphalt, the runoff from the roofs is going to be even more. Each building is going to have approximately 26 squares of shingles so that means there is going to be 31,200 feet of hard surface. Half of that water is immediately going to be hitting the streets. That is a lot of water especially when you live downhill from it.

I know you have gotten emails from several members of my neighborhood. Emails including Ms. Shirley Moore and I believe some of them have raised really significant safety issues. Ms. Davis spoke to you at the other meeting about some of those safety issues. I know the Master Street Plan says that we are a minor arterial and we should expect even more traffic as the City grows and develops. Nobody has a problem with that. We understand that. The problem is that now it is an undeveloped street. There is no curbing. There aren't any kind of gutters. It is just a strip of asphalt. We have people who are running it at 60 mph. At 30 mph, you have approximately five seconds. At 60 mph, somebody like Ms. McDermott didn't have a chance. She got thrown into the corner of the cemetery as someone crested the top of that hill. What if that had been a child? I'm not just talking about a child that is just getting off the bus at the crest of that hill, but I am also taking into account children that might live in this development that they are talking about. This is a really dangerous area. This is at the absolute crest of that hill and visibility is very poor. That is without a funeral. If we have a funeral at the Catholic Church, all bets are off because they are all over everywhere.

I think personal safety is a big issue here as well. Mr. Hamman said that Mr. Ishmael intends to only rent to young professional people. I have young, professional people in my family and they have a lot of young professional friends. They don't want to live on Loberg Lane between three cemeteries. They want to live in gated communities with a pool and being told where somebody can park and not having any maintenance issues or they want to be down in lofts downtown where the action is. Young would be the key word there.

Lastly, it is verifiable fact that when you have a heavier concentration of housing, a multiple door issue, you have a greater potential for problems in that area. I get monthly reports from the Jonesboro Police Department. The majority of the calls in the last three years from our area have been from the areas of multidoors. Ms. Mary Beth

Williams and Ms. Carol both touched on that briefly when they spoke to you. We have even had several calls to JPD since this whole conversation about this property started. Before I go, I want to be absolutely clear, I am not against renters and neither is anybody else. Some of my favorite people are renters. What this is an issue of is somebody building property in a high density area. Whether you are thinking you are going to rent to professionals or not, that may not be the way that it necessarily goes. It very often ends up being whoever has the rent money is who you rent to. Whether Mr. Ishmael does that or not, there is no guarantee that Mr. Ishmael is going to own this forever. There is also the fact that Mr. Ishmael bought the lot at R-1 and now wants to put twelve family units on it. It kind of says that profit is the motivation. Those of us who can't pick up and leave should this go sour really have to stand back and look at this and ask that you consider the effects on those of us and those you have heard from who can't pick up and go and are going to live here regardless of what is done with this property. We ask that you take that into consideration when you make a final decision. I thank you for your time.

Held at second reading.

[ORD-17:081](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM I-1, INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT TO RM-16, RESIDENTIAL MULTI-FAMILY FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1106 EAST JOHNSON AS REQUESTED BY K & A INVESTMENT, LLC

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Benton Smith said he represents K&A Investments, LLC, who is seeking to rezone this property from an I-1 to an RM-16. This is the former two-time pawn store. It used to be Totem Pole and then it was Wolf Den. It has been vacant for a couple of years. My client desires to make it a six-to-eight plex. I really don't have anything to add today other than from the last meeting. I wanted to appear before you. I don't think anything has changed. I haven't received any notifications or any calls since the last Council meeting. Thank you.

Patti Lack, 4108 Forrest Hill Road, said this came up two weeks ago and I have been thinking about it. I have been thinking about all of you guys and how you have to make decisions. I think you guys have one of the hardest jobs because you have people that come up here and ask for a rezoning and you know these people. They are your friends, you work with them, you have had business with them. Then, you have to sit there and you have to decide as a Council person what is best for Jonesboro and see what the City grows to. I have been thinking about this Totem Pole pawn shop that

wants to be rezoned and to have six to eight apartments on it. I have to tell you that I don't get over to Johnson very much. I am almost kind of glad that I don't because when I drove down there the other day, it was really kind of depressing to see one of the main thoroughfares that goes through Jonesboro and see what kind of condition some of these buildings are in. To see the people that were walking on the street. It doesn't reflect what Jonesboro wants to be. When I was going down the street, I saw where the pawn shop was. I thought well ok they want to put some apartments there. On the side of it is Alexander's Auto Center and on the other side is an old warehouse. I proceeded to go down towards ASU. I started counting the little small apartments that are on that street going on to ASU. I have to tell you that I saw cars that were on cinder blocks that were parked out in front of these apartments being worked on. I saw an old mattress that was in front of one of the buildings. There were about ten to twelve of these apartments that were there.

Since last week, I went to a bank that I bank at, one of many. I was talking to a loan officer that happened to be showing around a doctor that is interested in coming to Jonesboro. We started talking about this. He says that he avoids going down Johnson at any time because he doesn't want any of these new people to see what Johnson looks like. He avoids all of the streets. He goes around town. I have a couple of friends that I started talking to. They said one of their issues is that they didn't want their child to go to school here was because of Johnson. It is in pretty bad shape. I think we need to work on cleaning that street up because it doesn't reflect what Jonesboro is. You all know the crime. We have talked about the crime with the other apartments and stuff like that. You know the apartments I was fighting a couple of weeks ago, I have 3 ½ months of crime reports just in those apartments and that is south Jonesboro. There were over 1,000 calls just to the apartments. What I have always heard is that the north side of Jonesboro has more crime than what the south side of Jonesboro has. I don't know whether that is true or not, but that is what I hear a lot.

When I saw these buildings, I went back to the pawn shop and looked at it. I don't know if you can pull up the aerial view of this place, but on that right there, this picture must have been taken many, many, many years ago because behind that pawn shop, there is a whole bunch of cars that are parked behind there. You don't see it in that picture right there. This aerial shot is misleading because that is not what it is right there. The property line goes to a fence that is on the back. The lot size on the agenda sheet says the frontage is close to 100 ft. No, the measurements of that lot is 90 x 200. It is not 100 ft. If you look at that shot right there, the rezoning sign is on the left hand side of the building on the back side of building. There is a long strip of property that someone else owns between the building on the left and the pawn shop. This lot is 90 x 200. The proposed plan says six to eight units. They say if it is an RM-16, then they can build eight units then per acre so that is a little bit over an acre. That is half of my front yard. They are going to put eight units there. If you look at that, they say the total space right there is 4,210 sq. ft. They say the rooms there are going to be 410 sq. ft. I thought how do I imagine 410 sq. ft. I googled what an average hotel room is and it is 350 sq. ft. So these rooms are going to be a little bit bigger than a hotel room. That is not very big. Just a small little apartment. The total usage of that land I believe is going to be 4,210 sq. ft.

I thought why do we need apartments right there. Of course, you know, we have too many apartments right now. You can google all of the things. There are over 500 apartments for rent in Jonesboro right now. There are over 900 houses for sale right now in Jonesboro. There are going to be more apartments over on Greensboro which is Phase one consisting of 264 apartments. Phase two will consist of over 600

apartments that are going to be built on that area right there. So, we have enough apartments. I saw who the investors of this was. It is K & A Investments, LLC. From what I am gathering, it is a franchise. Again, I googled it and it says it is a franchise from someone here. I am sure some of you know the owners of this investment company. Their goal is to purchase bank owned properties and rent them typically to low income voucher holders normally known as Section 8. The rents are then paid in part or in full by the government program. It provides a good, clean, safe place for families to live. Then, you as an investor, get a nice return on your investment.

I am going to assume that eventually that these six or eight apartments are going to be Section 8 housing. I found a website that a friend told me about ARCounty.com. I looked at the different types of investments that this investment company. There are several houses and apartment buildings around here in Jonesboro. I thought if they take care of those places, then they might take care of this place. I went around Jonesboro and I looked at five of their rental places. Last night I could not sleep because the condition of these homes and these apartment buildings that this investment company owns are in poor condition. The saying is that you wouldn't let your worst enemy live there. These homes and apartment buildings are really run down and not well kept. If they can't take care of that, then how eventually, are they going to take care of these right here. That is a real concern because I think that tells you a lot about a person. I understand that they bought this land and they got it for a pretty good deal, but we honestly don't need any more apartments in Jonesboro. This building is in bad shape, but I don't think we need to put any apartments on it especially knowing how the other ones are kept by this investment company. It is going to be a real tough decision for all of you because you know these people who own this investment company. Thank you very much.

Councilmember Joe Hafner asked if Mr. Smith would come back to the podium to answer some questions. Councilmember David McClain said he had a couple of questions. Councilmember Hafner asked if the K & A Investments that is the owner of this property is the same K & A Investments, LLC that Ms. Lack is referring to. I looked it up on my ipad and it looks like this K & A Investments, LLC was established in 2006. They have a phone number of 708-234-0460. They do talk about investing in bank owned properties, but I don't think that is the same as this K & A is it? Mr. Smith said no it is not. This is a locally owned Limited Liability Company organized here in Arkansas by a colleague and friend of mine who is my client and his wife who live here in Jonesboro. I don't know what Ms. Lack is referring to. Councilmember Hafner said they do have the same name, but I didn't think it was the same company so I wanted to clear that up. Mr. Smith said this is a local limited liability company and not the same one.

Councilmember Charles Frierson said you are saying this K & A you represent does not own these buildings Ms. Lack looked at. Mr. Smith said he does not know what Ms. Lack is referring to. I do know that this LLC does own other property in Jonesboro, but to my knowledge does not own any franchise and is not in the business of doing what she alleges in opposition to this request.

Councilmember Hafner said they do have the same name so I can see why Ms. Lack was getting them mixed up. They have the exact same name. They are both in real estate investments. I just wanted to clear that up while you were both here. Mr. Smith said ok. Thank you.

Councilmember McClain said he had a question for City Planner Derrel Smith. For me, looking at this and looking at a few other rezonings we have had in the last six months

to a year, what number of apartments would you say are going to be on the north side of Johnson Avenue? If you roughly gave an estimate. I know we have 600 on Greensboro as far as rezoning. Maybe this is something you could give me next time. City Planner Derrel Smith said he did not know. He would have to look that up. Councilmember McClain asked if Mr. Smith would do that just to give us a good number. Mr. Smith asked if he was referring to the north side of Johnson. Councilmember McClain said yes on the north side of Johnson and look at the number of apartments currently on that same side of Johnson. Councilmember Hafner asked if there was a way to get the number of occupancy of those too. Councilmember McClain said you would have to call around. Mayor Perrin said it was the same thing with the study we did before. You would have to call around to every one of them.

Mr. Benton Smith said he needed to clarify a point that may be confusing. There was a reference to an aerial map, the aerial view location, there is a plat that is filed that a surveyor provided. It is in the packet that you all received in the application process as well. It shows the exact size of the lot. It is 0.58 acres. I am not looking at the application right now, but it has the dimensions of that particular lot and this would not be six or eight different physical structures. It would be a six-plex or an eight-plex is what the applicant desires to do. I just wanted to point that out. Thank you for your time and consideration. Mayor Perrin said we have the plat.

Selina Reithemeyer, 4102 Forrest Hill Road, said that she was the friend that Ms. Lack was referring to about ASU. My daughter goes to ASU and I absolutely begged her not to go there because of the crime. ASU is on the list of being one of the highest crime campuses in the United States. A lot of it has to do with that area on Johnson. I know that we have new apartments that have been built there now and they are building more. A long time ago, it had the name of apartment city, that is what north Johnson was. It was apartment city. It seems like every time we turn around, we are wanting to rezone more property for apartments. I think we have enough apartments in Jonesboro. I am going to take some numbers out of the Jonesboro Vision 2030. It says that 66.2% of the total housing stock in Jonesboro between 2010 and 2014 was single-family housing. The homeownership rate in Jonesboro is 53.8% with 64.4% being the national average. The more apartments we build we are discouraging homeownership. I want you to look at Jonesboro overall and decide what you want it to be. We don't want it to be apartment city. I think that is kind of on the track we are going on. There are some other things I wanted to address as well. On the website, there is a Receive Notifications tab where you can sign up for email notifications for E911 and general alerts and whatever. Is there a way that we could add rezoning to this to where it emails you if something is being rezoned? Mayor Perrin said he can get with Communications Director Bill Campbell and IT and certainly check into that. Ms. Reithemeyer said that would be really helpful. We need more community involvement. I was also wondering where we are on the sign to the dead end street? City Attorney Carol Duncan said she responded to an email about that earlier. City Planner Derrel Smith and I have been doing research with other cities and it is more complicated than saying you have to put a sign at the end of the road because you would then be requiring people to put a sign on someone else's property. We have to do some research into what we can exactly require in that respect and he has been a little busy with the duplex, triplex, and multifamily plan that he has been working on for Council. It is still there and we are still working on it, but it has not been forgotten by any means. We don't have it coming forward right now. Ms. Reithemeyer asked if it could be put on a city easement. Ms. Duncan said possibly in certain circumstances. It depends because there is a lot that goes into that. Sometimes there are utility easements there that could complicate matters. We are looking into it, but we haven't come up with a plan yet.

Ms. Reithemeyer said this is on your website as well, the rezoning process. We had talked about we were going to add certified letters to the school board superintendents. I believe that was discussed at one of our City Council meetings. Mayor Perrin said it was his understanding if it affected a school district, then yes. Ms. Reithemeyer asked if they could get that changed on the flowchart. Mayor Perrin asked if she was saying that it was not on the flowchart. Ms. Duncan said that flowchart is old and has not been updated. It still shows the old Planning Director on it. It is an old design guideline book. We took it offline because it wasn't up to date even with the new Planning Director in it. Ms. Reithemeyer said she just pulled it up before she came. Ms. Duncan said she didn't know because they were asked to take it off because it wasn't current. Mayor Perrin asked Bill Campbell to check on that. He asked Derrel Smith to get the new one online. Ms. Reithemeyer said that she wants the City to think about where they want to go. I don't want Jonesboro to be known as apartment city. Just take that into consideration. Thank you.

Held at second reading.

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ORD-17:077

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO RM-8, RESIDENTIAL MULTI-FAMILY FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1612 PATRICK STREET AS REQUESTED BY GARRY TATE

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Councilmember David McClain said he had a comment and a question for City Planner Derrel Smith. Looking back through the report, the staff summary and all of that, it looks like this property didn't meet all of the requirements. One of the main reasons was that it could be developed as a residential house. It is surrounded by single-family homes. In your opinion, do you think that will be the best use of this property?

City Planner Derrel Smith said you just allowed a rezoning across the street of the RM-8 with duplexes over there that are under construction right now. You could still put single-family on there, but I don't know if anyone would put single-family on there.

Gary Tate, 2300 Manchester Drive, said I think I stated my position on that three weeks ago. Of course, again, this property was being condemned and it belonged to some friends of mine that couldn't afford to do anything with it. So, I purchased it and ended up tearing down the house and the shop because they were in such bad shape. Actually, the shop was just built across the property line. I have owned this property since 2014. I have tried to market it as single-family, trying to sell it as 70 ft. lots, but it is 353 ft. deep. Nobody wanted to buy them. So, I finished getting it cleaned up and approached it from this standpoint. Of course, what I really wanted to build on it was some one-bedrooms, but since the City does their zoning by number of units instead of number of bedrooms, to build what I needed to build was an RM-16 which I didn't figure I could get since it was RM-8 across the road. It kind of pushed me to a position

to build some duplex two-bedrooms. I own some rental properties. All of my rental properties are in north Jonesboro, that is where I was born and raised at. All of my property is neat and clean. My oldest tenant has been with me for 14 years. The property I have built, I have never sold. I have owned them from 21 years down to the newest one I built was 4 years ago. I don't have any intention on selling my property. I have tenants that have been with me 14 years, 11 years, 9 years, and all of the rest have been there 4 years or more.

A motion was made by Councilman Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilman Gene Vance, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 10 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;David McClain and LJ Bryant

Absent: 2 - Chris Moore and Chris Gibson

ORD-17:078

AN ORDINANCE TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO AMEND THE 2017 BUDGET AND PURCHASE PROPERTY LOCATED ON MOORE ROAD

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A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Mitch Johnson, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 10 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;David McClain and LJ Bryant

Absent: 2 - Chris Moore and Chris Gibson

ORD-17:082

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4517 E. PARKER ROAD FROM INDUSTRIAL, I-2 TO C-3, COMMERCIAL AS REQUESTED BY S & K GARDENS, LLC

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Councilmember John Street asked City Planner Derrel Smith if there had been any concern by anybody on this. Mayor Perrin said this was the Harmony Gardens property. Mr. Smith said no.

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Mitch Johnson, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 10 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;David McClain and LJ Bryant

Absent: 2 - Chris Moore and Chris Gibson

8. MAYOR'S REPORTS

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Mayor Perrin reported on the following items:

Last month on our building permits, we came in at \$10,869,725 with residential being 53% or \$5.7 million and commercial was 47% or \$5.1 million.

The 2018 budget will be delivered next week and again, this will be at the Finance Committee. Mr. Hafner and I have been working on this for several weeks as well as Bill Reznicek, Ed Tanner and several others. We will have that ready for you for the upcoming Finance Committee. Then the Council will get it at the next Council meeting. This will give us plenty of time to do the three readings. That will give you plenty of time to look at the budget and go through it.

Two weeks ago on Saturday, we had the Softball Halloween Bash at the Southside Softball Complex. We netted around \$12,000. It was a great turnout. The parking lot was full.

One of our own citizens here in town, Camille Ballard, received the Volunteer of the Year Award from Arkansas Parks and Recreation which is a very big honor. She received this honor because of her work not only with the Miracle League, but with supporting all of the youth programs that we have.

Next week I will be attending the National League of Cities Annual Convention. Mayor Mark Stodola who is the Mayor of Little Rock will be coming in as the first Arkansan to be the President of this very large association. It is probably the largest lobbying group there is for Washington, D.C. Also, I will be asked to be interviewed to be on the Board of Directors and I will keep you informed on that.

Grants Director Tiffny Calloway and I met with the Arkansas Development Finance

Authority last week. We discussed several things with them, how much money they have, and how they are going to expense that money. We are working with them now. We also had Crowley's Ridge Development Council, CRDC in the room, to look at some of the tiny homes or some type of housing for the veterans because there is several dollars coming down from the Federal Government for veterans which I am very appreciative of being a veteran. We are going to be working with that and trying to get that off of the ground.

Fairview Association had their cleanup. 8.8 tons was collected in that area which is good to clean up our City.

Our HUB which is located in the First Baptist Church Annex since conception has worked with and has seen 384 clients. That is the good news. The bad news is of that, 196 of those people are homeless. The figure keeps going up for homeless in the City of Jonesboro. We are trying to address that and work on that very hard.

Our Wonderland Ice Skating Rink is up and will open on November 18, 2017 and it will go through December 31, 2017. There will be a press release I think tomorrow going out. Communications Director Bill Campbell said it went out today. Mayor Perrin said that Winder Wonderland will open up on November 30, 2017. Be sure and get all of the kids and go down and visit with grandkids and have a real good time.

Angel Correa who is Division Administrator of the Arkansas Division of the Federal Highway Administration will be here in Jonesboro tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. He and our Engineering Department, Ed Tanner, and others will take him and tour Jonesboro to see where all of the money was expended that we received from the Federal Government down to the State of Arkansas, the Highway Department down to the City of Jonesboro. It is several million dollars. We wanted to show them exactly what we have done with their money because we will be going to D.C. right after the first of the year to meet with the Federal Highway Administration as well as the Federal Railroad Administration. Also, we will ask Mr. Correa for permission, which we have already sent the packet in, for an off ramp for Joe Mack Campbell Park. So, when you are going down the interstate, you will be able to get off there and enter into a roundabout depending upon what they end up with the design. If you remember, the City bought the acreage next to Joe Mack Campbell Park for future development whether it be an aquatics park or whatever goes in there, we are going to have to get that traffic in and out of there on a safe way off of the interstate.

We will not close on the Shooting Range Complex until we get the grant signed from Game & Fish. On his tour, we are going to ask the Federal Highway Administration to give us an off ramp on I-555 down into the shooting range out by Moore Road which would be incredibly safe to get off of that particularly people coming from Mississippi, Tennessee, and other states that we think we are going to pull from for this shooting range.

9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

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Councilmember John Street said that earlier at our Public Works Committee Meeting, it was requested that we walk on RES-17:176 to tonight's agenda. It is for the paving of the trailhead of the ATV Park and Parks wanted to do it before the weather gets too bad and inclement where they couldn't do it.

Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember Mitch Johnson, to suspend the rules and walk on RES-17:176. All voted aye.

RES-17:176

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SHANNON KEE CONSTRUCTION FOR JONESBORO MOTORIZED ATV PARK TRAILHEAD (RTP-16) (S) - JOB 100964 (2017:28)

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Mitch Johnson, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote:

Aye: 10 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;David McClain and LJ Bryant

Absent: 2 - Chris Moore and Chris Gibson

Councilmember Joe Hafner asked if they had a Special Council Meeting last year about the budget where the Council could ask questions. Mayor Perrin stated they had a Special Council Meeting last year on 12/12/16 just to communicate that and we had a Special Council Meeting at lunch and it was open for anyone to come to. On 12/13/16, we had a Finance Committee Meeting on the budget ordinance. On 12/20/16, the Council met on the ordinance with an emergency clause to pass the budget. This year, we will have four opportunities. On 11/14/17, the budget ordinance will be presented to the Finance Committee Meeting where we can discuss it. On 11/21/17, the Council will have the first reading on the budget ordinance. On 12/05/17, the Council will have the second reading. Then, on 12/19/17, the Council will have the third reading. So, there will actually be more times this year than there were last year. Councilmember Hafner said he wanted to make sure the Council knew they had adequate time to ask questions. Mayor Perrin said we will have the books ready on the 14th. We will have all of the books ready to give to you by Thanksgiving so you will have plenty of time to look at those.

Councilmember Hafner said that one thing that we have asked for this year is explanations of the significant variances or differences from this year. I think that will save a lot of time as the Council goes through because they will have the answers already and they won't have to ask and go back and forth. I think that will be beneficial. Mayor Perrin said we have a great deal in there for capital improvements next year and they are all itemized. I looked at those even today. I sent them over to Ed Tanner to look at. We are going to discuss them Thursday and go through that. I think the administration has done a great job this year of getting the budget together. There are a lot of needs out there. I want to say thanks again to the Department Heads. We had to give up some of those items, but nothing that would take away from that they couldn't do the job with. Councilmember Hafner said he thinks it has been a good learning experience for CFO Bill Reznicek too being new on the job learning what goes into each account and department.

Councilmember Bobby Long said the Public Services Committee met earlier and asked that RES-17:157 be walked on to tonight's agenda. It enters into a five-year agreement to continue to receive federal funding for our JETS program.

Councilmember Long motioned, seconded by Councilmember Joe Hafner, to suspend the rules and walk on RES-17:157. All voted aye.

RES-17:157

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ENTER INTO A FIVE YEAR AGREEMENT WITH ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ArDOT) FOR JONESBORO ECONOMICAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM (JET) TO CONTINUE RECEIVING FTA FEDERAL ASSISTANCE

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Mayor Perrin said this was a standard deal that we do every year with the Arkansas Highway Department to get funding for our public transit system for JETS.

A motion was made by Councilman Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Ann Williams, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote:

Aye: 10 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;David McClain and LJ Bryant

Absent: 2 - Chris Moore and Chris Gibson

Councilmember David McClain said that the Mayor had already touched on this a little earlier about the Fairview Neighborhood Cleanup. We had a pretty good turnout. We had a lot of folks come and bring items. We went around and picked up tires. I think we picked up 94 tires. I didn't know people kept tires like that. We had a lot of tires to take to the landfill. It was a good turnout.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Harold Carter, 902 Tony, said this has to do with City Committees and whether they are open to the public and scheduled ahead of time so the public can attend. The ones I question are the Traffic Control Committee, the Revenue Enhancement Committee, and the Capital Improvement Committee. There may be others, I don't know, or potentially others over the years that I have forgotten. I will bring them up again if I research the archives well enough. I first talked to the Communications Director about this who I believe talked to Carol Duncan and this went on for a while. I believe he talked to you Mayor Perrin, but I don't know what goes on behind closed doors. Nevertheless, I have checked briefly in some of the cities I have lived in, not too many, Little Rock being one and Belleville, Illinois being another. All I can say is they have all of their committees well listed with plenty of exquisite detail about what is open to the public and what isn't. I would suggest that these are older cities or bigger older cities than Jonesboro. Nonetheless, I can't complain that things have been at a standstill in recent years because things have improved quite a bit in Jonesboro in these matters. But, I just want to get all of this stuff straightened out. The suggestion that I got from Mr. Campbell, I believe if I can remember, it has been a while but it happened this year, was that I talk to Ms. Duncan. Well, I basically didn't want to go to Ms. Duncan and hear the same thing I have heard before from the City Attorney, not from Ms. Duncan, which says I don't work for you, politely and all of that. Ms. Duncan said you never heard that from me, you know that. Mr. Carter said no, I just said that.

Mayor Perrin asked Mr. Carter if he would like an answer to the question. Mr. Carter

said yes. City Attorney Carol Duncan said that some of these committees I think by what you are describing are advisory committees to the Mayor only. It is the Mayor's discretion whether those are open to the public if those don't consist of Council members. There is nothing that requires by law that they be open to the public because they really are only doing research to advise the Mayor. They are not decision making committees. They are just committees to advise the Mayor on different topics. Now, different committees have different requirements legally on what is allowed and what is not allowed. If you want to send me a list, I will be happy to go through the list and figure out the makeup of each committee and tell you whether it is advisory only to the Mayor, whether it is advisory to the Council, whether any member on it is a Council member. Obviously if Council members are members of it, they are open to the public. Some committees are open to the public to observe, but not to speak. I think there are different rules depending on the committee, but I am happy to look at them if you want to email me a list of the committees that you are concerned about. I will be happy to look at them and let you know about each one specifically. Mayor Perrin said he thinks Mr. Carter has them with him right there. Ms. Duncan said you can hand me that. Mr. Carter said I have a list although I did make a few exceptions for the ones I may have forgotten or may find. This has been going on for a long time. I'm talking about my portion of it without any resolution. I would rather hear the final answer. I don't demand final answers in matters like this because they may not be available, but they are more available than what I have gotten in the last 15 years. The Mayor has improved things or things have improved under him. I naturally attribute it to him and his staff, but some of it never gets straight or I never get a final answer. If all of this is listed quite firmly and correctly to start with, there would be a lot more trust in the system. There is not much trust in the system now and naturally, I am speaking mostly for me. I don't have a panel out there that I am consulting with.

Ms. Duncan said again, if you want me to send that to you, I will be happy to do that. If your request is that we somehow make that available on the city website, that may take a little more time, but I can get with Bill Campbell and we can talk about it. I don't know if Bill wants to respond about that. Mayor Perrin asked Mr. Carter to get us a list and said we will be glad to do that. Mr. Carter asked when he should start talking. Mayor Perrin said if you get the list to the City Attorney, she will be glad to go through that because she is going to have to pick up those members.

Communications Director Bill Campbell said let me say this one time so maybe we will have a clear understanding. Mr. Carter came to me about the Revenue Enhancement Committee and I tried to explain to him that it is a committee of employees. We even invited him to it. I invited him to it. It is not a committee of citizens. It is not a committee of Council members. It is a committee of city staff. It is made up of Department Heads, essentially. Somehow, he said that it goes back farther than that and that I wouldn't know. So, he didn't take my answer for an answer. I never sent him to Ms. Duncan. I think he is a little confused on that. I told him that was the answer and that is what that is about.

Mayor Perrin asked Mr. Carter to get that list together and get it to Ms. Duncan. Anything that we do when we have committees that is strictly all employees, any decision there has to be forwarded on up to the Council which is fully open for discussion and transparency. We may sit there and spend two hours on revenue enhancement. We spent many hours on revenue enhancement and what we were doing was simply looking at the revenue and expenses we charge on every item as compared to 10 years ago, 5 years ago, and other cities. We spent many, many hours on those things. After it was at the Revenue Enhancement Committee, it was sent to this Council and the Council looked at it and went through all that. Questions were asked

and then it was voted on. Councilmember Joe Hafner said there were also two Public Hearings on Revenue Enhancement. Mayor Perrin said that was correct. There were also two Public Hearings on Revenue Enhancement. Again, what is behind those doors is your business as well as mine. I want to make that clear. We do have meetings of working committees. Again, get with Ms. Duncan or I can get with her. It wouldn't bother me if you came to every one of them. However, we have meetings almost every day on something. Councilmember Charles Frierson said you have a solution, don't beat it to death.

Mr. Carter said I am not trying to get into your City staff meetings and I never have been. I have often made that clear. I don't want to go to them. I would probably want to go to them less if I had attended 50 of them. Nevertheless, I want to know what is public and what is not. They start out public like some of these did and I think you remember what I am talking about. When it translates into it has the same name, but it's a different committee, guess what, that is not believable. I don't care how much good faith is shown in the expression of such statement. Mayor Perrin asked Mr. Carter if he would get the list to Ms. Duncan tomorrow. We will get with you on Thursday.

Joel Shell, 3716 Matlock Drive, said that you guys are great. The Mayor, the City Council, and all of the staff that work here, I think you guys do a great job maintaining this City. I just want to let you guys know that I appreciate all of you.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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A motion was made by Councilman Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilman LJ Bryant, that this meeting be Adjourned . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 10 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;David McClain and LJ Bryant

Absent: 2 - Chris Moore and Chris Gibson