Dunn City Council

Special Joint Meeting with the Dunn Planning Board Tuesday, April 21, 2022

7:00 p.m., Dunn Community Center

Minutes

PRESENT: Mayor William P. Elmore Jr., Mayor Pro Tem Dr. David L. Bradham, Council Members J. Wesley Sills, April Gaulden, Frank McLean, Billy N. Tart, and Chuck Turnage.

PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS: Gary Beasley, Claudell Brown, Andrew Currin, Rodney Lanier, Douglas Godwin Jr., and Lynn Godwin. ABSENT: Blaine Everhart

Also present: City Manager Steven Neuschafer, Assistant City Manager Mathew Boone, Planning Director George Adler, Administrative Support Specialist II Debra Creighton, City Attorney Tilghman Pope, and City Clerk Tammy Williams.

CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

Mayor Elmore opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m., gave the invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Draft Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Update

Planning Director Adler introduced Ben Cotton, AICP, Senior Planner for Stewart, Inc. Cotton presented the draft UDO which will combine all the elements of the Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Ordinance, and Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance into one document. The UDO eliminates inconsistencies and redundancies, is user friendly and presents the development processes in a much clearer manner, making it much easier for developers looking at the City of Dunn. City Manager Neuschafer suggested Council review the draft UDO Use Table and let George or him know if they have any concerns. Staff is still reviewing the document and once that is finished, the draft UDO will be presented to the public to allow time for review and feedback prior to scheduling the Public Hearing. Plans are to have the UDO to Council for approval by July.

Draft Land Use Plan Update

Cotton made the presentation for the draft Land Use Plan Update. He shared that having a current Land Use Plan is a requirement of the North Carolina General Statutes. He shared that these plans look ten to twenty years in the future and make projections based on past trends and other data and the city's plan will also incorporate the Imagine Dunn Strategic Vision Plan. A Land Use Plan sets development guidance for City staff, Council and the Planning Board. Development of the update included focus groups in January and then a public workshop on April 7. The draft map was presented and much discussion followed included comments and recommended changes. The goal is to have the Land Use Plan adopted in mid-summer, with mid-July being the deadline from the State. Neuschafer reminded everyone that this plan will be city policy and is not regulatory.

With no further business to discuss and no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m. **Motion unanimously approved.**

Attest:

Tammy Williams, CMC, NCCMC City Clerk