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REGULAR MEETING

Planning Commission-Council Chambers
January 18, 2012

The Norfolk Planning Commission of the City of Norfolk conducted a public meeting in the City Council Chambers, 309 Madison Avenue, on the 18th day of January, 2012.

Chair Snodgrass called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. The following members answered roll call: Davis, Adams, Lundy, Boyer, and Murren.

Staff Present: Trent Howard and Faythe Petersen.

Commissioner Murren moved and Boyer seconded to approve the January 18, 2012 agenda.

AYE: Davis, Adams, Lundy, Snodgrass, Boyer, and Murren

NAY: ABSENT: Grimes, Ohl and Milander Motion carried.

Boyer moved and Lundy seconded to approve the January 4, 2012 minutes.

AYE: Davis, Adams, Lundy, Snodgrass, Boyer, and Murren

NAY: ABSENT: Grimes, Ohl and Milander Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public hearing at the request of Bruce Strong for a Conditional Use Permit for a caretaker or watchman's residence at 1603 S. Channel Road.

Chair Snodgrass opened the hearing at 7:31 a.m. and asked for anyone in favor of the permit to speak.

Bruce Strong, resident of 1603 Channel Road, said that he and his wife are purchasing this property from Dan Geary and its I-1 zoning makes it difficult to find financing. They plan to raise fruit and vegetables to sell and would like the caretaker's permit for this process. They are buying the 9.6 acre parcel which includes the house they are living in.

Dan Geary, the current owner of the property, said that more and more people will be looking for this type permit due to increased theft on industrial properties.

Matt Gilmore lives across the street from the property and obtained a similar permit for his

property. They are now able to remodel and increase the size of their home that is also in an I-1 zoning.

Chair Snodgrass closed the hearing at 7:38 a.m. for discussion and action.

The commissioners asked that this permit be formulated as the Gilmore's.

Commissioner Murren moved and Davis seconded to table the request for a Conditional Use Permit at 1603 S. Channel Road. Commissioner Adams advised that he would abstain from the vote.

AYE: Davis, Lundy, Snodgrass, Boyer, and Murren

NAY: ABSENT: Grimes, Ohl and Milander Motion carried.

Public hearing to amend Sections 27-164, 27-174, 27-198, 27-204 and 27-214 of the official city code to change references in those sections from Zoning District C-O to Zoning District R-O.
Chair Snodgrass opened the hearing at 7:41 a.m. for discussion.

Trent Howard advised that this is a housekeeping measure as the C-O zoning does not exist. This amendment changes all C-O zoning references to R-O. The R-O zoning is designed for older residential areas that allow residential as well as low traffic commercial uses.

Commissioner Snodgrass closed the hearing at 7:45 a.m.

AYE: Davis, Adams, Snodgrass, Lundy, Boyer, and Murren

NAY: ABSENT: Grimes, Ohl and Milander Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Trent Howard presented the December, 2011 Building Permit Report.

There was no other business and Lundy made the motion and Boyer seconded to adjourn. All commissioners present voting in the affirmative.

Adjourned at 7:46 a.m.

Faythe Petersen, Secretary/Norfolk Planning Commission