



CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES

Council Chambers, 715 Princess Anne Street
Fredericksburg, Virginia 22401

HON. MARY KATHERINE GREENLAW, MAYOR
HON. CHARLIE L. FRYE, JR., VICE -MAYOR, WARD FOUR
HON. KERRY P. DEVINE, AT-LARGE
HON. MATTHEW J. KELLY, AT-LARGE
HON. JASON N. GRAHAM, WARD ONE
HON. WILLIAM C. WITHERS, JR., WARD TWO
HON. DR. TIMOTHY P. DUFFY, WARD THREE

December 8, 2020

The Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia, held a public hearing on Tuesday, December 8, 2020, beginning at 7:54 p.m. using electronic communication through GoToMeeting pursuant to and in compliance with the City Council Ordinance 20-05, an ordinance to address Continuity of City Government during the pendency of a pandemic disaster.

City Council Present. Mayor Mary Katherine Greenlaw. Vice-Mayor Charlie L. Frye, Jr., Council members Kerry P. Devine, Dr. Timothy P. Duffy, Jason N. Graham, Matthew J. Kelly and William C. Withers, Jr.

Also Present. City Manager Timothy P. Baroody, Assistant City Manager Mark Whitley, City Attorney Kathleen Dooley, Assistant City Attorney Dori Martin, Community Planning and Building Services Director Charles Johnston, Community Development Planner Susanna Finn, Zoning Administrator James Newman, Finance Director Robyn Shugart, Fire Chief Mike Jones, Budget Manager Brenna Erford and Clerk of Council Tonya B. Lacey.

Notice of Public Hearings (D20-__ thru D20-__). The Clerk read the notice of the public hearings as they appeared in the local newspaper, the purpose being to solicit citizen input.

Brompton Community School LLC Requests a Special Use Permit to Permit an Elementary School at 123 Lee Drive/GPIN 7778 (D20-___). 4

speakers. Zoning Administrator Newman presented a Power Point presentation, and he gave an overview of the school, the location, property information, structure, required building changes, review requirements, Planning Commission recommendation, conditions, conclusion and staff recommendation.

Councilor Kelly expressed his concern that Lee Drive had become a pass through. He said the Battlefield was a unique and important part of the City.

There was some discussion about security and capacity of the school during times when there are programs and families may attend.

Amber Dawson, 905 Brompton Street, clarified that there would be cameras for security because the students would be outside 60% of the time and she added that in order to address capacity, they would stagger grades during programs and/or use outdoor space.

David and Lynn Pompilio (D20-___), 3 Kinloch Circle, stated that the City Council should not approve the Special Use Permit for a school at 123 Lee Drive. The Pompilio's said this would be an additional taxpayer cost and he expressed concern that the school would not accept disabled children. See **D20-___** for more information.

Scott and Christy DeHaven (D20-___), 221 Braehead Drive, said there were several questions and concerns that needed to be answered/adjudicated prior to the vote being taken. They said there needed to be an emergency access to the school ground from Lee Drive, where would the students be dropped off, and would the school require future buildings to support bathrooms, gymnasium, cafeterias, sport fields. The DeHavens also suggested provisions be put in place that would not allow expansions of the property so that the historic integrity was not compromised. The also requested the application be updated

to include the list of adjacent property owner names, address Geographical Parcel Identification Number (GPIN), and their mailing address. See **D20-__** for more information.

Stacy Howard (D20-__), 205 Braehead Drive, expressed concern that traffic would be routed to the school via Lee Drive instead of through the Industrial Park. Stacey Howard also asked the Council to encourage the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park to immediately implement their authority to make Lee Drive a one-way route to properly address the safety concerns due to increased traffic in order to return this corridor to a scenic drive. See **D20-__** for more information.

Council Duffy stated that because of comments that some neighbors were caught off guard he suggested postponing this item until a greater dialog could happen with the community.

Ms. Dawson said they had approval to widen the driveway and they can use Lee Drive for emergencies vehicles only. The address for the school to use would be 490 Central Road so that traffic would not use Lee Drive. She said students would be dropped off at the end of the driveway. Ms. Dawson clarified and said the school would accept student with disabilities and she would be happy to meet with Braehead neighborhood.

Mayor Greenlaw closed the public hearing but kept the comment period open until January 12, 2021.

Sumner Partners LLC, Request a Special Use Permit to establish a 5,154 Square Foot Royal Farms Convenience Store with Gasoline Sales with Eight Pump Stations at 1315 Alum Springs Road/GPINs 7779-70-2419. 7779-70-2391 (D20-__).

Sumner Partners, LLC, Requests a Special Exception to have Parking in Excess of 175% of the Minimum Requirement (D20-__).

Staff briefed the Council that Sumner Partners applications was still before the Planning Commission for review and consideration and would come to the Council in early 2021 for a full public hearing once the Planning Commission considers and makes a recommendation.

John Kakavoyannis (D20-__), 1207 Saunders Drive, expressed his concern regarding the proposed Royal Farm convenience store at the intersection of Alum Springs Road, Blue and Gray Parkway and Lafayette Boulevard. He was concerned that the traffic would create a serious safety hazard to pedestrians and bicyclist on the VCR trail. See **D20-__** for more information.

The Council had some discussion regarding the trail system and how they were being affected by growth in the area. The Council also added that the developer needed to contact residents so that they could have more of a say in the project.

Area 2, Fall Hill Small Area Plan (D20-__). Community Development Planner Finn explained that the Planning Commission also deferred voting on this item and planned to address it in early January. Staff would bring this item back to Council after Planning Commissions makes a recommendation.

Adjourned. There being no more speakers to come before the Council at this time, Mayor Greenlaw declared the hearing officially adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Mary Katherine Greenlaw, Mayor

Tonya B. Lacey, Clerk of Council, CMC