

HAUGHTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

Monday, August 26, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.

Haughton Town Hall

118 McKinley Avenue, Haughton, Louisiana

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Eddie Moore
Dr. Gevan Spinney
Annie Green
Loyd Dodson

OTHERS PRESENT

Sam Marsiglia
Kevin Barnett
Dale Dunn

MEMBERS ABSENT

Lea Stroud (Excused Absence)

Dr. Gevan Spinney, MPC Chair, called the meeting to order.

- (A) Four members were in attendance with one member absent, there was a quorum present.
- (B) Public Hearings

HP-7-24 – The application of Dale Dunn requesting a zoning amendment for a 3 acre tract of land from R-A; Residential Agricultural to R-MD; Residential Medium Density for a propose residential Duplex development.

Dale Dunn, property owner/applicant was present to represent the application and stated he wants to change the existing house on the front of the property to a duplex.

Kevin Barnett, adjacent property owner was present and stated his property is to the east of the subject property. Mr. Barnett discussed the history of his property. He talked about the problems being caused with an already existing property and that the location of the property lines is in question and any permanent structures constructed on the site might be affected by that. He also stated concerns regarding property taxes.

Dale Dunn explained how the proposed duplexes would be rented.

A motion to delay the application was made by Loyd Dodson and seconded by Dr. Eddie Moore. The motion to delay the application was approved unanimously.

HP-8-24 – The application of Dale Dunn requesting a Planned Unit Development approval for a Residential Duplex development.

A motion was made by Loyd Dodson to delay this application. The motion was seconded by Annie Green. The motion to delay the application was approved unanimously.

HP-9-24 – The application of Gary Clark, engineer for the property owner, was present to represent the application and stated his client would like to rezone 13 acres for a proposed commercial development. He also described the location of the property with Interstate 20 and a new road being constructed by the parish.

A motion was made by Loyd Dodson to approve the application and the motion was seconded by Dr. Eddie Moore. The motion to approve the zoning amendment was unanimous.

(C) Preliminary Hearings

None

(D) Miscellaneous Actions

HP-10-24 and H-7-24 – The application of the Haughton Metropolitan Planning Commission requesting a 6 month moratorium on the placement and construction of various types of unconventional housing to provide time to determine how these various types of housing should be classified in the zoning regulations and to allow for third party building permitting agencies to determine how these options may be inspected.

Sam Marsiglia discussed with the board the problems with building permitting of these types of unconventional housing options.

A motion to approve the proposed moratorium was made by Loyd Dodson and seconded by Annie Green. The motion to approve the moratorium was unanimously approved.

(E) Adoption of Minutes

Loyd Dodson made a motion to approve the July 2024 minutes. Dr. Eddie Moore seconded the motion with the condition a typographical error as to who chaired the meeting be corrected. The motion to approve the minutes with the correction was carried unanimously.

(F) Old/New Business

A Resolution to hire Shelly Horton as the new Haughton MPC, effective January 1, 2025 was discussed by the Planning Commission. Shelly Horton spoke to the board regarding his qualifications and his connections to Haughton. A motion to


approve the new Executive Director was made by Loyd Dodson and seconded by Annie Green. The motion to approve Shelly Horton as the MPC Executive Director effective January 1, 2025 was approved unanimously.

(G) MPC member's and Director's Comments

Sam Marsiglia discussed the 2025 Budget that is coming up in September.

(H) Adjourn

As there was no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.



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