

**City of Varnell
Special Called
Mayor and Council
Meeting Minutes
June 4, 2019**

Members Present: Mayor, Tom Dickson
Mayor Pro Tem Ashlee Godfrey

Council Members: Bill Caylor, Bob Roche,
Clyde Williams, David Owens

City Administrator: Mike Brown
City Clerk: Pam Garrison
Absent: City Administrator – Mike Brown

The City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm and a quorum was confirmed by Mayor Tom Dickson.

Invocation and Pledge to the flag was led by Mayor, Tom Dickson.

MAYORS COMMENTS

Mayor Dickson discussed several issues that has been brought to his attention. One being the misuse of the recycling bins on Varnell Main Street. We continue to receive reports from citizens regarding household garbage and plastic bag being placed in the bins which are to be used for recycling use only. The city stands a chance to loose these if we don't place the proper items listed on bins.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill Caylor made a motion to excuse the Council into Executive Session. Motion was seconded by Ashlee Godfrey. After discussion regarding personnel issues behind closed door, the Council rejoined the Council meeting. Ashlee Godfrey made a motion to reinstate Chief Grant as Police Chief. Mayor Dickson shared that Chief Grant has advise him that he plans to retire in December 2019. Bill Caylor seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

The council was presented a list of properties belonging to Morgan Properties (see attached listings) which Mr. Ralph Morgan is requesting be changed to C-2 as originally zoned. Also, the property where Mr. Morgan resides will be zoned R-1. A motion was made by Ashlee Godfrey to change the properties to C-2 and his property where he resides to R-1. Clyde Williams seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

The rezoning for Parcel #11-281-07-000 from C-2 to R-7 was requested by the property owner, Billy Vinyard. After reviewed by the Mayor and Council, a conclusion was made to Amend the tract with special conditions as listed on the attached Resolution. The resolution was to amend the Unified Zoning Ordinance by re-zoning from General Commercial (C-2) to High Density residential (R-7). The parcel in question for rezoning is a 2.85 acre tract on New Hope Road.

When Council began addressing the special conditions with property owner, Mr. Vinyard, he requested to obtain a copy of the resolution to review for a brief moment. After review, Mr. Vinyard stated that he couldn't go along with the special conditions. One specific condition was to construct an access road off New Hope Road which Mr. Vinyard says there would be no way to do this due to the high cost between an individual drive way versus a road into the development which Mr. Vinyard states would be much more of an upfront cost for the development. After further discussion, Mr. Vinyard states that he will be unable to agree upon the special conditions and would let the property remain zoned as commercial, C-2. Mr. Vinyard then exited the meeting.

A motion was made by Clyde Williams and seconded by Bill Caylor to approve an "Indication of Roundabout Support" letter by the City of Varnell Council which will be at GA Highway 2 and GA Highway 201. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further discussion, Clyde Williams made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Bill Caylor and was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by
Pam Garrison
City Clerk