

City of Walton
Public Hearing Council Meeting Minutes
44 N Main St
May 17, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Call to Order

The Common Council of the City of Walton, Kentucky met for a Special Called Public Hearing Tuesday May 17, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. with the following present: Mayor Gabe Brown. Council Members Terri Courtney, Dan Martin, Sherry Snowden, John Wainwright, and Howard Stevens. Absent: Council Member Matt Brown. Special Council Greg Voss and City Clerk Gevana Hicks.

The Invocation and Pledge were led by Mayor Gabe Brown

The City of Walton held a Public Hearing regarding the request for a Zoning Map Amendment from Commercial Two (C-2) to Commercial Two/Planned (C-2/PD) for an approximate 8.4 acre area located along the north, east, and west sides of Towne Center Drive, and beginning immediately south of the Walton Kroger, located at 635 Chestnut Drive, Walton, Kentucky. The request is for a zone change to allow the development of residential dwellings

Special Council Greg Voss explained the process for the Public Hearing and asked to have Boone County Planning and Zoning recommendations and paperwork entered into record.

Michael Schwartz from Boone County Planning Commission presented the presentation that was shown at the Planning Commissions Public Hearing and the recommendation of the planning commission.

Council asked questions and had discussion concerning the development, including the green space area, Tank bus stop which no longer exists, and the two-bedroom units with an extra room.

Michael Schwartz answered questions and had discussion about the Boone County Planning Commission Public Hearing findings. Tony Berling also answered the questions and had discussion concerning Councils questions on the development plans.

Mayor Brown asked Michael Schwartz to stay thru meeting to address any further questions.

Gerry Dusing the Attorney representing the Applicants presented for the Applicants.

Carrie Herman, Executive Director from the Boone County Public Library, voiced that the condos would change the programs the library was planning on offering.

Council asked questions and had discussion with Carrie Herrmann.

Council asked questions and had discussion with Gerry Dusing about the development.

Special Council Greg Voss addressed Council and the audience reminding them that only one person should speak at a time.

Mayor Brown spoke to the council and the audience group clarifying information that was spoken.

Wardell Wilcox from Bayer and Becker presented the traffic study for the City of Walton.

Council asked questions and had discussion with Wardell Wilcox and City Engineer Matt Bogen about the traffic study.

Chief Joey Vest spoke on the concerns that the Fire Department had about the development. Safety for Children with the fire department being directly across from the development. The buffering change from 10 feet to 1-3 feet, and the noise level due to the Helicopters flying over.

John Haas with Fischer Homes spoke about the development.

Council asked questions and had discussion with John Haas, Michael Schwartz and Gerry Dusing about the development.

City Engineer Matt Bogen spoke to Council concerning traffic study report.

Council asked questions and had discussion with Matt Bogen concerning Cardinal Engineering's affiliation with Fischer and traffic study.

Mayor Brown asked the audience if they had questions for Council.

Jennifer Coleman, 111 N Main St., also a teacher at Walton Verona School District, council in opposition of the development and the fact that schools are already overcrowded.

Mayor Brown and Gerry Dusing asked questions and had discussion with Jennifer Coleman concerning Walton Verona School since she is employed by Walton Verona Schools.

Mayor Brown apologized to Jennifer concerning his question and asked that the meeting continue with citizens comments.

Linda "Tootie" Courtney, 520 Beaver Rd, addressed council in opposition of the development.

Barb Farrow, 103 Oakwood Dr., addressed council in opposition of the development.

Dena Courtney, Business owner 32 N Main St., addressed council in opposition of the development.

Wayne Morris, 12108 Delores Ct., addressed council in opposition of the development.

Jordan Simmons, 134 Bedinger Ave., addressed council in opposition of the development.

Amy Long, 309 Old Nicholson Rd., addressed council and asked questions, in opposition of the development.

Mayor Brown, Special Council Greg Voss and Michael Schwartz answered questions and had discussion with Amy Long.

Council Comments

Dan Martin commented in opposition of the development.

Terri Courtney commented in opposition of the development.

John Wainwright commented in opposition of the development.

Adjourn

The Hearing was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Gevana Hicks, City Clerk

Gabe Brown, Mayor