

**CITY OF COLUMBIA FALLS
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES
HELD AUGUST 29, 2022**

Mayor Barnhart called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Councilor Piper, Councilor Karper, Councilor Robinson, Councilor Shepard, Councilor Lovering, Councilor Fisher and Mayor Barnhart.

Also Present: City Manager Nicosia, City Clerk Staaland, City Attorney Breck and City Planner Mulcahy.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT (Items not on agenda)

Kathleen Melee, 612 3rd Ave. W. suggested a public forum to discuss city growth. Ms. Melee asked to review and publish clear ideas of annexation rules.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS/PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Mayor Barnhart read the notice and asked for the planner to present the staff report:

Request for a Zoning Map Amendment in the Columbia Falls Planning Jurisdiction:

Loretta and Ronald Levang are requesting a zoning map amendment that will rezone a portion of their property from the existing CSAG-10 zoning to a CR-1 Zoning. The property is located at 435 Rogers in Columbia Falls and is described as Assessor's Tracts 2B in Section 21, Township 30 North, Range 20 West, P.M.M., Flathead County (The rezoning only effects that portion of the property zoned CSAG-10 and not the portion that is unzoned or that has the Scenic Overlay).

City Planner Mulcahy delivered Staff Report CZC-22-04. Mulcahy said the request would amend the zoning on this site from CSAG-10 (Suburban Agricultural) to CR-1 (Suburban Residential). The applicant would like the ability to split off a parcel of land in the future for family members. Mulcahy said the request was approved by the Planning Board at the August 9th meeting and staff recommends approval.

Daniel Seliger, 439 Rogers Road, applicant, stated they are requesting the zone change so their kids can build on the property. There are preexisting septic's on the property and they are just waiting on zoning approval. If the zoning is approved they intend to do a family transfer. Mr. Seliger said they have the go ahead on gas and electric.

Mayor Barnhart opened the Public Hearing at 7:09 p.m.

Shirley Folkwein, 285 Shooting Star Dr. requested clarification on the Staff Report. On page 5 of 7 under H it states the property is annexed into the City limits of Columbia Falls. Mulcahy said it appeared to be a typographical error. Ms. Folkwein also wanted clarification with R-1 zoning in specific areas of the staff report. Mulcahy replied it is the same as CR-1. Folkwein encouraged the typos to be corrected for the record.

Kathleen Melee, 612 3rd Ave W. said she is 100% for people providing housing for their children. Melee asked council to not let owners use a family transfer to help developers change the future use of an area.

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With no further comments Mayor Barnhart closed the Public Hearing at 7:12 p.m.

Councilor Karper motioned to adopt Staff Report CZC-22-04 as Findings of Fact, seconded by Councilor Shepard with council voting as follows. Ayes: Karper, Lovering, Piper, Robinson, Shepard, Fisher and Barnhart.

Councilor Karper made motion to approve the Zone Change from CSAG-10 to CR-1, seconded by Councilor Robinson with council voting as follows Ayes: Lovering, Piper, Robinson, Shepard, Fisher, Karper and Barnhart.

ADJOURN:

Councilor Piper motioned to adjourn at 7:14 p.m., seconded by Councilor Lovering and the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Barnhart

City Clerk