



CITY OF DAHLONEGA

City Council Public Hearing Minutes

May 15, 2023, 4:00 PM

Gary McCullough Chambers, Dahlonega City Hall

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Taylor called the City Council Public Hearing to order at 4:00 PM

PRESENT

Mayor JoAnne Taylor
Councilmember Roman Gaddis
Councilmember Ron Larson
Councilmember Johnny Ariemma
Councilmember Ryan Reagin
Councilmember Ross Shirley
Councilmember Lance Bagley

Public Hearing:

1. Zoning Changes Pursuant to HB 1405, Doug Parks, City Attorney

Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order and turned the City Public Hearing over to Attorney Parks. Mr. Parks informed the Council that this Public Hearing referenced the new ordinance 2023-05 that deals with the mandatory changes to our zoning process based on House Bill 1405. A few highlights of changes are: The attached Ordinance for consideration regards the mandatory zoning changes outlined in HB 1405.

Specifically, the additions are outlined as follows: (1) Annexation procedures; (2) language to be included in a Public Hearing Notice; (3) appeal shall be brought within 30 days of the written decision of the appeal; and (4) designation of officer for perfection of service. Not required by HB 1405 but added is a requirement for a pre-application meeting prior to filing a request for a zoning decision.

This mandatory ordinance must be in effect by July 1, 2023. This Public Hearing is the first step, and then a final vote by the Council.

City Attorney Parks asked if anyone from the audience wished to speak on this matter. No one came forward to speak for or against this mandatory ordinance.

Mayor Taylor asked if the Council had any questions concerning this ordinance.

The Council had no additional comments for questions.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Taylor entertained a motion to adjourn the City Council Public Hearing at 4:05 P.M.

Motion made by Councilmember Larson, Seconded by Councilmember Shirley.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gaddis, Councilmember Larson, Councilmember Ariemma, Councilmember Reagin, Councilmember Shirley, Councilmember Bagley