



CITY OF DAHLONEGA
City Council Public Hearing Minutes
May 17, 2021 4:00 PM
Gary McCullough Chambers, Dahlonega City Hall

PRESENT

Mayor Sam Norton
Council Member JoAnne Taylor
Council Member Mitchel Ridley
Council Member Roman Gaddis
Council Member Ron Larson
Council Member Johnny Ariemma
Council Member Joel Cordle

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Norton opened the City of Dahlonega Public Hearing at 4:00 p.m. and directed City Attorney Doug Parks to facilitate the Hearing.

City Attorney Parks informed Council that only one item remained of two advertised for this Hearing, Ordinance 2021-01 - Formula Business discussed at work sessions and with the planning commission.

Director Herrit moved forward with Council and Mayor's information concerning formula business in the B3 Historic Business District.

Public Hearing:

1. Public Hearing – Text amendment to subpart B Land Use and Development, Appendix B: Zoning, Article XVI: B3 Historic Business District, Section 1607: Addition of Section 1670, which relates to formula business establishments, Kevin L. Herrit, AICP, EDFP Director of Community Development

Director Herrit informed Council and Mayor that the Ordinance 2021-01 - Formula Business would apply only in the B3 District.

Council, Mayor, and staff discussed the logistics of Public Hearings and the best practices in the future.

Director Herrit informed Council that this topic, Ordinance 2021-01 - Formula Business, was advertised in the local newspaper, discussed at previous work sessions, and unanimously recommended by the Planning Commission.

Council and Mayor discussed the need to utilize the Ordinance 2021-01 - Formula Business in the B3 District to keep Dahlonega a tourist destination. This ordinance does not ban franchise businesses but modifies how these businesses operate in the B3 Historic Business District with allowed conditional use.

The Council and Mayor agreed to move Ordinance 2021-01 - Formula Business to the next Council Meeting as an action item for a vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Norton closed Public Hearing at 4:12 p.m.