

AGENDA
WALKER COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WALKER COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX III, 201 S MAIN STREET
LAFAYETTE, GEORGIA 30728

The following constitutes the agenda for the regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Walker County, Georgia to be held on January 27, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. immediately following a Joint Public Hearing with the Cities of Chickamauga, LaFayette, Lookout Mountain and Rossville.

REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING

- **Invocation & Pledges given during the Joint Public Hearing**
- **Chairman Whitfield will Call to Order the Regular Meeting**
Clerk establishes a Quorum is present
- **Approve Agenda**
- **Approve Minutes**
Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Scheduled Meeting Held January 13, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
- **Public Hearing**
Ordinance O-01-22 (Farm Winery Exemption) to amend certain sections of Chapter 4 of the Code of Walker County, Georgia regarding Alcoholic Beverages

Request from Terry Tucker & Jeff Knittel for a conditional use variance for property located at 19 E. Reed Road, LaFayette, GA 30728. Tax map & parcel number 0-321-2-015.

Request from DFP, LLC for a conditional use variance for property located at 901 Glentana Street, Rossville, GA 30741. Tax map & parcel number 0-133-088A.

Request from Martin Coffeen (Chickamauga Construction) for a conditional use variance for property located at 0 Wilson Road, Rossville, GA 30741. Tax map and parcel number 0-133-053A

Request from Kristy Galyon to rezone property located at 412/454 Ayers Road, Chickamauga, GA 30707 from A-1 to R-3. Tax map and parcel number 0-273-008.

Request from MGM Development to rezone property located at 0 Glentana Street, Rossville, GA 30741 from R-3 to C-1. Tax map and parcel number 0-133-054.
- **Unfinished Business**
Resolution R-004-22 to Appoint a Chairperson to the Walker County Alcoholic Beverage Commission
- **New Business**
Resolution R-005-22 to Extend Existing Agreements with Chickamauga, Fort Oglethorpe, LaFayette, Lookout Mountain and Rossville; to Adopt the 2012 Service Delivery Strategy; and for other purposes

Resolution R-006-22 to Adopt the 2017 Commission District Map for the Purposes of Redistricting

Resolution R-007-22 to Revise the Per Diem Expense Allowance for Trial Jurors and Grand Jurors

Resolution R-008-22 to Appoint a member to the Animal Control Board

Resolution R-009-22 to Waive Property Tax Obligations and Liabilities Associated with Parcels 4-006-014, 4-006-018, and 4-006-018A.

Approval of Georgia Indigent Defense Services Agreement

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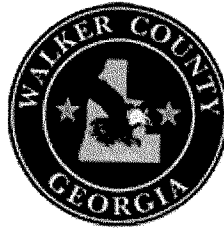
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- **Public Comment**
- **Commissioner Comments**
- **Executive Session**
- **Adjourn**

***NEXT MEETING - FEBRUARY 10, 2022**



Walker County Governmental Authority
101 South Duke Street, P.O. Box 445
LaFayette, GA 30728
706-638-1437

Minutes of the Regular Scheduled Meeting
January 27, 2022

- I. **Call to Order:**
Chairman Whitfield called to order the Regular Scheduled Commissioner's Meeting held at Annex III, 201 S. Main Street, LaFayette, Georgia at 7:11 PM on January 27, 2022.
- II. **Attendees:**
The following were present: Chairman Shannon Whitfield, Commissioner Robert Blakemore, Commissioner Mark Askew, Commissioner Brian Hart, Commissioner Robert Stultz, Public Relations Director Joe Legge, Legal and Policy Director David Gottlieb, Communications Specialist Dakiya Porter, Chief of Police Mitchell Moore, Economic Development Director Stephanie Watkins, Board Clerk Whitney Summey and County Clerk Rebecca Wooden. Other guests signed in at the meeting as well. Please see the attached sign in sheet.
- III. **Approval of Agenda:**
Commissioner Hart made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Stultz, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion was approved.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes:**
Commissioner Blakemore made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Scheduled Meeting held January 13, 2022 at 7:00 PM, seconded by Commissioner Askew, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion was approved.
- V. **Public Hearing:**
 - I. Chairman Whitfield read the draft Ordinance O-01-22 (Farm Winery Exemption) to amend certain sections of Chapter 4 of the Code of Walker County, Georgia regarding Alcoholic Beverages. He said this was the first public hearing and no action would be taken until the next public hearing and meeting in two weeks. He asked if anyone would like to speak. There was no further discussion.
 - II. Chairman Whitfield asked if anyone would like to speak on the request from Terry Tucker and Jeff Knittel for a conditional use variance for property located at 19 E. Reed Road, LaFayette, GA 30728. There was no further discussion.
 - III. Chairman Whitfield asked if anyone would like to speak on the request from DFP, LLC for a conditional use variance for property located at 901 Glentana Street, Rossville, GA 30741. There was no further discussion.
 - IV. Chairman Whitfield asked if anyone would like to speak on the request from Martin Coffeen (Chickamauga Construction) for a conditional use variance for property located at 0 Wilson Road, Rossville, GA 30741. Martin Coffeen stated he was present for any questions. Commissioner Blakemore asked about engineering plans for soil erosion and stormwater. Mr. Coffeen said he has gotten feedback from CTI Engineering and will be using a different firm if the conditional use variance is approved. Commissioner Hart asked what type of materials would be stored on the property. Mr. Coffeen listed various types of materials.
 - V. Chairman Whitfield asked if anyone would like to speak on the request from Kristy Galyon to rezone property located at 412/454 Ayers Road, Chickamauga, GA 30707 from A-1 to R-3. Herb Lee said he owns the adjoining property and asked several neighbors who he was speaking on behalf of to stand. He said they want to preserve the value of the land and this type of rezone would dramatically change the type of dwellings allowed. He said it is a beautiful area and they want to keep it a low density, single family area.

- VI. Chairman Whitfield asked if anyone would like to speak on the request from MGM Development to rezone property located at 0 Glentana Street, Rossville, GA 30741. Ty Edwards said the plan is to convert the cow pasture to commercial zoning so the property owner can relocate their business. Commissioner Blakemore asked if they would put up a vegetation buffer. Mr. Edwards said they will have a fifty foot buffer and the owner is aware of this requirement. He said the owner wanted to get the rezone approved before they invest \$25,000 on more engineering plans.

VI. Unfinished Business:

- I. Chairman Whitfield read Resolution R-004-21 to appoint a Chairperson to the Walker County Alcoholic Beverage Commission. Chairman Whitfield made a motion to appoint Harold Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Stultz, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.

VII. New Business:

- I. Chairman Whitfield read Resolution R-005-22 to extend existing agreements with Chickamauga, Fort Oglethorpe, LaFayette, Lookout Mountain, and Rossville; to adopt the 2012 Service Delivery Strategy; for other purposes. He said this is done every ten years and this resolution is a six month extension. Commissioner Hart made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Blakemore, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.
- II. Chairman Whitfield read Resolution R-006-22 to adopt the 2017 Commission District Map for the purpose of redistricting. Commissioner Stultz made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Askew, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.
- III. Chairman Whitfield read Resolution R-007-22 to revise the per diem expense allowance for trial jurors and grand jurors. Commissioner Blakemore made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Askew, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.
- IV. Chairman Whitfield read Resolution R-008-22 to appoint a member to the Walker County Animal Control Board. Chairman Whitfield made a motion to appoint Shirley Bennett. Seconded by Commissioner Blakemore, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.
- V. Chairman Whitfield read Resolution R-009-22 to waive property tax obligations and liabilities associated with Parcels 4-006-014, 4-006-018, and 4-006-018A. Commissioner Stultz made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Hart, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.
- VI. Chairman Whitfield stated the next item on the agenda was the Georgia Indigent Defense Services Agreement. He said this is an annual contract that has been in place for many years. Commissioner Blakemore made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Askew, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.
- VII. Chairman Whitfield read the request from Terry Tucker and Jeff Knittel for a conditional use variance for property located at 19 E. Reed Road, LaFayette, GA 30728. Tax map and parcel number 0-321-2-015. Planning Commission Chairman Michael Haney said they recommended approval. Commissioner Hart made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Stultz, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.
- VIII. Chairman Whitfield read the request from DFP, LLC for a conditional use variance for property located at 901 Glentana Street, Rossville, GA 30741. Tax map and parcel number 0-133-088A. Planning Commission Chairman Michael Haney said they unanimously recommended approval. Commissioner Stultz made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Blakemore, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.
- IX. Chairman Whitfield read the request from Martin Coffeen (Chickamauga Construction) for a conditional use variance for property located at 0 Wilson Road, Rossville, GA 30741. Tax map and parcel number 0-133-053A. Planning Commission Chairman Michael Haney said they recommended approval with conditions. Commissioner Blakemore made a motion to approve with the conditions of a soil and erosion plan to be submitted. Seconded by Commissioner Askew, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.
- X. Chairman Whitfield read the request from Kristy Galyon to rezone property located at 412/454 Ayers Road, Chickamauga, GA 30707 from A-1 to R-3. Tax map and parcel number 0-273-008. Planning Commission Chairman Michael Haney said they recommended denial. Commissioner Askew made a motion to deny, seconded by Commissioner Stultz, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.

- XI. Chairman Whitfield read the request from MGM Development to rezone property located at 0 Glentana Street, Rossville, GA 30741 from R-3 to C-1. Tax map and parcel number 0-133-054. Planning Commission Chairman Michael Haney said it was recommended to deny due to the lack of a second. Commissioner Hart said he is against this rezone because there are 38 acres and only five are not in the flood plain and he is concerned with it being next to a subdivision. Commissioner Blakemore made a motion to approve with the conditions of a vegetation buffer, stormwater plans, and soil and erosion plans be submitted and approved by the Planning Office. Seconded by Commissioner Askew, 3 ayes and 1 nays, motion carried.

VIII. Public Comment

Wendy Caswell said she has been involved in animal rescue for many years and she wanted to thank the shelter for doing a great job and turning the shelter around. She said she is grateful for Emily Sadler and her employees saving as many animals as possible.

Kay Baker said she wanted to express her support for the shelter. She said Emily Sadler's energy, adoption protocols, and spay and neuter protocols are great for the rehoming of animals in the County.

Harold Danks wanted to thank the Board for running a great meeting and express his thanks for the approval of the MGM Development request.

IX. Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Blakemore thanked everyone for coming out and encouraged them to reach out with any concerns or questions.

Commissioner Askew thanked everyone for coming out and being involved. He expressed his condolences to Lee Powell's family and wanted to note his great work for the Walker County Shop.

Commissioner Hart expressed his condolences to Fred Ray's family and noted his 30 years of teaching in Walker County. He gave a shout out to the Ramblers basketball team for being undefeated this season.

Commissioner Stultz gave his condolences to the Ray Family. He provided information for a Wild Game Dinner at the Cedar Grove Community Center.

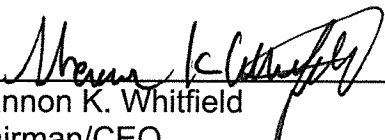
Chairman Whitfield said he had spoken with the Powell family and expressed his condolences. He said Lee Powell was a 15 year employee at the Shop. He said Mr. Powell was an excellent employee and will be greatly missed. He thanked everyone for coming out and thanked the team for putting together a great meeting.

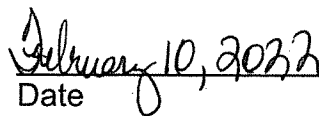
X. Executive Session:

Chairman Whitfield made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel, real estate, and legal matters. Seconded by Commissioner Blakemore, 4 ayes and 0 nays, Executive Session began at 8:25 P.M. Chairman Whitfield called the regular scheduled meeting back to order at 10:33 P.M. and stated there was no action to be taken from the Executive Session.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Blakemore made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Stultz seconded the motion, motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 10:34 PM.


Shannon K. Whitfield
Chairman/CEO
Walker County Georgia


Date

Minutes prepared by: Walker County Board Clerk, Whitney Summey

Regular Scheduled Commissioners Meeting

Walker County Annex III

January 27, 2022

7:00 PM

<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Present/Absent</u>
Commissioner Blakemore	Present
Commissioner Askew	Present
Chairman Whitfield	Present
Commissioner Hart	Present
Commissioner Stultz	Present

Sign In Sheet

Regular Scheduled Commissioners Meeting

January 27, 2022

7:00 PM

Name

Address

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Brenda Moulton 1404 Kensington Rd. Chick. Co.

Richard Moulton 1404 Kensington Rd. Chick. Co.

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Ethan Calhoun

Ty EDWARDS 3489 Bndy Dr Ringgold Ga.

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Candy Frederick 1172 Kensington Rd, Chickamauga, GA

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Kimberly Colley



ORDINANCE O-01-22

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 4 OF THE CODE OF WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA REGARDING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL ANY AND ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, Walker County desires to amend its Alcoholic Beverages Code regarding visibility and lighting for state licensed farm wineries; and

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Walker County that the Code of Walker County, Georgia is amended as follows:

1.

DIVISION 4. ADDITIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS; Section 4-122 is amended by adding the following sentence to the end of this section:

This section does not apply to state licensed farm wineries.

2.

DIVISION 4. ADDITIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS; Section 4-138 is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

~~The sale of alcoholic beverages by the package to be carried off the premises shall be prohibited in any restaurant, cafe, eating place, private club or in any establishment other than in a retail store or grocery store owning a retail license for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be consumed off the premises, except for the removal of partially consumed bottles of wine as permitted by O.C.G.A. § 3-6-4.~~

The sale of alcoholic beverages by the package to be carried off the premises shall be prohibited in any restaurant, cafe, eating place, private club or in any establishment other than in a retail store, grocery store **or state licensed farm winery** owning a retail license for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be consumed off the premises, except for the removal of partially consumed bottles of wine as permitted by O.C.G.A. § 3-6-4.

3.

This ordinance is effective immediately upon its adoption.

4.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

5.

If any section, clause, sentence, or phrase of this ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.



PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2022.

ATTEST:

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA

REBECCA WOODEN, County Clerk

SHANNON K. WHITFIELD, Chairman

(SEAL)

The foregoing Ordinance received a motion for passage from Commissioner _____, second by Commissioner _____, and upon the question the vote is _____ ayes, _____ nays to adopt the Resolution.

State voting rights groups suing over new congressional map

By Dave Williams
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — Voting rights organizations and a group of Georgia voters filed a federal lawsuit Friday, Jan. 7, challenging new congressional district lines the Republican-controlled General Assembly drew during a special session last fall.

The suit claims the new boundaries for Georgia's 6th, 13th and 14th congressional districts unlawfully diminish the voting strength of voters of color.

"The Georgia legislature has 'cracked' and 'packed' communities of color in the congressional districts map, denying voters of color an equal voice in elections," said Jack Genberg, senior staff



Lucy McBath



Carolyn Bourdeaux



David Scott



Marjorie Taylor Greene

attorney for the Southern Poverty Law Center. "This map must be remedied to prevent harm to Georgia's communities of color for years to come."

The legal challenge to the congressional map (congress-prop1-2021-packet.pdf (ga.gov)) follows a lawsuit filed last month making similar arguments in opposition to new state House and Senate

maps Republican lawmakers drew over the objections of legislative Democrats.

The new lawsuit charges the newly drawn congressional map violates the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution by intentionally denying Black communities in Georgia representation and, therefore, equal protection under the law.

Specifically, the plaintiffs

accuse GOP legislative leaders of shifting voters of color out of Democratic U.S. Rep. Lucy McBath's 6th Congressional District in Atlanta's northern suburbs and replacing them with white voters from suburban and rural counties further north.

McBath, D-Marietta, responded to the changes by declaring her candidacy for the 7th Congressional District seat, pitting her against incumbent Rep. Carolyn Bourdeaux, D-Lawrenceville, in May's Democratic primary.

On the other hand, according to the suit, Republicans pieced together Black voters from six counties to pack the 13th Congressional District served by Rep. David Scott, D-Atlanta, reducing Black

voting strength in surrounding districts.

The suit also objects to a move late in the special redistricting session to draw voters from predominantly Black portions of Cobb County into the 14th Congressional District of conservative Republican Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene of Rome, made up primarily of white rural voters.

"Georgia's political maps must reflect the interests of the people — not the politicians," said Anna Dennis, executive director of Common Cause Georgia. "These maps intentionally discriminate against Georgians of color by silencing our voices at the ballot box."

The League of Women Voters is also a plaintiff in

the case.

During the special session, Republicans cited the need to balance the populations of each congressional district within a single voter in drawing a new map that is expected to help the GOP build its majority in Georgia's congressional delegation from 8-6 to 9-5.

State legislature across the country redraw legislative and congressional maps every 10 years to reflect changes in population reflected in the decennial U.S. Census.

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Georgia Senate committee OKs ban on noncitizen voting

By Dave Williams
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — A proposed constitutional amendment prohibiting non-U.S. citizens from voting in Georgia cleared a state Senate committee Thursday, Jan. 13.

The Senate Ethics Committee's Republican majority passed the measure 7-2 along party lines after opponents criticized it as unnecessary. Georgia law, federal law and the U.S. Constitution already contain a ban on noncitizen voting.

"There is absolutely no need to amend the Georgia Constitution," said Cindy



Brad Raffensperger



Butch Miller

Battles, director of policy and engagement for the Georgia Coalition for the People's Agenda.

Katherine Maddox of Atlanta linked the proposed constitutional amendment to the dispute over the 2020 presidential election results and the attack on the U.S. Capitol a year ago by

supporters of then-President Donald Trump.

"What is the inspiration for this bill ... unless it's to belabor a point I would think the majority party would be trying to distance itself from: violence and racism," she said.

But the resolution's supporters said it is simply an attempt to clarify a ban on noncitizen voting that is not clear as written in the current state constitution.

Sam Teasley, director of external affairs in the Georgia secretary of state's office, said it is "permissive" in that it states citizens may vote but does not specifically

prohibit noncitizens from casting a ballot.

"It is not clear," he said. Teasley's boss, Republican Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger, earlier in the week called for an amendment to the U.S. Constitution banning noncitizens from voting.

"In Georgia, the right to vote is sacred," Senate President Pro Tempore and GOP candidate for lieutenant governor Butch Miller said Thursday, Jan. 13. "Citizenship matters."

Miller's resolution passed the committee 7-2 and now heads to the Senate Rules Committee to schedule it

for a vote of the full Senate.

However, it faces an uphill battle. Constitutional amendments require a two-thirds vote to pass, and Senate Republicans lack the 38 votes they would need to reach that supermajority without

help from Democrats.

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State Commercial Driver Program encourages motorists to be aware of human trafficking

From Georgia Department of Driver Services

With January recognized as National Human Trafficking Prevention Month, the Georgia Department of Driver Services (DDS) Commercial Driver License (CDL) Program wants the public to be aware of human trafficking in their communities.

The exploitation of trafficked persons through forced labor and commercial sex victimizes 25 million people worldwide of their freedom every year. Human trafficking victims can be of any race, age, gender, nationality and economic status refuting the myth that trafficking only happens to women, people from other countries or underprivileged communities. Victims and traffickers can look like everyday people, which increases the importance of bringing awareness to the public to help eradicate this crime in our state, country, and globally.

DDS Commissioner Spencer R.



Spencer R. Moore

Moore commented, "DDS is pleased to continue to partner with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Association (FMCSA) and Georgia's Statewide Human Trafficking Task Force to help educate the public about this rapidly-growing crime."

In the 2021 Trafficking In Persons (TIP) Report, the United States, Mexico and Honduras were the top three countries of origin for victims trafficked in the United States. Trafficking happens in every U.S. state — with Georgia having one of the largest economies in the nation, one of the world's busiest airports, two ports and a substantial agriculture sector, placing it one of the top states in the country for human trafficking.

Human trafficking is a lucrative illicit crime that operates like a business generating \$150 billion in revenue worldwide annually. The success of its profitability expands beyond the scope of happening solely on street corners. Human trafficking takes many forms and is often hidden in plain sight. Human trafficking intersects across vast industry sectors that range from social media, hospitality, entertainment,

health and beauty, financial services and transportation.

Common areas traffickers use to solicit buyers are locations that are a part of people's daily lives when they are on the road — gas stations, rest stops and truck stops. These locations offer traffickers ambiguity due to their remote location, the transient customer base and minimal detection.

The transportation industry's response to human trafficking addresses the challenges that allow the crime when not reported to go under the radar. Laws such as the No Human Trafficking On Our Roads Act and house bills signed by Gov. Kemp, give a lifetime CDL disqualification to an individual from operating a commercial motor vehicle when used to commit human trafficking.

To bring justice to victims and put an end to human trafficking, learn the signs and report suspicious activity to the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888. The Georgia Coalition to Combat Human Trafficking also has a 24/7 hotline at 1-866-ENLIGHTGA (1-866-363-4282).

Charlie Bailey running for lieutenant governor

By Dave Williams
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — Georgia Democrat Charlie Bailey is giving up his bid for attorney general to run instead for lieutenant governor.

Bailey, a former prosecutor who lost the 2018 attorney general's race to Republican Chris Carr, said he was persuaded to run for lieutenant governor by Democratic Party leaders.

"All of the issues this team has fought for can be advanced by leading the Georgia Senate as lieutenant governor," Bailey wrote on his campaign website.

"We can fight together for regular people against powerful forces by ensuring that we provide health-care access for



Butch Miller



Charlie Bailey



Jen Jordan



Bryan Miller



Renitta Shannon



Erick Allen

working Georgians by finally expanding Medicaid. We can make sure that we fully fund our schools, reduce our class sizes, and pay our teachers more. We can make sure our law enforcement officers are at least paid a living wage so that thousands aren't living below the poverty line."

Bailey also called for funding the Georgia Bureau of Investigation's crime lab, which has long been plagued with backlogs for ballistics

tests and sexual assault kits. Bailey's entrance into the lieutenant governor's races further crowds the Democratic field while at least for now leaving state Sen. Jen Jordan of Atlanta the sole Democrat challenging Carr's reelection bid this year.

Other Democratic candidates for lieutenant governor include Bryan Miller of Watkinsville, grandson of the late Gov. and U.S. Sen. Zell Miller; state Rep. Renitta Shannon of Decatur;

and Georgia Reps. Erick Allen of Smyrna and Derrick Jackson of Tyrone.

Republicans running for lieutenant governor include Georgia Senate President Pro Tempore Butch Miller of Gainesville, state Sen. Burt Jones of Jackson and Savannah activist Jeanne Seaver.

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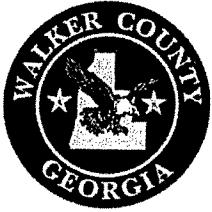
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Governing Authority of Walker County, Georgia proposes to update its code of ordinances. O-01-22 provides for certain exemptions from Chapter 4 of the county code for state licensed farm wineries.
Public hearings on the proposed ordinance will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 27, 2022 and Thursday, February 10, 2022 at the Walker County Courthouse Annex III, 201 S Main Street in LaFayette, GA. Copies of O-01-22 are available for review at the Commissioner's Office (101 S Duke St, LaFayette) and online at walkercountyga.gov.

GROWING STRONGER TOGETHER
Rural Stress Survey
Are you a Georgia farm owner, farm worker, or spouse of a farmer? We would like to hear from you.
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Rural Health



Walker County Planning Commission

Minutes
January 20, 2022
Walker County Civic Center
6:00 PM

ATTENDEES:

Planning Commission Members

Todd Holt
Stan Porter
Zack Chapman
Michael Hicks
Daryl Brooks
Jack Mullinax
Michael Haney
Cindy Askew
Jon Hentz
John Morehouse
Robert Carter

Walker County Planning Staff

David Brown, Director of Codes, Inspections & Planning
Kristy Parker, Planning Commission Secretary

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Michael Haney called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Chairman Haney asked for the Planning Commission members to introduce themselves. Chairman Haney asked for an amendment to the agenda to vote for a Vice Chairman. Michael Haney made a nomination for Michael Hicks as vice chairman. With no other nominations Chairman Haney asked if there was a motion. Robert Carter made a motion to approve Michael Hicks as Vice Chairman. Todd Holt seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous for Michael Hicks as Vice Chairman.

II. MOTION TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING: Chairman Haney asked if there was a motion to open the public hearing. Todd Holt made a motion to open. Daryl Brooks seconded the motion.

III. PUBLIC HEARING:

A. Conditional Use Variance:

1. Terry Tucker & Jeff Knittel: Mr. Tucker came forward and stated that he would like to continue to operate an indoor firing range that was Tail Spinner and will now be Shooters Depot. There were no other comments from the public.

2. DFP, LLC: Harold Danks came forward and stated that they were approved to build data process container there and would like to build more. There were no other comments from the public.

3. Martin Coffeen (Chickamauga Construction): Mr. Coffeen came forward and explained that the property on Wilson Road that he has purchased is zoned residential, but he would like to store his equipment and materials on the property and maybe build a building later. Michael Hicks asked about the flooding that goes on in that area. Mr. Coffeen stated he would like to clean out the drain tile to keep the water flowing. Cindy Askew asked about the property being in a flood zone and the areal looks like dirt has been brought in and Mr. Coffeen stated that it was brought in by the previous owner. There was discussion on the filling in of a flood area and impact on other properties. He stated that he has consulted with an engineering firm to look at the water issue.

B. Rezone:

1. Kristy Galyon: Ms. Galyon was not present. Chairman Haney stated that even with Ms. Galyon not present there was people that has signed to speak on the matter. Mr. Herb Lea came forward and expressed his concern that if the property is rezoned it could open the area up to other things such as mobile home parks. He also stated that if the property is rezoned the right runs with the land. Susan Lea came forward and stated that she was not in favor of the rezone because it could lead to a lot of other changes in the area. Ms. Candy Frederick came forward and stated that she had talked to Ms. Galyon, and she had told her that she wants to just bring in a new mobile home. Ms. Fredrick asked was there something else Ms. Galyon could do besides rezoning and still be allowed to put a third home on the property. Cindy Askew asked could she replace an existing home with a new one. Planning staff stated that she was asked about a variance and Ms. Galyon chose to rezone. There were no other comments from the audience.

2. MGM Development: Ty Edwards came forward on behalf of the MGM Development and stated that they would like to rezone the property to commercial for a light manufacturing on the thirty-eight acres and use it for outdoor storage. He passed out some plans showing what they are proposing. Chairman Haney asked if they have already started moving dirt and David Brown stated that yes, but they were issued a verbal stop work order. Cindy Askew asked why they started grading without any soil & erosion plans. Mr. Glenn Holland came forward and stated that they were only taking off the topsoil and packing the ground and they were going to come back and ask for another variance. Cindy Askew stated that a soil and erosion plan should have been done before anything else. David Brown stated that they have been complying with the stop work order. Zack Chapman stated that it looks like there is only a small portion of the property that is not in the flood area. There were no other comments from the audience.

C. Variance:

1. Robert Franks: Robert Franks came forward and explained that they were given a conditional use variance to relocate their business on the Hwy 27 bypass but when they got to looking at where to place the office there are powerlines and the property to the west is steep. The lady at the north property line signed a statement saying she was ok with them being closer to her property line than what is required with the building. There were no other comments from the audience.

2. Reita Goins: Mrs. Goins came forward and stated that she would like to add another mobile home on her property that in one acre for her daughter. Michael Hicks asked what was requiring the variance. Planning staff stated that Webb Drive is a private drive and even though the ordinance has recently changed to one acre on a private drive in a R-2 zone she only has the one acre, and she was wanting to share the drive. Zack Chapman asked what the lot size was in an R-2 and Planning staff stated if on septic it would be half an acre with Environmental Health approval. Jack Mullinax said that it looked like the house that uses Webb Drive sits very close to the road and could they not make a different drive. Zack Chapman said so if they had two drives coming off at different locations they would be ok and Planning staff said yes. Cindy Askew asked if the road had any issues to where there could not be two drives and she was told no. There were no further questions from the audience.

3. Johnny & Ruth Cameron: Mr. & Mrs. Cameron came forward and stated that they would like for their granddaughter to be to place a home on the back of their property and use their driveway so she could help take care of them. Cindy Askew asked if the two houses in front of them use that drive and they said no but it was clarified that the two house do not use their personal driveway but does use the alleyway. Chairman Haney stated that the alleyway is not a private drive. Zack Chapman asked if they would need seventy-five feet of road frontage for each. Planning staff said yes and pulled it up on the website and it looks like they have a total of one hundred and fifty feet of road frontage. There were no further questions from the audience.

4. Carlton Riffel: Carlton Riffel came forward and stated that he would like to build a two hundred and sixty-five square foot home with a garage on bottom and have it about seventy-five feet from his home that sits on the property. Jon Hentz asked why this was considered a tiny home. Michael Hicks stated that anything under five hundred square feet was considered a tiny home. Cindy Askew stated that looking at the topography maps that this would be the best location for the house to sit. Todd Holt asked what the intentions for the home would be and Mr. Riffel stated for friends and family to stay in when visiting. It was asked that because the garage is not living space this is considered a tiny home and Chairman Haney said yes. Todd Holt asked Mr. Riffel if the bottom would have any other entry door besides a roll up door and he said yes it could. And Mr. Holt asked if the bottom would be heated, and Mr. Riffel said they might put wood heat in it. One neighbor stood up and asked if this home would use his drive and Mr. Riffel said no. There were no further questions from the audience.

IV. MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING:

Chairman Haney asked if there was a motion to close the public hearing. Stan Porter made a motion to close the public hearing. Daryl Brooks seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion to close the public hearing carried.

V. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 21, 2021

Chairman Haney asked if there was any questions or comments and if not was there a motion. Daryl Brooks made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Jack Mullinax seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion to approve minutes carried.

V. MOTION TO OPEN NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Haney asked if there was a motion to go into new business. Michael Hicks made a motion to go into new business. Stan Porter seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous to go into new business. Vote carried.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Terry Tucker & Jeff Knittel: Chairman Haney asked if there was a motion. Daryl Brooks made a motion to approve as submitted. Jack Mullinax seconded the motion. Vote to approve was unanimous. Vote to approve as submitted carried.

2. DFP, LLC: Chairman Haney asked if there was a motion. Jack Mullinax made a motion to approve as submitted. Daryl Brooks seconded the motion. Vote to approve was unanimous. Vote to approve as submitted carried.

3. Martin Coffeen (Chickamauga Construction): Chairman Haney asked if there was a motion. Jack Mullinax made a motion to approve with the conditions that he come back before the Planning Commission before any buildings can be constructed. Daryl Brooks seconded the motion with conditions. Vote to approve with conditions was unanimous. Vote with the condition that they come back before the Planning Commission before any buildings can be constructed carried.

4. Kristy Galyon: Chairman Haney asked if there was a motion. Zack Chapman made a motion to deny the request. Todd Holt seconded the motion to deny. Vote to deny was unanimous. Vote to deny the request carried.

5. MGM Development: Chairman Haney asked if there was a motion. Robert Carter made a motion to approve. Chairman Haney asked for a second. Being no second the request did not pass.

6. Robert Franks: Chairman Haney asked if there was a motion. Todd Holt made a motion to approve the request as submitted. Jon Hentz seconded the motion to approve. Vote was eight in favor and one (Daryl Brooks) against. Motion to approve as submitted carried.

7. Reita Goins: Chairman Haney asked if there was a motion. Jack Mullinax made a motion to approve as submitted. Jon Hentz seconded the motion to approve. Vote was seven in favor and three (Zack Chapman, Michael Hicks and Cindy Askew) against. Motion to approve as submitted carried.

8. Johnny & Ruth Cameron: Chairman Haney asked for a motion. Jon Hentz made a motion to approve contingent upon approval from Environmental Health on a second septic system. John Morehouse seconded the motion with conditions. Vote was eight in favor to approve and two (Todd Holt & Zack Chapman) to deny. Vote to approve with conditions approved.

9. Carlton Riffel: Chairman Haney asked for a motion. Jack Mullinax made a motion to approve as submitted. Stan Porter seconded the motion to approve. Vote was nine in favor to approve and one (Zack Chapman) against. Vote to approve as submitted carried.

RELIGION COLUMNIST ■ BO WAGNER

'Whatever, wherever, whenever'

Far from the beatific view that people often have of Mary, the mother of Jesus, she was, in reality, a normal young lady in a very rough set of circumstances. To begin with, in her own words found in



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Luke 1:47, she needed a Savior just like everyone else. And then, to make matters even harder for her, she lived in positively the worst town in the entire country. In the words of Nathanael, "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" Nathanael was shocked to consider the possibility that literally any good thing at all, great or small, could ever come out of Nazareth. Nazareth was not a planned village; it just sort of sprung up along a trade route. Every race, tribe, group, belief, and behavior could be found in Nazareth. It was a violent, crime-infested, sin-city of the land.

And this is where Mary lived. The bright spot for her, though, was that she had met and fallen in love with a fine gentleman named Joseph. He was a tradesman, a carpenter, a man who worked at a very

hard job. He was kind, considerate, selfless, loyal, the kind of man any woman would be lucky to have. Mary likely knew that she was never going to be rich, but she certainly was well on her way to having a wonderful life. She would marry her sweetheart, have a home, have babies, and watch them grow into adulthood, and bear grandbabies for her to love and spoil.

But then she was presented with an opportunity that, if she accepted it, would almost certainly dash all of those dreams to bits.

Luke 1:30-35 says, "And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee:

therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God."

The words were plain enough that Mary well understood what was at stake. This was the coming of the Messiah first prophesied some 4000 years earlier in the Garden of Eden when God spoke of the seed of the woman bruising the head of the serpent and redeeming fallen man. That promise continued to be reiterated and brought more clearly into focus through the years. The seed of Abraham would be the line of that coming Messiah, through his son Isaac, his grandson Jacob, his great-grandson Judah, through the line of David. Generation after generation of Jewish women thought on that promise and longed to bear a son that would be the fulfillment of that promise.

But darkness fell across that promise through the years, as the ages wore on without end, and evil king Jehoiachin seemed to end the hope of it altogether when God cursed his line from being allowed to reign. And yet...

Isaiah 7:14 says, "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and

bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." The virgin birth was God's greatest masterpiece, a work of art that would allow His Son to be born in flesh, yet without being from fallen Adam or cursed Jehoiachin. He would be born of the line of David from his mother, Mary, and he would also possess the right to the throne through the adoption of Joseph, who was also descended from a different son of David.

But Mary was likely not thinking things through that in-depth at the moment. You see, she was about to have to look Joseph in the eyes and say, "I know you are going to find this hard to believe, but I have not cheated on you even though I am pregnant. In fact, I am actually still a virgin. And I am carrying the Son of God in my womb."

Joseph was as likely to believe that then as any of us would be if someone claimed it today. In other words, this angel was asking Mary to willingly run the risk of losing everything. Husband, home, babies, grandbabies, future all of it. So, how would she respond?

Luke 1:38 And Mary said, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word."

In other words, "whatever, wherever, whenever." Mary had a very real choice to make in this. This was not forced upon her. Jesus was the only option, but Mary was not. God could easily have picked another sweet-spirited virgin young lady; we could today be singing "Sarah, Did You Know?" instead of "Mary, Did You Know?" But Mary did not let the opportunity pass her by. When confronted with an opportunity, a responsibility, really, that could legitimately have cost her everything, her choice was, "whatever, wherever, whenever."

Because of that one simple choice, we are still talking about her today. And we know how things turned out for her; she got her husband, she got to be the mother of Jesus, and Matthew 13:55-56 tells us that she and Joseph went on to have at least six more children. So, for Mary, all's well that ends well, yes.

But the gravity of her choice ought to still resonate with us. We should all be willing to bow before God and say, "Lord, whatever plans you have for my life, whatever it may cost, however it may hurt, my answer is 'whatever, wherever, whenever.'"

LOCAL COLUMNIST ■ DAVID CARROLL

Snappy answers to stupid questions

When I was a week old, my older sisters shared the gift of reading with me, and this was during the heyday of magazines. My parents subscribed to Newsweek, and Readers Digest was always in the barbershop. It was a treat to see the world through the lens



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of the Life magazine photographs, and my first personally paid subscriptions were to TV Guide and the Sporting News. But the magazine that may have shaped me the most (and some would say did the most damage) was MAD. The satirical monthly made fun of political leaders, parodied the top TV shows and movies, and always featured the gap-toothed grin of Alfred E. Neuman ("What, Me Worry?") on the cover. It certainly influenced my sense of humor, and my family has had to tolerate that ever since.

One of my favorite MAD features was a series called, "Snappy Answers to Stupid Questions." Basically, the writers said in print what most

of us wanted to say out loud.

For example, one cartoon panel showed a woman looking up at a drip from the ceiling, asking a plumber, "Is that from a leaking pipe?" The plumber, with a deadpan expression, replied, "No, it's from somebody watering their lawn upstairs."

Another showed a woman stopped by a traffic cop. "Was I speeding?" she asked. "No," he replied. "You're sitting still. It's the scenery that's been whizzing by at 90 miles an hour."

You may not be laughing now, but when I was 12, I was rolling on the floor.

Of course, people are still asking stupid questions today. If not stupid, many of their questions are inappropriate, or even downright rude.

My wife, the dear angel, leads her women's church group in a ministry to help provide snacks for students at an elementary school. Every week, she visits the store, and fills a shopping cart with juice boxes, chips, crackers, and fruit.

She has learned by now, it is impossible to make it to the checkout counter without bystanders offering their unsolicited commentary and questions. She accepts the banal banter

with a smile, but I know what she's thinking deep down inside. I shall offer her muffled replies in parentheses.

"Well, SOMEONE's throwing a big party tonight!" ("Why, yes we are! It's at the county jail. I'm surprised you're not on the guest list!")

"Do you think you have enough chips in that buggy?" ("You know, I haven't really given that a lot of thought. Could you help me load it in my van, and then meet me at the school to unload? Only then will we have the definitive answer.")

"Let me guess: you have more grandchildren than you can handle!" ("Aw, you guessed wrong. These are for my children. My husband and I started late. We now have seventeen, and another one is on the way! They're all out in the car, come see!")

Oh, the things we'd like to say, but in polite society, we just can't. Wait, what did I just say? Polite society is long gone. These days, anything goes, right? Manners are so... 20th century. So the next time I'm on the receiving end of a stupid question, I'll be ready with my snappy comeback.

For instance:

When the tech repair guy on the phone asks me, "So your computer won't even power up?" I answer in the affirmative. "Have you gone to our website for the frequently asked questions? Many of the answers may solve your problem." From now on I will reply: "Here's a frequently asked question for you: How am I supposed to go on your website, when MY COMPUTER IS DEAD?"

Meanwhile, back at the grocery store: I have successfully fulfilled my wife's request for a butternut squash. The teen cashier is mystified. She holds it up. Tilts it, turns it upside down, looking in vain for a barcode sticker which does not exist. Totally ignoring me, she yells to one of her colleagues, "Brittany! What is this?" Brittany shrugs her shoulders. I helpfully offer, "It's a butternut squash." She says, "Looks like some kinda pumpkin to me." I reply, "Not in the same family." "They have a family?" she asks.

"Just look up butternut squash on your laminated produce picture card," I say. After a brief pause, she says,

"Is it under butter, or nut, or squash?" I advise her to try them all, and maybe even pumpkin too. I'm playing it safe because I don't know who created the picture card, or if they have ever been in the produce department.

Eventually the mystery is solved, and she picks up the next item. "It's a pomegranate," I say. "Brittany?" she hollers. "Never mind, let me just buy a Snickers bar."

By the way, is it cold enough for ya?

LOCAL COLUMNIST ■ JOE PHILLIPS

Commercial songs

A 1940s hit by the Ink Spots featured the wonderful tenor, Bill Kenny, in "Whispering grass" (Don't tell the trees cause the trees don't need to know"). It provided the background for a car commercial.



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Commercials have working titles we never see. "It's Up to You" is the title of a COVID Collaborative TV spot with a female singer delivering "I'll be Seeing You." It sounds like a Doris Day recording but lacks the presence quality available in the

1950s. I found she never had a commercial recording of the song.

Her phrasing and approach reminds me of Billie Holiday, and Miss Billie had several recordings of that song and wins by default.

The Scottish group, Pilot, had a 1970s hit, "Magic."

Producers turned "Whoa, Oh, Oh It's Magic" into "Whoa, Oh, Oh Ozempic" for the diabetes medication. It is still running. "Go Your Own Way" by Fleetwood Mac was covered by a studio band for the COPD medication Anora. It is still running.

United Airlines racked up mileage out of George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue." For a while the world loved

the California Raisins' delivery of Marvin Gaye's "Heard It Through the Grapevine." It wasn't Marvin's voice but Buddy Miles singing.

The characters were everywhere with spin-off claymation characters and television specials but the production cost twice as much as raisin growers made. It was scrapped.

In a Sansbury grocery commercial (UK), "A Christmas to Savor" (or "savor" here), a 1960s recording of "At Last" by Etta James runs in the background.

Nothing wrong with Etta James' version but they could have used the original sung by Ray Eberle with the Glenn Miller Orchestra.

A currently running ad

shows the Lincoln electric Aviator arriving into a subdivision that could be Palm Springs, California, with distant mountains and palm-lined streets.

The yard is covered in snow from a snow machine with the song "It's a Most Unusual Day" playing.

It was sung by Beverly Kenney, a jazz singer who never found the niche she wanted and deserved even though she was a popular jazz club singer and recognized for her recordings.

She never got to where she wanted to be and ended her search for that place in 1960.

Some of the songs bring back memories. It's nice to hear them again.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
WALKER COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.
Walker County Civic Center
Rock Spring, GA 30739

The Walker County Planning Commission will meet and review the following request:

New Business:

Conditional Use Variance:

1. Terry Tucker & Jeff Knittel requests a conditional use variance for property located at 19 E. Reed Road Lafayette, GA 30728. Tax map & parcel number 0-321-2-015
2. DFP LLC requests a conditional use variance for property located at 901 Gilemans Street Rossville, GA 30741. Tax map & parcel number 0-133-088A
3. Martin Coffeen (Chickamauga Construction) requests a conditional use variance for property located at 0 Wilson Road Rossville, GA 30741. Tax map & parcel number 0-133-053A

Rezoning:

1. Kristy Galyon requests a rezoning from A-1 to R-3 for property located at 412/454 Ayers Road Chickamauga, GA 30707. Tax map & parcel number 0-273-008
2. MGM Development LLC requests a rezoning from R-3 to C-1 for property located 6 Gilemans Street Rossville, GA 30741

Variance:

1. Robert Franks requests a variance for property located at 376 Stanfield Road Lafayette, GA 30728. Tax map & parcel number 0-324-2-004
2. Relta Goin requests a variance for property located at 15 Webb Drive Chickamauga, GA 30707. Tax map & parcel number 0-073-006C
3. Johnny & Ruth Casner requests a variance for property located at 205A Wheeler Road Chickamauga, GA 30707. Tax map & parcel number 0-147-057
4. Carlton Riffel requests a variance for property located at 114 Neal Drive Rossville, GA 30741. Tax map & parcel number 0-103-079

The second hearing on the conditional use variances & rezonings will be held on January 27, 2022 at 7:00PM at the Walker County Courthouse Annex III located at 201 S. Main Street Lafayette, GA 30728

For further information please call Walker County Planning & Development at 706-638-4048.

ECONOMY

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luncheon.

That growth will be driven mainly by strong consumer and business spending and a robust housing market, he said.

Pent-up demand by consumers, particularly for services they couldn't get during the pandemic, will result in both higher consumer spending and less saving. On the business side, companies will spend more on technology needed to facilitate remote work.

While there will be less demand for commercial real estate due to the increase in Georgians

working from home, Ayers expects significant increases in single-family and multi-family housing construction.

But home prices that have risen 23% during the pandemic are expected to increase more slowly next year.

"Homes have become much less affordable, and we expect mortgage rates to be higher," he said.

Ayers said he expects Georgia's workforce to fully recover in 2022. The state's unemployment rate should average 3.2% next year, a point below the national jobless rate.

The most job growth is expected to occur in hospitality and live entertainment, the economic sectors hurt worst

by the pandemic. Sectors such as manufacturing, health care, retail and government will grow at slower rates.

Ayers said potential headwinds that could result in lower-than-expected economic growth include supply chain disruptions, worker shortages and the lingering pandemic.

"Inflation may run higher and longer than expected," he said. "A large increase in interest rates could trigger recession."

But Ayers rates the likelihood of a recession as "quite low."

Mark Vitner, senior economist with Wells Fargo Securities, who gave the national economic forecast, said states including Georgia that reopened

their economies early in the pandemic are recovering faster than states that locked down over a long period of time.

Vitner said he doesn't expect much economic impact from the spread of the new omicron variant because Americans have grown more accustomed to the virus than in its early days.

"People are less afraid of contracting the virus," he said. "We're likely to see less economic blowback from a resurgence of COVID."

Still, Vitner predicted inflation will likely remain a problem for the U.S. economy for the next three to five years if not the rest of the decade.

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AGENDA ITEM

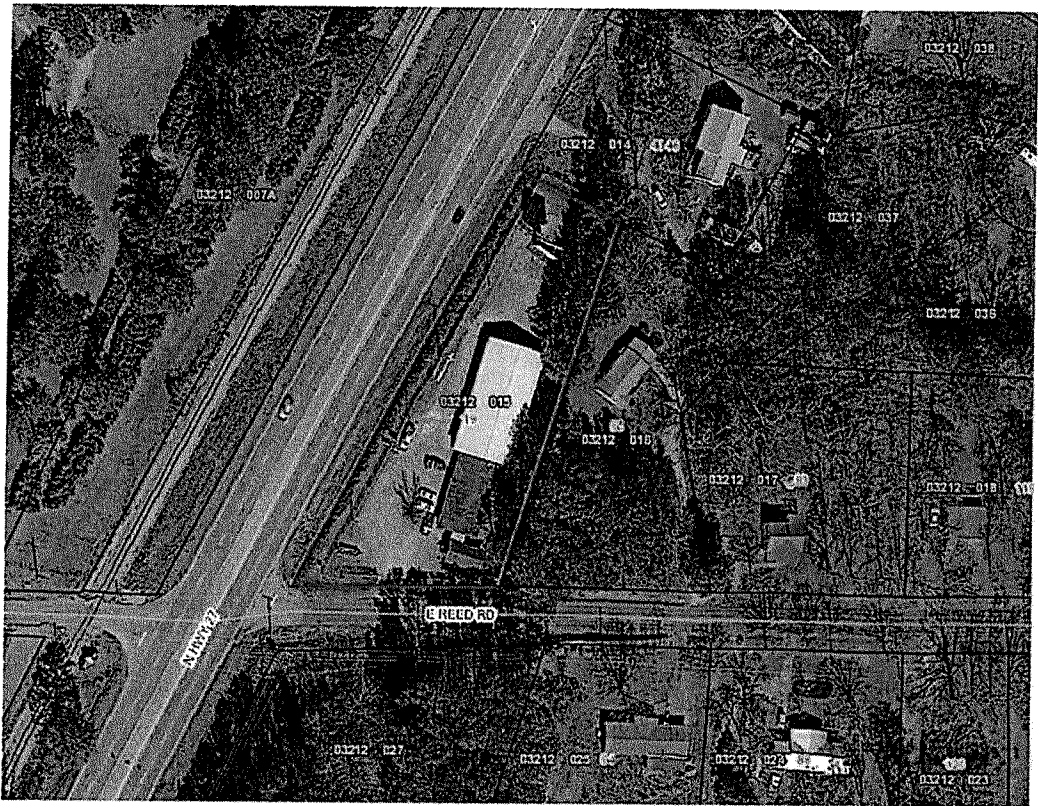
Owner: Terry Tucker
Petitioner: Jeff Knittel
Location of Property: 19 E. Reed Road
LaFayette, GA. 30728

Tax map & parcel number 0-321-2-015

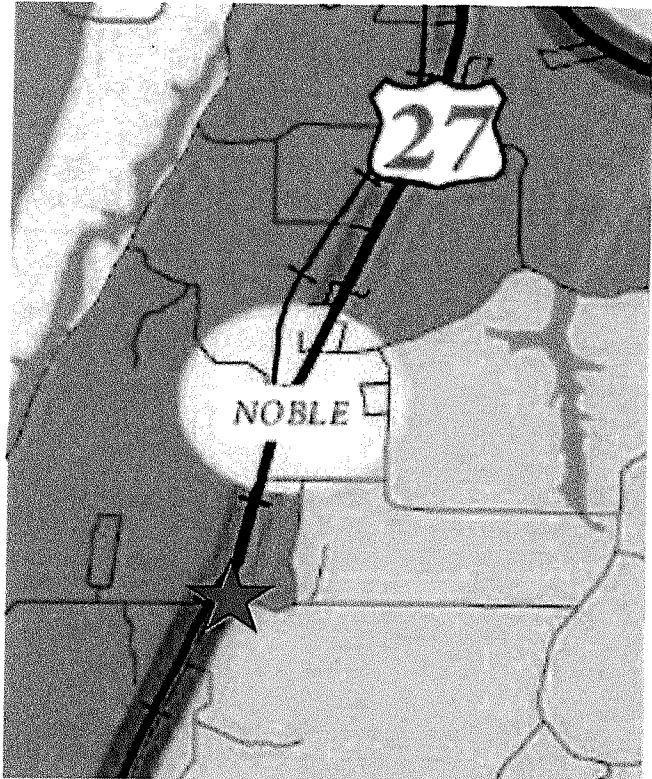
Date Applied:	10/1/2021
PC Meeting Date:	1/20/2022
Present Zoning:	C-1 (Commercial)

APPLICANT'S INTENT:	To continue to be used as commercial with an indoor firing range (Special Use Permit 3)
DETAILS OF REQUEST:	Mr. Tucker is selling the business and the new owner Jeff Knittel with Shooters Depot of Ringgold would like to continue to have an indoor firing range. Mr. Tucker was approved for his conditional use variance in July 2014

Projected Area:



Future Land Use Map:



Major Highway Corridor		
 U.S. Hwy 27 – LaFayette Bypass	Quality Community Objectives	Implementation Measures
	Land Uses	
Description Developed or undeveloped land on both sides of designated high-volume transportation facility, such as arterial roads and highways. Development Strategies/Policies: - Maintain a natural vegetation buffer (at least 50 feet in width). - All new development should be set-back behind this buffer, with alternate access roads, shared driveways or inter-parcel roads - Encourage landscaped, raised medians where appropriate. - Provide pedestrian facilities behind drainage ditches or curb. - Provide paved shoulders for bike lanes or emergency lanes. - Manage access to keep traffic flowing; using directory signs. - Unacceptable uses: new billboards.	- Traditional neighborhood - Infill development - Sense of place - Regional identity - Open space preservation - Environmental protection - Growth preparedness - Appropriate businesses - Housing opportunities - Regional cooperation Residential Commercial Transportation/Communication/Utilities Industrial Agriculture Forestry	More detailed sub-area planning: - Traffic studies New or revised local development regulations: - Restrict billboards Incentives: - In return for developers having alternative access roads, other variances could be allowed. Public Investments: - Beautification projects

CONSIDERATION OF ZONING CRITERIA

1. **Existing land uses and zoning of nearby property:** The zoning of the nearby property is currently zoned R-2 (Residential) & C-1 (Commercial)
2. **Suitability of the subject property for the zone purposed:** Yes.
3. **Extent to which property values of the subject property are diminished by the zoning restrictions:** None.
4. **Extent to which the destruction of property values of the subject property promotes the health, safety, morals, or general welfare of the public:** None that we know of.
5. **Relative gain to the public as compared to the hardship imposed upon the individual property owner:** It is an existing business
6. **Whether the subject property has reasonable economic use as currently zoned:** Yes.
7. **Length of time the property has been vacant as zoned considered in the context of land development in the vicinity of the property:** Mr. Tucker has owned the property since 2010.
8. **Whether the proposed zoning will be a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby property:** It would be.
9. **Whether the proposed zoning will adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby property:** The property has always been zoned commercial
10. **Whether the zoning proposal is in conformity with the policies and intent of the Comprehensive Plan:** The Future Land Use Map shows major highway corridor/mixed use
11. **Whether the zoning proposal will result in a use which will or could cause an excessive or burdensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities, or schools.** It would not
12. **Whether there is other existing or changing conditions affecting the use and development of the property which give supporting grounds for either approval or disapproval of the zoning proposal:** The Planning Commission had granted Mr. Tucker a conditional use variance for the indoor firing range back in 2014. Mr. Tucker would now like to have Mr. Knittel added to that conditional use variance for future purchase of the property.

WALKER COUNTY
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
AGENDA ITEM

Owner: DFP, LLC
Petitioner: Harold Danks
Location of Property: 901 Gléntana Street
Rossville, GA. 30741

Tax map & parcel number 0-133-088A

Date Applied:	10/19/2021
PC Meeting Date:	1/20/2022
Present Zoning:	R-3 (Residential)

APPLICANT’S INTENT:	To place more containerized data centers and a temporary storage building
DETAILS OF REQUEST:	They were approved to place these types of containers back in June 2020 and would like to now add more along with a storage building.

Projected Area:



Future Land Use Map:



CHARACTER AREA DESCRIPTIONS		
County Suburban		
 Residential development in the Mountain View area Description Post WWII housing. Area where typical types of suburban residential subdivision development have occurred. Are within proximity to a public water network. Low pedestrian orientation, little or no transit, high open space, high to moderate degree of building separation, predominantly residential. Post- WWII. Development Strategies/Policies: - Retrofit to meet traditional neighborhood development principles. - Creating walkable neighborhood focal points by locating schools, community centers, commercial activity centers at suitable locations - Use traffic calming improvements, sidewalks, interconnections - Accessory housing units, or new well-designed, small-scale infill multifamily residences to increase density and income diversity.	Quality Community Objectives - Traditional neighborhood - Infill development - Sense of place - Housing opportunities Land Uses Residential Commercial Park/Recreation/Conservation Public/Institutional	Implementation Measures More detailed sub-area planning: - Preserve traditional and historic features while adapting for current use New or revised local development regulations: - Tree preservation, rehabilitation, infill guidelines and emphasis, recommend conservation subdivision and walkable communities Incentives: - Homestead Exemptions Public Investments: - Walker County Transit, beautification projects, community center, recreation areas, playgrounds. Infrastructure Improvements: - Improve existing water and sewer, provide high speed internet

CONSIDERATION OF ZONING CRITERIA

1. **Existing land uses and zoning of nearby property:** The zoning of the nearby property is currently zoned R-3 (Residential)
2. **Suitability of the subject property for the zone purposed:** Yes.
3. **Extent to which property values of the subject property are diminished by the zoning restrictions:** None.
4. **Extent to which the destruction of property values of the subject property promotes the health, safety, morals, or general welfare of the public:** None that we know of.
5. **Relative gain to the public as compared to the hardship imposed upon the individual property owner:** Unknown
6. **Whether the subject property has reasonable economic use as currently zoned:** No.
7. **Length of time the property has been vacant as zoned considered in the context of land development in the vicinity of the property:** DFP, LLC has owned the property since 2018.
8. **Whether the proposed zoning will be a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby property:** It would be.
9. **Whether the proposed zoning will adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby property:** It would not
10. **Whether the zoning proposal is in conformity with the policies and intent of the Comprehensive Plan:** The Future Land Use Map shows country suburban.
11. **Whether the zoning proposal will result in a use which will or could cause an excessive or burdensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities, or schools.** It would not
12. **Whether there is other existing or changing conditions affecting the use and development of the property which give supporting grounds for either approval or disapproval of the zoning proposal:** They were granted a conditional use variance for these back in 2020 and is asking to place more.

WALKER COUNTY
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
AGENDA ITEM

Owner: Martin Coffeen
Chickamauga Construction

Petitioner: same

Location of Property: 0 Wilson Road
Rossville, GA. 30741

Tax map & parcel number 0-133-053A

Date Applied: 11/8/2021
PC Meeting Date: 1/20/2022

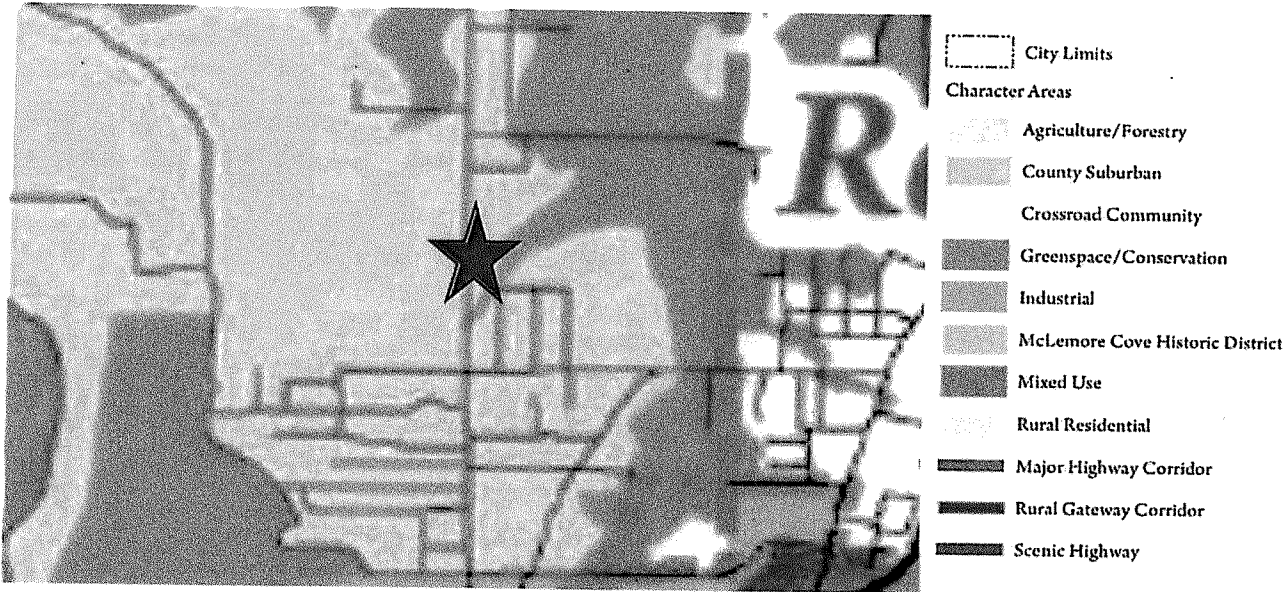
Present Zoning: R-3 (Residential)

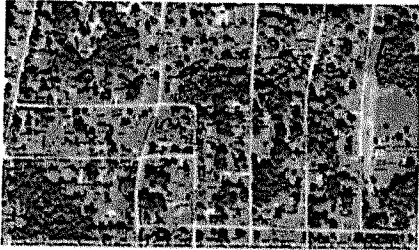
APPLICANT'S INTENT:	They would like to use the property to store their construction equipment and materials
DETAILS OF REQUEST:	They would like to use the property to store their construction equipment and materials. A large section of the property is in a flood zone. All the surrounding property is zoned R-3

Projected Area:



Future Land Use Map:



CHARACTER AREA DESCRIPTIONS		
County Suburban		
 Residential development in the Mountain View area Description Post WWII housing. Area where typical types of suburban residential subdivision development have occurred. Are within proximity to a public water network. Low pedestrian orientation, little or no transit, high open space, high to moderate degree of building separation, predominantly residential. Post- WWII. Development Strategies/Policies: - Retrofit to meet traditional neighborhood development principles. - Creating walkable neighborhood focal points by locating schools, community centers, commercial activity centers at suitable locations - Use traffic calming improvements, sidewalks, interconnections - Accessory housing units, or new well-designed, small-scale infill multifamily residences to increase density and income diversity.	Quality Community Objectives	Implementation Measures
	- Traditional neighborhood - Infill development - Sense of place - Housing opportunities	More detailed sub-area planning: - Preserve traditional and historic features while adapting for current use New or revised local development regulations: - Tree preservation, rehabilitation, infill guidelines and emphasis, recommend conservation subdivision and walkable communities Incentives: - Homestead Exemptions Public Investments: - Walker County Transit, beautification projects, community center, recreation areas, playgrounds. Infrastructure Improvements: - Improve existing water and sewer, provide high speed internet
	Land Uses	
	Residential Commercial Park/Recreation/Conservation Public/Institutional	

CONSIDERATION OF ZONING CRITERIA

1. **Existing land uses and zoning of nearby property:** The zoning of the nearby property is currently zoned R-3 (Residential)
2. **Suitability of the subject property for the zone purposed:** Yes.
3. **Extent to which property values of the subject property are diminished by the zoning restrictions:** None.
4. **Extent to which the destruction of property values of the subject property promotes the health, safety, morals, or general welfare of the public:** None that we know of.
5. **Relative gain to the public as compared to the hardship imposed upon the individual property owner:** Unknown
6. **Whether the subject property has reasonable economic use as currently zoned:** No.
7. **Length of time the property has been vacant as zoned considered in the context of land development in the vicinity of the property:** Mr. Coffeen has owned the property since January 2021
8. **Whether the proposed zoning will be a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby property:** It would not be.
9. **Whether the proposed zoning will adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby property:** It could be due to flood area
10. **Whether the zoning proposal is in conformity with the policies and intent of the Comprehensive Plan:** The Future Land Use Map shows country suburban.
11. **Whether the zoning proposal will result in a use which will or could cause an excessive or burdensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities, or schools.** It would not
12. **Whether there is other existing or changing conditions affecting the use and development of the property which give supporting grounds for either approval or disapproval of the zoning proposal:** Over half of this property is in a flood area.

WALKER COUNTY
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
AGENDA ITEM

Owner: Kristy Galyon
Petitioner: same
Location of Property: 412/454 Ayers Road
Chickamauga, GA. 30707

Tax map & parcel number 0-273-008

Date Applied: 10/18/2021
PC Meeting Date: 1/20/2022
Present Zoning: A-1 (Agricultural)

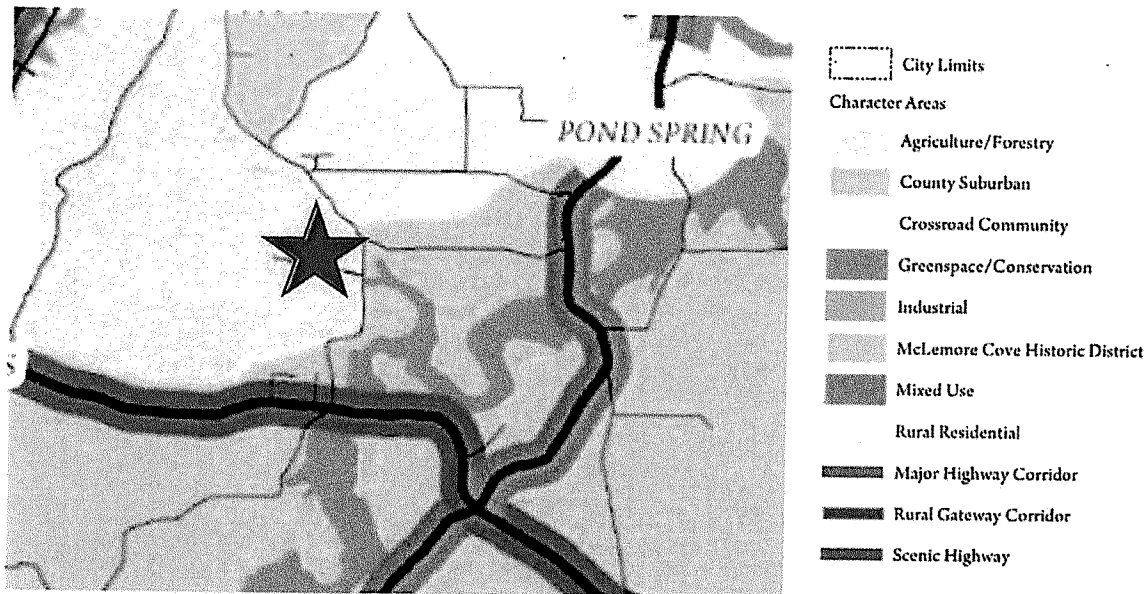
APPLICANT'S INTENT: Would like to rezone the property from A-1 to R-3

DETAILS OF REQUEST: Ms. Galyon owns 8.55+/- acres on Ayers Road. There are currently two homes located on the property. Tax records show that both houses were built in 1986. She would like to be able to place a mobile home also on the property. A-1 zoning requires five acres per dwelling, so therefore she is requesting a rezone. She was asked about a variance but chose to apply for the rezone.

Projected Area:



Future Land Use Map:



Agricultural/Forest		
 Hwy 193 near Nickajack Rd. Description Lands in open, cultivated state or sparsely settled, woods, farms. Development Strategies/Policies: Maintain rural character by: • Strictly limiting new development. • Protecting farmland and open space • Promoting use of conservation easements by landowners • Limit residential subdivisions, require cluster or conservation subdivision design, architecture that maintains rural character. • Widen roadways only when absolutely necessary. • Carefully design the roadway alterations to minimize visual impact • Promote these areas as passive-use tourism, recreation • Help young farmers to develop organic, agriculture and protect the land.	Quality Community Objectives	Implementation Measures
	• Sense of place • Regional identity • Heritage preservation • Open space preservation • Environmental protection • Growth preparedness	More detailed sub-area planning: • Identify lands that participate in land trusts, conservation easements and the conservation covenant program New or revised local development regulations: • Restrict commercial and residential development Incentives: • Conservation Covenants for Agricultural Lands Public Investments: • Public land as open space, recreation areas Infrastructure Improvements: • Use utility siting to control growth
	Land Uses	
	Agriculture/Forestry	

CONSIDERATION OF ZONING CRITERIA

1. **Existing land uses and zoning of nearby property:** The zoning of the nearby property is currently zoned A-1 (Agricultural)
2. **Suitability of the subject property for the zone purposed:** Yes.
3. **Extent to which property values of the subject property are diminished by the zoning restrictions:** None.
4. **Extent to which the destruction of property values of the subject property promotes the health, safety, morals, or general welfare of the public:** None that we know of.
5. **Relative gain to the public as compared to the hardship imposed upon the individual property owner:** There would be no gain to the public
6. **Whether the subject property has reasonable economic use as currently zoned:** No.
7. **Length of time the property has been vacant as zoned considered in the context of land development in the vicinity of the property:** This property has been in the Galyon family since 1977.
8. **Whether the proposed zoning will be a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby property:** Everything around this property is zoned A-1.
9. **Whether the proposed zoning will adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby property:** It would not
10. **Whether the zoning proposal is in conformity with the policies and intent of the Comprehensive Plan:** The Future Land Use Map shows agricultural/forest.
11. **Whether the zoning proposal will result in a use which will or could cause an excessive or burdensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities, or schools.** It would not
12. **Whether there is other existing or changing conditions affecting the use and development of the property which give supporting grounds for either approval or disapproval of the zoning proposal:** A-1 zoning allows for one home per five acres and this property already has two homes sitting on 8+/- acres now.

WALKER COUNTY
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
AGENDA ITEM

Owner: MGM Developers

Petitioner: same

Location of Property: 0 Glentana Street
Rossville, GA. 30741

Tax map & parcel number 0-133-054

Date Applied: 12/15/2021
PC Meeting Date: 1/20/2022

Present Zoning: R-3 (Residential)

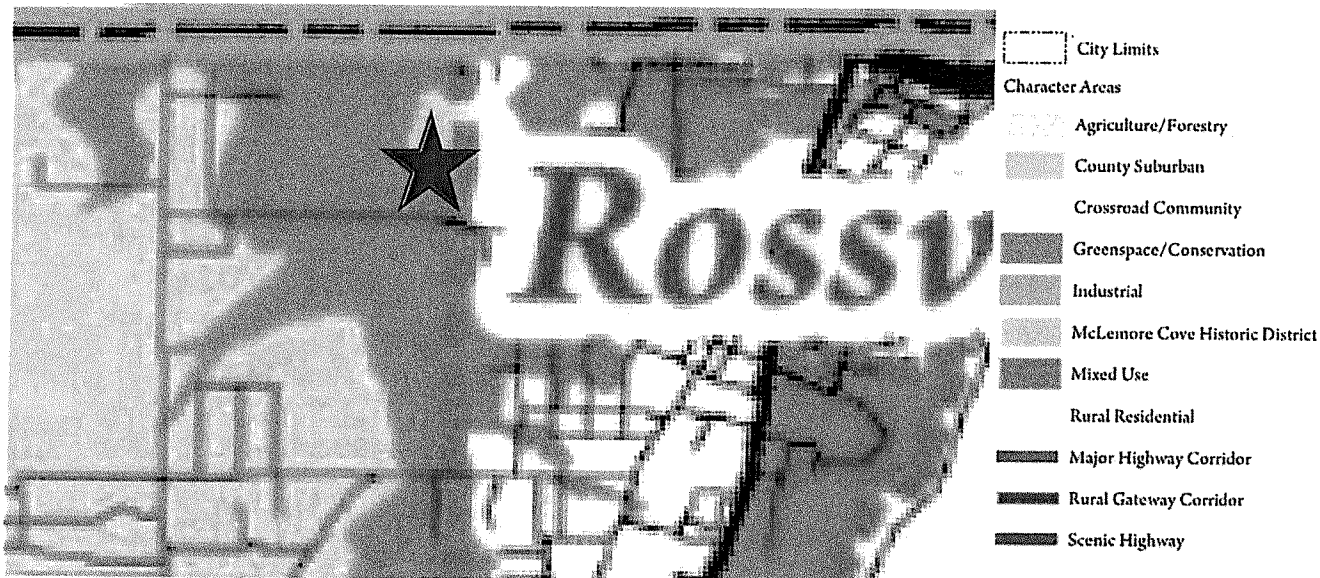
APPLICANT’S INTENT: To rezone to property from R-3 to C-1

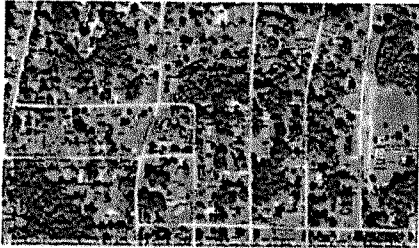
DETAILS OF REQUEST: Would like to rezone the property to C-1 (Commercial) so they can use it for a storage facility, storage containers and warehousing.

Projected Area:



Future Land Use Map:



CHARACTER AREA DESCRIPTIONS		
County Suburban		
 Residential development in the Mountain View area Description Post WWII housing. Area where typical types of suburban residential subdivision development have occurred. Are within proximity to a public water network. Low pedestrian orientation, little or no transit, high open space, high to moderate degree of building separation, predominantly residential. Post- WWII. Development Strategies/Policies: • Retrofit to meet traditional neighborhood development principles. • Creating walkable neighborhood focal points by locating schools, community centers, commercial activity centers at suitable locations • Use traffic calming improvements, sidewalks, interconnections • Accessory housing units, or new well-designed, small-scale infill multifamily residences to increase density and income diversity.	Quality Community Objectives	Implementation Measures
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	Land Uses	
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CONSIDERATION OF ZONING CRITERIA

1. **Existing land uses and zoning of nearby property:** The zoning of the nearby property is currently zoned R-3 (Residential)
2. **Suitability of the subject property for the zone purposed:** Yes.
3. **Extent to which property values of the subject property are diminished by the zoning restrictions:** None.
4. **Extent to which the destruction of property values of the subject property promotes the health, safety, morals, or general welfare of the public:** None that we know of.
5. **Relative gain to the public as compared to the hardship imposed upon the individual property owner:** There would be no gain to the public
6. **Whether the subject property has reasonable economic use as currently zoned:** No.
7. **Length of time the property has been vacant as zoned considered in the context of land development in the vicinity of the property:** This property has been in the MGM Development name since 2019.
8. **Whether the proposed zoning will be a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby property:** There is some commercial in the area but mostly residential
9. **Whether the proposed zoning will adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby property:** It could
10. **Whether the zoning proposal is in conformity with the policies and intent of the Comprehensive Plan:** The Future Land Use Map shows country suburban.
11. **Whether the zoning proposal will result in a use which will or could cause an excessive or burdensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities, or schools.** unknown
12. **Whether there is other existing or changing conditions affecting the use and development of the property which give supporting grounds for either approval or disapproval of the zoning proposal:** Most of the property is in the flood zone and abuts residential property inside the City of Rossville.



RESOLUTION R-004-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WALKER COUNTY TO APPOINT A CHAIRPERSON OF THE WALKER COUNTY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Walker County ("Board") is the governing authority of Walker County, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, one of the duties delegated to the Chairman of the Board is to appoint members and chairpersons to all committees of the Board with the approval of the Board; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Shannon K. Whitfield submits the following appointment to serve as the Chairperson of the Walker County Alcoholic Beverage Commission:

Harold Hughes - for a term ending on December 31, 2023

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Walker County, Georgia that the appointment of Harold Hughes to serve as Chairperson of the Walker County Alcoholic Beverage Commission is approved.

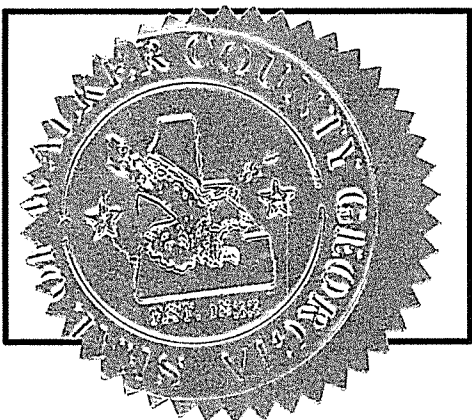
SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 27th day of January 2022.

ATTEST:

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA

REBECCA WOODEN, County Clerk

SHANNON K. WHITFIELD, Chairman



The foregoing Resolution received a motion for passage from Commissioner Whitfield, second by Commissioner Stultz, and upon the question the vote is 4 ayes, 0 nays to adopt the Resolution.



RESOLUTION R-005-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WALKER COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXTENDING EXISTING AGREEMENTS WITH CHICKAMAUGA, FORT OGLETHORPE, LAFAYETTE, LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN AND ROSSVILLE PERTAINING TO THE 2012 SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY

WHEREAS, Walker County adopted a Service Delivery Strategy pursuant to the requirements set forth by the General Assembly in House Bill 489 (codified at O.C.G.A. 36-70-20) in which the original document was executed in 1999 and amended in 2012; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. 36-70-28 (b), Walker County and its municipalities are required to review, and revise if necessary, the County's Joint Service Delivery Strategy in conjunction with the updates to the Comprehensive Plan which must be updated every ten years; and

WHEREAS, Walker County and the municipalities of Chickamauga, Fort Oglethorpe, LaFayette, Lookout Mountain and Rossville have mutually agreed to extend the current services as outlined within the existing Service Delivery Strategy for a period of six-months; and

WHEREAS, upon its approval and certification, the extension of the Service Delivery Strategy shall be submitted to the State of Georgia for review and approval; and

WHEREAS, the Service Delivery Strategy is deemed to be a vital tool in ensuring that all citizens of the county and its municipalities are provided necessary public services;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Walker County, Georgia that a six-month extension of the existing agreements with Chickamauga, Fort Oglethorpe, LaFayette, Lookout Mountain and Rossville is authorized and said extension should be submitted to the State for review and approval.

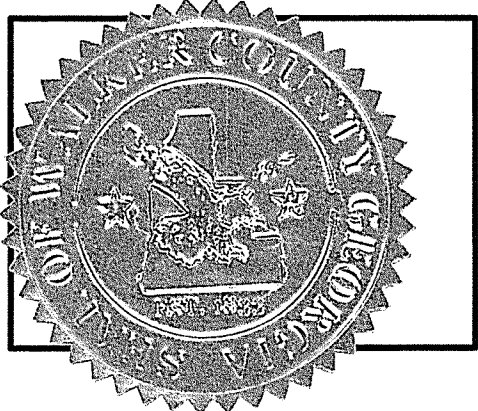
SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 27th day of January 2022.

ATTEST:

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA

REBECCA WOODEN, County Clerk

SHANNON K. WHITFIELD, Chairman



The foregoing Resolution received a motion for passage from Commissioner Hart, second by Commissioner Wickmore, and upon the question the vote is 4 ayes, 0 nays to adopt the Resolution.



RESOLUTION R-006-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA TO ADOPT THE 2017 COMMISSION DISTRICT MAP FOR THE PURPOSES OF REDISTRICTING

WHEREAS, the 2020 Decennial Census has been completed and the results thereof have been submitted to the Board of Commissioners of Walker County, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, such 2020 Census reflects that the population of Walker County declined by 1,102 to 67,654; and

WHEREAS, Walker County requested and obtained assistance from the Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment Office of the Georgia General Assembly to prepare a redistricting plan based on the 2020 Census population count; and

WHEREAS, the Reapportionment Office found the deviations and population sizes of the districts are equitable enough for the County Commission Districts to not be redrawn; and

WHEREAS, Walker County voters cast ballots in 2020 for the first time in current Commission Districts, as part of the County's change in its form of government; and

WHEREAS, adopting the existing map will provide continuous representation for the citizens of Walker County;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Walker County, Georgia that the Board hereby adopts the 2017 map, attached as Exhibit "A", with no changes, as its plan for redistricting based on the 2020 Census.

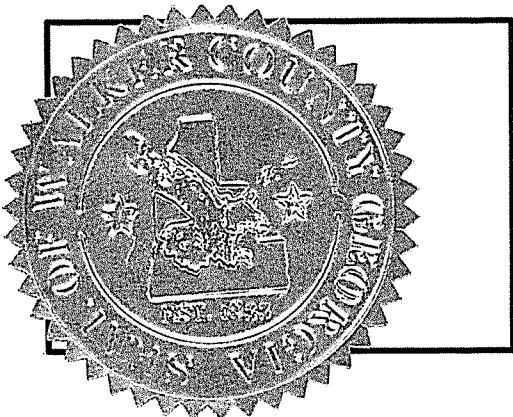
SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 27th day of January 2022.

ATTEST:

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA

REBECCA WOODEN, County Clerk

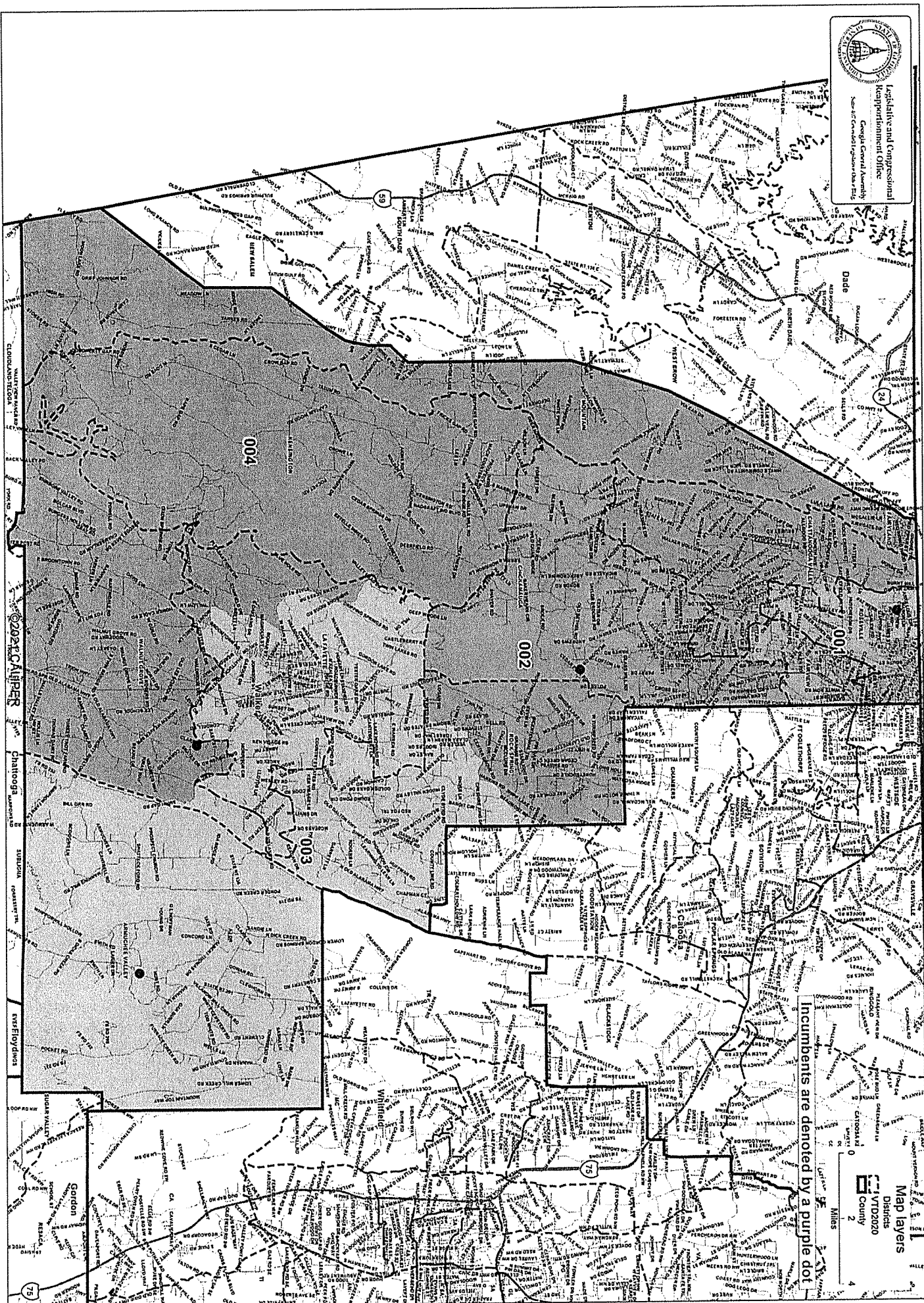
SHANNON K. WHITFIELD, Chairman



The foregoing Resolution received a motion for passage from Commissioner Stultz, second by Commissioner Aske, and upon the question the vote is 4 ayes, 0 nays to adopt the Resolution.

EXHIBIT A

Walker County Commission Districts





RESOLUTION R-007-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA TO REVISE THE PER DIEM EXPENSE ALLOWANCE FOR TRIAL JURORS AND GRAND JURORS

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. Section 15-12-7(a) provides that the grand jury of a county Superior Court shall set a per diem expense allowance for trial jurors and grand jurors for the county Superior Court, State Court, and any special courts that require the use of jurors; and

WHEREAS, the expense allowance for trial jurors and grand jurors in Walker County has been \$25.00 per day for many years; and

WHEREAS, the Walker County Grand Jury has requested an increase in the per diem expenses allowance for the trial jurors and grand jurors; and

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. Section 15-12-7(b) provides any increase in the expense allowances for jurors and grand jurors set by a grand jury shall be subject to the approval of the governing board of the county; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners is the governing body of Walker County;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Walker County increases the expense allowance for trial jurors and grand jurors in the County's Superior Court, State Court, and any special courts that require the use of jurors to \$35.00 per day effective February 1, 2022.

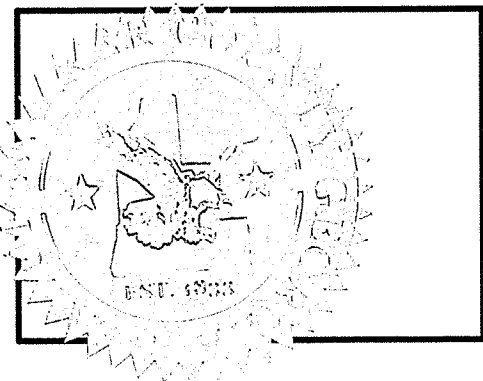
SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 27th day of January 2022.

ATTEST:

REBECCA WOODEN, County Clerk

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA

SHANNON K. WHITFIELD, Chairman



The foregoing Resolution received a motion for passage from Commissioner Walden, second by Commissioner Ashe, and upon the question the vote is 4 ayes, 0 nays to adopt the Resolution.



RESOLUTION R-008-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WALKER COUNTY TO APPOINT A MEMBER OF THE WALKER COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL BOARD

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 4-8-23 (a) (2) provides that an animal control board is an authority charged with exercising those powers set forth in O.C.G.A. § 4-8-23 as determined by the county governing authority; and

WHEREAS, Section 6-109(a) of the Code of Walker County delegates the authority to appoint members and alternates to the Walker County Animal Control Board to the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Walker County ("Board") with approval of the Board; and

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists on the Animal Control Board among alternates willing to serve; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Whitfield submits the following appointment to serve as an alternate member of the Animal Control Board:

Shirley Bennett - for a term ending on December 31, 2024

WHEREAS, Shirley Bennett is duly qualified to serve as a member of the Animal Control Board and has expressed a willingness to serve the people of Walker County in such capacity;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Walker County, Georgia that the appointment of Shirley Bennett is approved.

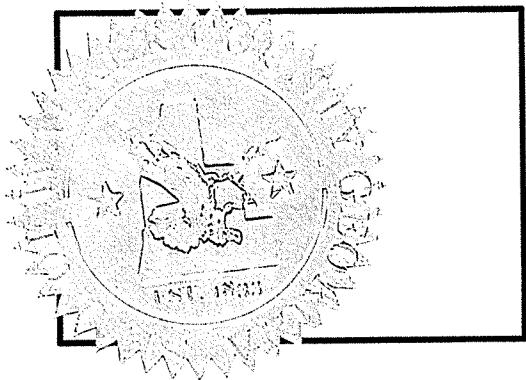
SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 27th day of January, 2022

ATTEST:

REBECCA WOODEN, County Clerk

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA

SHANNON K. WHITFIELD, Chairman



The foregoing Resolution received a motion for passage from Commissioner Whitfield, second by Commissioner Wakemore, and upon the question the vote is 4 ayes, 0 nays to adopt the Resolution.



RESOLUTION R-009-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WALKER COUNTY TO WAIVE PROPERTY TAX OBLIGATIONS AND LIABILITIES ASSOCIATED WITH MAP AND TAX PARCELS 4006 014, 4006 018 AND 4006 018A

WHEREAS, the City of Lookout Mountain, Georgia ("City") has condemned approximately 12 building structures located on four parcels of property once known as The Mountain Gardens. The City has spent approximately \$155,000.00 in demolition expenses to clean up the property during the past two years; and

WHEREAS, the real property taxes have not been paid on three of the four parcels for the years 2018-2021. Fines and penalties have accrued on the real property taxes. The delinquent real property taxes, accrued fines and penalties for the years 2018-2021 are hereinafter collectively referred to as "Delinquent Taxes". The three above referenced parcels are identified as Map and Tax Parcels 4006 014, 4006 018, and 4006 018A, and are hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Subject Three Parcels". The Taxes are owed to the City, Walker County, and the Walker County Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, the Lookout Mountain Conservancy ("LMC") is a local non-profit organization whose mission is to conserve real property. LMC desires to purchase the four parcels and build a new public park for the benefit of the citizens of the City and the County; and

WHEREAS, LMC has raised approximately \$135,000.00 during the past year to purchase the four parcels. Even with the funds that LMC has raised, LMC does not have sufficient funds to pay off the total outstanding balance of the mortgage and the Taxes that are owed on the four parcels. However, LMC will be financially able to purchase the four parcels and pay off the mortgage if the City, County, and Board of Education waive collection of the Taxes that are owed on the Subject Three Parcels; and

WHEREAS, the title owner of the Subject Three Parcels is deceased. Collection of the Taxes appears doubtful. The City and the Board of Education have agreed to waive collection of the Taxes on the Subject Three Parcels; and

WHEREAS, under the circumstances set forth above, it is in the best interest of Walker County to waive collection of the Taxes on the Subject Three Parcels. The Walker County Tax Commissioner agrees to the waiver of the collection of the Taxes;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Walker County, Georgia that Walker County waives collection of the Taxes on the Subject Three Parcels for the years 2018-2021.

SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 27th day of January, 2022

ATTEST:

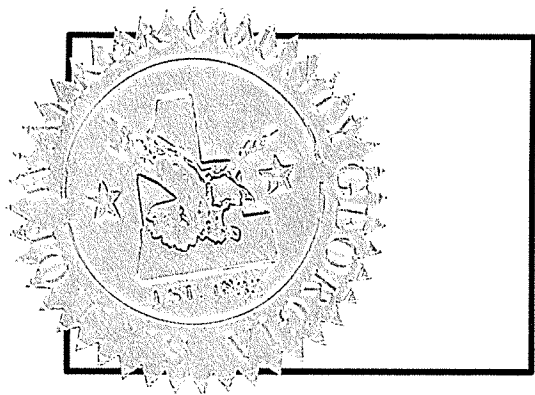
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REBECCA WOODEN, County Clerk

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA

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SHANNON K. WHITFIELD, Chairman



The foregoing Resolution received a motion for passage from Commissioner *Sullivan*, second by Commissioner *Hart*, and upon the question the vote is 4 ayes, 0 nays to adopt the Resolution.



December 21, 2021

Dear Commissioner Whitfield,

The City of Lookout Mountain has condemned approximately 12 building structures on four parcels of property that was once known as The Mountain Gardens which was a bed and breakfast in our community. The original bed and breakfast was situated on an estimated 4.5 acres and included beautiful gardens throughout the property. The City has spent approximately \$155,000 in demolition expenses to clean up the property over the past two years.

Currently, there are 3 of the 4 parcels that have back taxes, fines and penalties. Here is a summary of the property taxes the Sims Estate owes from 2018-2021:

• Walker County Board of Education	\$ 7,026.26
• Walker County	\$ 5,669.22
• City of Lookout Mountain, GA	\$ 5,145.07
• Fines & Penalties	<u>\$ 4,032.00</u>
• Totals	\$21,811.04

The City of Lookout Mountain has been working over the past year with the Lookout Mountain Conservancy (LMC) which is a local non-profit organization whose mission is to conserve property in the Lookout Mountain community. Our desire is for the LMC to purchase the Sims property and for them to build a new public park. The LMC has raised \$135,000 this past year which is short of their fundraising goal that included the purchase price of the property and the property tax obligations owed by the Sims Estate.

The City of Lookout Mountain has agreed to forgive the liability the Sims Estate owes for the demolition expenses incurred by the City as well as all past and current City property taxes. Due to the fact that a non-profit organization is purchasing the property for the purpose of a community park and green space, I respectfully ask that Walker County and the Board of Education consider releasing the Sims Estate from all past and current property tax obligations and fines and penalties. The Sims Estate will not receive any money once this transaction takes place and all proceeds will go to Regions Bank to pay off a loan which is currently held by Regions.

At this point, the only way that the Lookout Mountain Conservancy can close on the property in January is if we are all able to forgive the property tax obligations and liabilities owed by the estate. Thank you in advance for considering this request. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Best Regards,

David Bennett
Mayor, City of Lookout Mountain

	4006 014	4006 018A	406 018
	Fort Trace Dr	McFarland Rd	204 McFarland Rd
	Land Value \$64,000.00	Land Value \$86,828.00	Land Value \$101,200.00
	Acres 0.64	Acers 1.27	Acres 1.53
	Fair Market Value 69524	Fair Market Value 94444	Fair Market Value 101200
	Building Value	Building Value	Building Value
	\$5,525.00	\$7,616.00	\$0.00
2018 County Tax	\$370.70	\$503.57	\$539.59
Public Health Facility	\$97	\$132	\$142
School M&O	\$462.17	\$627.82	\$672.74
Total	\$929.87	\$1,263.39	\$1,354.33
Current Due	\$929.87	\$1,263.39	\$1,354.33
Penalty	\$185.96	\$252.68	\$270.88
Interest	\$210.61	\$286.09	\$306.59
Other Fees	\$12.50	\$12.50	\$70.00
Total Due 2018	\$1,338.94	\$1,814.66	\$2,001.80
	Building Value	Building Value	Building Value
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2019 County Tax	\$340.30	\$461.68	\$538.10
School M&O	\$445.54	\$604.46	\$704.51
Total	\$785.84	\$1,066.14	\$1,242.61
Current Due	\$785.84	\$1,066.14	\$1,242.61
Penalty	\$39.29	\$213.24	\$248.52
Interest	\$111.88	\$151.66	\$176.83
Other Fees	\$235.00	\$235.00	\$235.00
Total Due 2019	\$1,172.01	\$1,666.04	\$1,902.96
	Building Value	Building Value	Building Value
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2020 County Tax	\$339.84	\$461.06	\$537.38
School M&O	\$445.54	\$604.46	\$704.51
Total	\$785.38	\$1,065.52	\$1,241.89
Current Due	\$785.38	\$1,065.52	\$1,241.89
Penalty	\$78.54	\$106.56	\$124.18
Interest	\$49.99	\$67.87	\$79.12
Other Fees	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$70.00
Total Due 2020	\$983.91	\$1,309.95	\$1,515.19
	Building Value	Building Value	Building Value
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

2021 County Tax	306.25	415.48	484.27
School M&O	445.54	604.46	704.51
Total	751.79	1019.94	1188.78
Current Due	751.79	1019.94	1188.78
Penalty	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Due 2020	\$751.79	\$1,019.94	\$1,188.78
Total Due Walker Co	\$ 4,246.65	\$ 5,810.59	\$ 6,608.73
Total Due LMGA	\$1,413.76	\$1,795.73	\$1,935.58



THIS AGREEMENT is entered into this _____ day of _____, 20____, among the Circuit Public Defender Office of the Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit (herein referred to as "the Public Defender Office"), the governing authority of **Catoosa County**, a body politic and a subdivision of the State of Georgia (herein referred to as "Catoosa County"); the governing authority of **Chattooga County**, a body politic and a subdivision of the State of Georgia (herein referred to as "Chattooga County"); and the governing authority of **Dade County**, a body politic and a subdivision of the State of Georgia (herein referred to as "Dade County") and the governing authority of **Walker County**, a body politic and a subdivision of the State of Georgia (herein referred to as "Walker County"). Catoosa, Chattooga, Dade and Walker Counties are herein referred to collectively as "the Counties." This agreement is effective January 1, 2022.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, GPDC, the Public Defender Office, and the Counties enter into this agreement to implement the provisions of the Georgia Indigent Defense Act of 2003, as amended; and

WHEREAS, GPDC is existing under the laws of the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the Public Defender Office is existing under the laws of the State of Georgia and operating under the laws and Constitution of the State of Georgia with full power to enter into contracts and agreements with other entities; and

WHEREAS, GPDC is the fiscal officer for the Public Defender Office; and

WHEREAS, the Counties are a body politic, existing and operating under the laws and Constitution of the State of Georgia with full power to enter into contracts and agreements with other political entities; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the parties to this agreement to provide for the operation of an indigent defense system to assure adequate and effective legal representation is provided, independent of political considerations or private interests, to indigent defendants in criminal cases consistent with the standards adopted by GPDC. This system and this agreement include the following:

- 1) The provision by the Public Defender Office of the statutorily required services to the Counties;
- 2) The provision by the Counties of their pro rata share of the costs of appropriate offices, utilities, telephone expenses, materials, and supplies as may be necessary to equip, maintain, and furnish the office or offices of the circuit public defender in an orderly and efficient manner;
- 3) Optional provisions; and
- 4) The provision for other matters necessary to carry out this agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and promises contained in the agreement and for Ten Dollars (\$10) and other good and valuable consideration, **IT IS AGREED AS FOLLOWS:**

ARTICLE 1

STATUTORY PERSONNEL

Section 1.01 Statutory Staffing. The Public Defender Office agrees to provide for the Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit full-time staff for a circuit public defender office or offices consisting of a circuit public defender; an assistant public defender for each superior court judge authorized for the circuit, excluding the chief judge and senior judges; an investigator; and two additional persons to perform administrative, clerical or paraprofessional services.

Section 1.02 Statutory Services. The Public Defender Office agrees to provide representation to indigent defendants in the following cases:

- 1) Felony and misdemeanor cases prosecuted in the Superior Courts of the Counties under the laws of the State of Georgia in which there is a possibility that a sentence of imprisonment or probation or suspension of sentence of imprisonment may be adjudged;
- 2) Hearings in the Superior Courts of the Counties on a revocation of probation;
- 3) Cases prosecuted in the Juvenile Courts of the Counties in which a child may face a disposition in a delinquency case of confinement, commitment or probation; and
- ~~4) Direct appeals from a decision in cases described in (1), (2), and (3) above.~~

Section 1.03 Conflicts. The Public Defender Office agrees to provide for legal representation by an attorney who is not an employee of the Public Defender Office in cases described in Section 1.02 in which the Public Defender Office has a conflict of interest.

ARTICLE 2

OPTIONAL PROVISIONS

Section 2.01 Additional County-Funded Personnel. Because of the unique needs of the Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit, the Counties agree to fund a pro rata share of additional personnel in the Public Defender Office for the 2022-2022 fiscal year, as described in Attachment A. These are in addition to the positions described in Article 1 and Section 1.01 above. These positions will be funded by the Counties in the Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit and will be administered by GPDC as contemplated in OCGA § 171232.

ARTICLE 3

MISCELLANEOUS

Section 3.01 Term. The term of this agreement is 12 months beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022.

Section 3.02 Maintenance of effort. The Counties agrees that it will continue to fund indigent defense for the term of this agreement, at a minimum, at the level of its most recent budgeted level of funding (the current fiscal year or the planned budget for the next fiscal year if that budget has already been developed) for indigent defense as part of this support each county agrees to provide space, equipment and operating expenses necessary to effectively operate the circuit public defender office.

Section 3.03 Severability. Any section, subsection, paragraph, term, condition, provision or other part (herein after collectively referred to as "part") of this agreement that is judged, held, found, or declared to voidable, void, invalid, illegal, or otherwise not fully enforceable shall not affect any other part of this agreement, and the remainder of this agreement shall continue to be of full force and effect. Any agreement of the parties to amend, modify, eliminate, or otherwise change any part of this agreement shall not affect any other part of this agreement, and the remainder of this agreement shall continue to be of full force and effect.

Section 3.04 Cooperation, dispute resolution and jurisdiction.

- (a) The Public Defender Office and the Counties acknowledge that this agreement may need to be revised periodically to address new or unforeseen matters.
- (b) Each party to this agreement agrees to cooperate with the other party to effectuate and carry out the intent of this agreement.
- (c) This agreement, and the rights and obligations of the parties, are governed by, and subject to and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Georgia. The parties acknowledge and agree that by law,

the exclusive jurisdiction for contract actions against the state, departments and agencies of the state, and state authorities is the Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia. The Parties further acknowledge that the Fulton Superior Court has a court sponsored Arbitration and Mediation Program in which the Parties agree to fully participate.

Section 3.05 Notice. A notice to a party to this agreement shall be made in writing and shall be delivered by first class mail or personally to the person and at the address indicated below:

Circuit Public Defender Office of the Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit:

Jad B. Johnson
Circuit Public Defender
101 Napier St.
LaFayette, GA 30728

Catoosa County:

Hon. Steven Henry, Chairman
Board of Commissioners Catoosa County, Georgia
800 LaFayette St.
Ringgold, Georgia 30736

Chattooga County:

Hon. Blake Elsberry, Commissioner
120 Cox Street
Summerville, GA 30747

Dade County:

Hon. Ted Rumley
County Executive
Post Office Box 613
Trenton, GA 30752

Walker County:

Hon. Shannon Whitfield, Commissioner
101 S. Duke Street
Post Office Box 445
LaFayette, GA 30728

Georgia Public Defender Council:

Omotayo Alli, Director
104 Marietta Street
Suite 400
Atlanta, GA 30303

Section 3.06 Agreement modification. This agreement, including all attachments hereto, constitutes the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter of this agreement and may be altered or amended only by a subsequent written agreement of equal dignity; provided, however, that the parties' representatives identified in Section 3.05 may agree in writing by an exchange of letter or emails prior to the budget revision becoming effective to budget revisions which do not increase or decrease the total dollar value of the agreement. This agreement supersedes all prior agreements, negotiations and communications of whatever type, whether written or oral, between the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter of this agreement. No modifications may be made without prior notice to and approval from all parties to this agreement.

Section 3.07 Termination.

(a) **Due to non-availability of funds.** In the event that either the sources of reimbursement for services under this agreement (appropriations from the General Assembly of the State of Georgia, or appropriations from a county governing authority) is reduced during the term of this agreement, the Public Defender Office may make financial and other adjustments to this agreement and notify the Counties accordingly. An adjustment may be an agreement amendment or may be the termination of the agreement. The certification by the director of the Georgia Public Defender Council of the occurrence of reduction in State funds is conclusive. The certification of the occurrence of the occurrence of the reduction in county funds by the person named in Section 3.05 by the Counties to receive funds is conclusive. The Counties shall promptly notify the Public Defender Office in writing on the non-existence or insufficiency of funds and the date of termination. The Public Defender Office shall then immediately cease providing the services required hereunder except for any necessary winding down and transition services required under Section 3.08. In lieu of terminating this agreement, the Counties and the Public Defender Office may make financial and other adjustments to this agreement by amending it pursuant to Section 3.06.

(b) **For cause.** This agreement may be terminated for cause, in whole or in part, at any time by either party for failure by the other party to substantially perform any of its duties under this agreement, "Cause" means a breach or default of any material obligation hereunder which default is incapable of cure, or which, being capable of cure, has not been cured within 30 days after receipt of notice of such default (or such additional cure period as the non-defaulting party may authorize). Should a party exercise its right to terminate this agreement under this subsection, the termination shall be accomplished in writing and specify the reason and the termination date. In the event of termination under this subsection of the Public Defender Office shall submit a final agreement expenditure report containing all charges incurred through and including the termination date to the Counties no later than 30 days after the effective date of written notice of termination and the Counties shall pay the amount within 15 days of the receipt of the final agreement expenditure report. Upon termination of this agreement, the Public Defender Office shall not incur any new obligations after the effective date of termination, except as required under Section 3.08. The above remedies contained in this subsection are in addition to any other remedies provided by law or the terms of this agreement.

(c) **For convenience.** This agreement may be cancelled or terminated by either of the parties without cause; however, the party seeking to terminate or cancel this agreement shall give written notice of its intention to do so to the other party at least 60 days prior to the effective date of cancellation or termination.

(d) **Post-termination obligations.** After termination of this agreement pursuant to this Section, the Public Defender Office and the Counties agree to comply with the provisions of Section 3.08 (b).

Section 3.08 Cooperation in transition of services.

(a) **At the beginning of the agreement.** The Counties agrees upon the beginning of this agreement to cooperate as requested by the Public Defender Office to effectuate the smooth and reasonable transition of services for existing clients, if applicable. This includes but is not limited to the payment for continuation of representation by current counsel where appropriate or required by law, court rule or the State Bar of Georgia ethical standards or the facilitation of the timely transfer to the Public Defender Office client records.

(b) **During or at the end of the agreement.** The Public Defender Office agrees upon termination or expiration of this agreement, in whole or in part, for any reason to cooperate as requested by the Counties to effectuate the smooth and reasonable transition of services for existing clients. This includes but is not limited to the continuation of representation by Public Defender Office where appropriate or required by law, court rule or the State Bar of Georgia ethical standards or the facilitation of the timely transfer to the Counties of the client records. The Counties shall compensate the Public Defender for all post-termination or post-expiration services under this subsection. The Public Defender Office shall submit a monthly expenditure report containing all charges incurred during the preceding month on or before the 5th day of each month. ~~The Counties shall pay the amount due within 15 days of the receipt of the monthly expenditure report. This subsection survives the termination or expiration of this agreement.~~

(c) **Statutory responsibility continuation.** The Public Defender Office and the Counties acknowledge that both have responsibilities for indigent defense costs under the Georgia Indigent Defense Act of 2003, as amended and that the termination or expiration of this agreement does not relieve either party of their responsibility under the law.

Section 3.09 Advance of Funds. The parties agree that advances of funds cannot remain outstanding following agreement termination or expiration and will be reclaimed. The parties agree that upon termination of this agreement, for any reason, all unexpended and unobligated funds held by the parties revert to the party entitled to the funds. The parties agree to reconcile expenditures against advances of funds within 30 days of termination of this agreement,

Section 3.10 Rollover of Funds. The Counties acknowledge that state agencies have a fiscal year from July 1 to June 30. The County agrees to authorize the Georgia Public Defender Standards Council to roll over remaining county funds from June 30, 2022 to July 1, 2022 which is the start of Fiscal Year 2022.

Section 3.11 Time. Time is of the essence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have each here unto affixed their signatures the day and year first written above.

ATTEST:

Catoosa County

BY: _____
Signature _____
Title _____

ATTEST:

Chattooga County

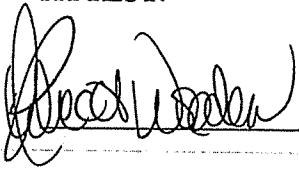
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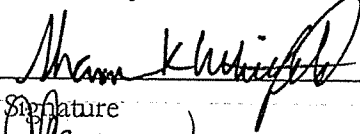
Dade County

BY: _____
Signature _____
Title _____

ATTEST:



Walker County

BY: 
Signature _____
Title _____

ATTEST:

Circuit Public Defender

BY: _____
Signature _____
Circuit Public
Defender

ATTEST:

Consented to:

Georgia Public Defender Standards Council

BY: _____
Signature _____
Director

Applicant: Terry Tucker & Jeff Knittel

Map & Parcel: 0-321-2-015

Current zoning: C-1

Rezone from: _____

to: _____

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

1-20-2022

APPROVED AS SUBMITTED

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

TABLED

DENIAL

COMMISSIONERS FINAL DECISION:

Sharon Kluttsch

APPROVED AS SUBMITTED

1-27-2022

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

TABLED

DENIAL

The following disclosure is required of the applicant(s) by Section 36-67A-3 of O.C.G.A. The following is for disclosure purposes only and does not disqualify the petition.

Within the past two years, have you made either campaign contributions totaling \$250.00 or more and/or given gifts having value of \$250.00 or more to a local government official who will be responsible for making a recommendation or decision on the application? YES () NO (X). If so, then on a separate page, please furnish the following information.

- A) The name of the local government official(s) to whom cash contribution or gift was made.
- B) The dollar amount(s) and date(s) of each campaign made by the applicant to each local government official during the two years immediately preceding the filing of the application: and
- C) An enumeration and description of each gift having a value of \$250.00 or more made by the applicant to each local government official within the past two years:

Signature of Petitioner/Owner:

[Signature]
OWNER

DATE

Jeff Knittel 09/30/21
PETITIONER DATE

Jeff Knittel

Applicant: DFP, LLC

Map & Parcel: 0-133-088A Rezone from: _____ to: _____

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

1-20-2022

APPROVED AS SUBMITTED

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

TABLED

DENIAL

COMMISSIONERS FINAL DECISION:

Thomas K. Kuchta

APPROVED AS SUBMITTED

1-27-2022

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

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Signature of Petitioner/Owner:

Herald B. O'Leary 10-19-21
OWNER DATE

PETITIONER

DATE

Applicant: Martin Coffeen w/ Chickamauga Construction
Map & Parcel: 0-133-053A Current zone R-3
Rezone from: _____ to: _____

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

1-20-2022 APPROVED AS SUBMITTED

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS with condition of soil and erosion plan

TABLED

DENIAL
Approved with the condition that he come back before the Planning Commission before any construction of any buildings

COMMISSIONERS FINAL DECISION:

Shane K. [Signature] APPROVED AS SUBMITTED

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS with condition of soil and erosion plan

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DENIAL
1-27-2022

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Signature of Petitioner/Owner:

[Signature] 11/09/21
OWNER DATE

PETITIONER DATE

Applicant: Kristy Galvan

Map & Parcel: 0-273-008 Rezone from: A-1 to: R-3

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVED AS SUBMITTED

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

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1-20-2022 DENIAL

COMMISSIONERS FINAL DECISION:

APPROVED AS SUBMITTED

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

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Shawn Whitefield DENIAL 1-27-2022

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Signature of Petitioner/Owner:

Kristy Galvan 10-18-21
OWNER DATE

PETITIONER DATE

Applicant: MGM Development

Map & Parcel: 0-133-054 Rezone from: R-3 to: C-1

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

_____APPROVED AS SUBMITTED

_____APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

_____TABLED

1-20-2022 DENIAL - By lack of second

COMMISSIONERS FINAL DECISION:

_____APPROVED AS SUBMITTED

Thomas K. Kucharski APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

_____TABLED

_____DENIAL

*Vegetation buffer, stormwater
plan and soil and erosion
the submitted and
approved by Planning
Office
1-27-2022*

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Signature of Petitioner/Owner:

M. H. [Signature] 12/15/2021

OWNER

DATE

PETITIONER

DATE

**WALKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
EXECUTIVE SESSION
AFFIDAVIT**

The undersigned, having been duly sworn, states under oath that the following is true and accurate:

1.

The Walker County Board of Commissioners met in an open and duly advertised meeting on January 27, 2022

2.

During the meeting, the Walker County Board of Commissioners voted to enter into executive session.

3.

In my capacity as Commission Chairman, I presided over the executive session. The executive session was called to order at 8:30 p.m. The following Commissioners were present: Blakemore, Askew, Hart, Stultz

Also in attendance: County Attorney Gottlieb

4.

The subject matter of the executive session was devoted to the following matter(s) within the exceptions provided in the open meeting law: (Initial all that are applicable):

SKWx **Litigation Matters:** Consultation with the Walker County government attorney to discuss pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought, or to be brought, by or against Walker County government or any officer or employee in which Walker County government or any officer or employee may be directly involved; as provided in O.C.G.A. 50-14-2(1);

SKWx **Real Estate Matters:** Discussion regarding the future purchase or acquisition, disposal, or leasing of real estate; as provided by O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(b)(1);

SKWx **Personnel Matters:** Discussion or deliberation upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal of a Walker County government officer or employee; as provided in O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(6);

____ Other (describe exemption to the open meeting law) _____
_____ as provided in O.C.G.A. _____.

SKW_x No other matters were discussed during the executive session.

____ Discussion occurred on a topic not authorized by law. The meeting was declared out of order, immediately ceased and was adjourned.

This 27th day of January, 2022

Shannon K. Whitfield

Print Name: Shannon K. Whitfield

Print Title: Commission Chairman

Sworn to and subscribed before me this
27th day of January, 2022

Whitney L. Sumner
Notary Public

My commission expires: _____

