



# CITY OF PORT WENTWORTH

## PLANNING COMMISSION

JULY 8, 2019

Council Meeting Room

Regular Meeting

6:30 PM

305 SOUTH COASTAL HIGHWAY  
PORT WENTWORTH, GA 31407

### 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Donna Blalock called the meeting to order.

### 2. PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Rufus Bright led the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

### 3. ROLL CALL - SECRETARY

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Rufus Bright	Planning Commissioner	Present	
Rosetta Franklin	Planning Commissioner	Present	
Donna Blalock	Planning Commission Chairman	Present	
Wanda Rolf	Planning Commissioner	Present	
Maurice Rahn	Planning Commissioner	Present	
Lauree Morris	Planning Commissioner	Present	
CJ Neesmith	Planning Commissioner	Present	
Brian Harvey	Director of Development Services	Present	

### 4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

A. Planning Commission - Regular Meeting - Jun 10, 2019 6:30 PM

**RESULT:** ACCEPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Lauree Morris, Planning Commissioner  
**SECONDER:** Rufus Bright, Planning Commissioner  
**AYES:** Bright, Franklin, Rolf, Rahn, Morris, Neesmith

### 5. ZONING MAP AMENDMENTS (REZONING)

A. Application to Amend the Zoning Map submitted by Phillip McCorkle, McCorkle & Johnson LLP., on behalf of L-A Savannah Crossgate, LLC for PIN #'s 7-0035-01-007 & 7-0035-01-008 (South Side of Crossgate Road) to rezone the properties from EDZ (Economic Development Zone) to P-I-1 (Planned Industrial).

Mr. Harvey advised the Commission that the application was complete; however, the application is still under technical review by City engineers. The applicant, Phillip McCorkle, presented the rezoning and offered to answer questions. The Commission asked several questions regarding the Development Impact Assessment, the Comprehensive Plan, traffic control, current zoning classification, and drainage. Mr. McCorkle answered the questions and advised the Commission that the owners marketed the property for several years trying to attract a client to develop, but that the current zoning classification "doesn't work". Gary Norton, 105 Gordon Street, stated that he had just received the notice letter today, and that the time was inadequate to allow interested residents to attend the meeting. Vernon Morris, 908 Akin Drive, stated that he "doesn't like all these warehouses, but it's inevitable". After a lengthy discussion by the

Commission members, C. J. Neesmith made a motion to approve the application. Rosetta Franklin seconded the motion to approve. A roll call vote was conducted with the following result: Commissioners Franklin and Neesmith voted YES, and Commissioners Rollf, Morris, Bright, and Rahn voted NO. The motion failed.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>DEFEATED [2 TO 4]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	CJ Neesmith, Planning Commissioner
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Rosetta Franklin, Planning Commissioner
<b>AYES:</b>	Franklin, Neesmith
<b>NAYS:</b>	Bright, Rollf, Rahn, Morris

**6. ZONING TEXT AMENDMENTS (ORDINANCES)**

**7. SITE PLAN/SUBDIVISION APPROVAL**

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

Second reading for bylaw adoption / Commissioner Rahn made the motion to approve. Commissioner Bright seconded the motion to approve. The vote to approve was unanimous.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to Adjourn / Commissioner Bright made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Franklin seconded the motion to adjourn. The vote to adjourn was unanimous.



Chairman

The foregoing minutes are true and correct and approved by me on this 9 day of September, 2019.



FOR Brian Harvey

Secretary