

1 CITY OF EAST POINT

2 **PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION**

3 November 18th, 2010 - 7:00 P.M.

4 Official Minutes

5 Regular Meeting

6 East Point, Georgia

7 Jefferson Station

8 1526 East Forrest Avenue

9 4th Floor

10 **Board Members Present:**

11 Commissioner Dr. Herbert J. **BRIDGEWATER, Jr.**, Chair

12 Commissioner Shean **ATKINS**, Co-Chair

13 Commissioner Francine **JONES**, Provisional Chair

14 Commissioner Linda **SHELDON**

15 Commissioner Eddie **BRYANT**

16 Commissioner Dr. William **BRYANT**

17 Commissioner Dr. Lydia **WARES**

18 Commissioner Joel **TUCKER**

19 Board Members Absent:

20 Commissioner Eric **FRIEDLY**

21 Also Present:

22 Ms. Susan **GARRETT**
City Attorney

23 Ms. Regina **CARTER**
Senior Planner

24 ABSENT: Ms. Keyetta **HOLMES**
Senior Planner

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I. CALL TO ORDER:

COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER: Ladies and gentlemen, we call --

VIDEOGRAPHER: Microphone.

COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER: I'm ready. Sorry about that. Ladies and gentlemen, we call to order the November 18th, 2010 meeting of the City of East Point Planning & Zoning Commission. At this time, we'll have roll call, please.

II. ROLL CALL:

MS. CARTER: Commissioner Friedly.

COMMISSIONER FRIEDLY: (No response.)

MS. CARTER: Commissioner Wares.

COMMISSIONER WARES: Present.

MS. CARTER: Commissioner Tucker.

COMMISSIONER TUCKER: Here.

MS. CARTER: Commissioner Jones.

COMMISSIONER JONES: Present.

MS. CARTER: Commissioner Bridgewater.

COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER: Present.

MS. CARTER: Commissioner Atkins.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Present.

MS. CARTER: Commissioner E. Bryant.

COMMISSIONER E. BRYANT: Here.

MS. CARTER: Commissioner Sheldon.

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COMMISSIONER SHELDON: Here.

MS. CARTER: And Commissioner William Bryant.

COMMISSIONER WILLIAM BRYANT: Present.

MS. CARTER: Chairman, we have a quorum.

COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: Thank you. Ladies and gentlemen at this time, it is the wishes of the body that we observe a moment of silence and we'd ask you to join us in just a moment of silence at this time.

III. MOMENT OF SILENCE:

COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: Thank you. And now would you please stand and join us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: Commissioners, I at this time would entertain a motion for the adoption of tonight's agenda, please.

V. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Mr. Chair.

COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: Commissioner Atkins.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: I move that we adopt our agenda as printed for our November 18th, 2010 meeting.

COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: Is that a second?

COMMISSIONER JONES: Second.

COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: It has been motioned by Commissioner Atkins and seconded by Commissioner Jones that we adopt the -- tonight's agenda for November the 18th, 2010 for

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the City of East Point Planning & Zoning Commission. All in favor?

COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: Opposes by the same sign.

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: Hearing none, tonight's agenda is accepted and will be followed. Also Commissioners, we would like to entertain a motion, please, for approval of our October 21st, 2010 meeting minutes for the City East Point Planning & Zoning Commission. I'll hear a motion at this time.

VI. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 21, 2010 MINUTES:

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Mr. Chair.

COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: Commissioner Atkins.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: I move that we approve, 'um, our October 21st, 2010 meeting minutes.

COMMISSIONER WARES: Second.

COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: It has been motioned by Commissioner Atkins and seconded by Commissioner Wares that the October 21st, 2010 minutes for the City of East Point Planning & Zoning Commission be approved. All in favor let it be known by the word aye.

COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: Opposes by the sign no.

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

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COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: Hearing none, these minutes are now approved. 'Um, I think the first case to be sounded also calls for a public hearing, is that correct?

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

MS. CARTER: Correct.

COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: Okay.

MS. CARTER: Case Number 2010Z-00 -- I mean, 011-10. Applicant is Charles Tarbunas. Property location is 1372 Pine Avenue. The applicant is seeking approval of rezoning from R1A to R2, 'um, Two Family Residential. This application requires a public hearing.

COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: Thank you. Commissioners, at this time, we'll entertain a motion to open the floor for the public hearing.

COMMISSIONER JONES: Mr. Chair, I motion that we open, 'um, this agenda item for public hearing.

COMMISSIONER SHELDON: Second.

COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: It has been motioned by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Sheldon that the -- we open the floor for a public hearing on the said matter. All in favor let it be known by the word aye.

COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: Opposes by the sign no.

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

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COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: Hearing none, the floor is now open for public hearing. Prior to opening it, please allow me to share with you the rules for our public hearing. A public hearing before the Planning & Zoning Commission shall be conducted in accordance to Section 10-22-19 of the East Point Zoning Code and Development Regulations as follows: Persons both favoring and opposing the opposed amendment will then be provided an opportunity to address the Counsel. The applicant for the proposed amendment or applicant's designated representative, if any, will be entitled to speak first followed by other speakers in favor of the proposal for a total of fifteen (15) minutes. Those who oppose the proposed zoning amendment will then be permit to speak for a total of fifteen (15) minutes. By a majority vote, the Counsel may increase the total time for speakers provided that each side is given the same amount of time. If there's more than one speaker for a side, the presiding officer may limit the time allotted to each speaker other than the zoning applicant. The zoning applicant may reserve a portion of his or her time for rebuttal. Speakers must adhere to the rules of decorum. Prior to speaking, each speaker shall identify himself or herself and state his or her current address. Each speaker shall speak only to the merits of the proposed zoning decision under consideration, shall address remarks only to the Counsel and shall refrain from making personal attacks on any other speaker. The presiding officer may refuse a speaker the right to continue if after first being cautioned the speaker continues to violate the rules of

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decorum. Thank you. At this time, Commissioners we will hear, huh, from the applicant in this matter.

MS. CARTER: Chair, he doesn't want to speak.

COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: The applicant chooses not to speak?

MS. CARTER: Correct.

COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: Okay. Are there persons who are present that would like to speak in favor of this matter? AUDIENCE: (No response.)

COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: Are there anyone present who'd like to speak in favor of?

AUDIENCE: (No response.)

COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: Sounding a third time, is there anyone present who'd like to speak?

COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: Seeing none, are there opponents who'd like to speak in opposition of the matter?

AUDIENCE: (No response.)

COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: Are there persons present who'd like to speak in opposition?

AUDIENCE: (No response.)

COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: Are there persons present who'd like to speak in opposition?

AUDIENCE: (No response.)

COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: Commissioners, seeing none or hearing none, we'll entertain a motion to close the public

1 hearing.

2 COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Mr. Chair, before we close our
3 public hearing, I just wanted to, 'um, let the applicant know -- I think
4 that what the applicant was referring to is that he's okay with what
5 is, 'um, the recommendation of Staff and I just wanted the applicant
6 to know that the Commission could, if it would like to, vote in a
7 different way so if there is anything that you'd like to say for, 'um,
8 your particular application, this would be the opportune time for you
9 to do that.

10 APPLICANT: I'm actually happy with the decision right now.

11 COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Okay. But there's not yet a
12 decision. There's a recommendation from Staff and then this body
13 will vote to make a recommendation to Council but if there's anything
14 that you just want to say, then I just want to let you know that it's
15 Staff who makes -- Staff makes a recommendation but the
16 Commission doesn't necessarily have to vote in the same way of
17 Staff's recommendation. Okay. Great.

18 COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: 'Um, from the point of,
19 'um -- from the point of legality, 'um, Attorney Garrett should not his
20 comments be a part of the record. I'm not sure if she could heard
21 him say -- I understand Commission Atkins was responding, but the
22 point of legality -- could not his comments be heard and did he not
23 need to come to the mic to say that he had no further comments
24 'cause I'm sure the viewing audience didn't know what he said other
25 than what Commissioner Atkins said.

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ATTORNEY SUSAN GARRETT: Oh, you just mean that the audience may not have been able to hear what he said, I think, someone can either restate or he can come forward to say it.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Yeah, it wasn't really a legal issue but just the viewing audience, 'um, ensure the applicant just reserves his right, 'um, to forego making comments at this time and what I did, I just wanted just to let the applicant know that Staff's recommendation is one thing and our recommendation will be another. They don't necessarily have to be the same. The applicant understands that and still would like to reserve his right to forego, 'um, speaking at the public hearing at this time.

ATTORNEY SUSAN GARRETT: Well, it's my understanding then, that the applicant is resting on the contents of his application and apparently agrees with the Staff's recommendation.

COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: Thank you. Now we got a part of the record. Thank you, Commissioner Atkins. 'Um, Commissioners, at this time, we'll entertain a motion to close the public hearing.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Mr. Chair, I move that we close the public hearing for Agenda Item 2010 "Z" as in zebra- 001-10 (Agenda Item stated as indicated.)

COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER TUCKER: Second.

COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: It has been motioned by Commissioner Atkins and seconded by Commissioner Friedly --

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'um Commissioner Tucker, excuse me, that the public hearing be closed. All in favor let it be known by the word aye.

COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: Opposes by the sign no.

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: Not hearing -- hearing none, the public hearing is now closed. Staff, we will hear from you at this time.

MS. CARTER: Case Number 2010Z-011-10. Applicant is Charles Tarbunas. Property location is 1372 Pine Avenue. The applicant is seeking approval of rezoning from R1A, Urban Residential to R2, Two Family Residential. Staff's recommendation is approval of the proposed rezoning from R1A Urban Residential to R2, Two Family Residential.

COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: Thank you. Commissioners, you've heard from Staff. We'll -- at this time entertain a motion.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Mr. Chair.

COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: Commissioner Atkins.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: I move that we make a recommendation to approve Agenda Item 2010 "Z" as in zebra-001-10, that is, 'um, 1372 Pine Avenue rezoning from R1A to R2. (Agenda Item stated as indicated.)

COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: Thank you.

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COMMISSIONER WARES: Second.

COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: It has been motioned by Commissioner Atkins and seconded by Commissioner Wares. Discussion?

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: Hearing none, all in favor let it be known by the word aye.

COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: Opposes by the sign no.

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: Hearing none, this matter is approved. Staff will you sound the next matter, please.

MS. CARTER: Case Number 2010 "V" as in victor- 005-10. Applicant is Ponder & Ponder Associates Rob Ponder. Property location is 3405 Bobby Brown Parkway. Applicant is seeking a Two-part Concurrent Variance to reduce the number of rooms from 140 to 113 and to reduce the parking requirements from 113 to 91 spaces for a hotel without a property restaurant. This applicant requires a public hearing, also.

COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: Thank you, Staff. Being mindful that having read the rules for the public hearing, the same rules will be applicable and do apply. Commissioners, at this time, I'll entertain a motion to open the floor for a public hearing.

COMMISSIONER SHELDON: Mr. Chair.

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COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: Commissioner Sheldon.

COMMISSIONER SHELDON: I move that we open the public hearing for Item Number 2010 "V" as in victor- 005-10, 3405 Bobby Brown Parkway.

COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: Thank you. Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER WILLIAM BRYANT: Second.

COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: It has been motioned by Commissioner Sheldon and seconded by Commissioner William Bryant that the matter be closed -- that we close it -- the -- that we open -- that we open the public hearing on the same matter as stated. All in favor, let it be known by the word aye.

COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: Opposes by the sign no.

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: Hearing none, the public hearing is now open. We will now hear from applicant.

(Whereupon the applicant, Rob Ponder, approach the podium.)

MR. ROB PONDER: Good evening.

COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: Good evening.

MR. ROB PONDER: 'Um, my name is Rob Ponder. I live at 3146 Lake View Drive in Duluth, Georgia. 'Um, I am the architect,

1 huh, for the project. The owner's name is Raj Patel. He's a client of
2 mine for about two and a half years. 'Um, Raj first came to me about
3 two and a half years ago and asked me to fit as much of a hotel as I
4 could onto the subject site and in 2008, we went through a variance
5 application process, 'um, where we had tried to put something called
6 a Four Points by Starwood on that property, which has standard-size
7 hotel rooms. We were able to get a 140 rooms on there and a 111
8 parking. 'Um, subsequent due to that, we were granted variances at
9 that time before we got the 200 rooms down to the 140 with parking
10 and reductions in the, huh, landscape strips. 'Um, we did not need a
11 parking variance because the ordinance at the time, for a multistory
12 building, did not require more than a 111 as we provided.
13 Subsequent to that, we could not finance that project and the
14 Starwood Franchise has expired. Typically, you get six to nine
15 months once you pay for a franchise and then they expire. 'Um,
16 without any of the finances over the last two years, the project,
17 basically dormant. Starting about four months ago, he wanted to
18 revive it. He believes he has access to some financing so he has told
19 us now that he would like to change the franchise. 'Um, the
20 franchise for a Hilton, probably called Homewood Suites, has become
21 available and it's actually locked up with somebody else and it
22 expired to them but he is able to make application to obtain the
23 Homewood Suites franchise. The Homewood Suites has a lot of
24 rooms that have one bedroom -- 'um, two-bay one bedroom always
25 makes it, 'um, a better fit for some of the training facility needs that

1 are in the area of for some of the large employers, 'um, also some of
2 the training and the other people around, 'um, he feels like it will be
3 a lot better fit if the study came very strong forward as a Homewood
4 Suite. So he asked he then to say how many Homewood Suite rooms
5 that I can fit on the site. And the Homewood Suite rooms being
6 larger base, I was only able to fit a 113 hotel rooms onto the site,
7 maintaining the same 6-stories that we had been approved in 2008.
8 'Um, with that building being longer -- same height, longer getting a
9 113 rooms, I could not quite get the same 111 parking on there. I
10 was able to get, huh, 91 parking stalls onto that site. 'Um, so at that
11 point, we re-approached the City to asked if we could have the
12 requirement for what was originally 200 reduced to 140 further
13 reduced to a 113 rooms and to have the parking reduced from the
14 one ordinance that has come in to, 'um, existence, essentially, it was
15 originally applied in 2008 to apply for point eight (.8), 0.8, per room
16 which would equal the ninety-one that we were able to fit on the
17 property. 'Um, in both cases, the hardship is that the site is zoned
18 properly for a hotel. It's just not large enough to fit a room count
19 that the, huh, City would like. 'Um, our feeling was that the idea for
20 the 200 rooms originally and the 140 was to try to keep the quality of
21 the hotel up. 'Um, this is a Hilton product. Its a very high end, nice
22 hotel so we feel like it meets the intent of trying to keep a, huh, huh,
23 good, huh, nice service hotel -- nice franchise hotel on the property.
24 'Um, we decided the property just could not fit one-to-one parking.
25 'Um, we have a very long history in this area before ya'll changed the

1 ordinance of actually only requiring two per three rooms, 667. 'Um,
2 we don't think that would be quite adequate but we think that (.8)
3 that we're asking for is very adequate for the hotel with a shuttle
4 service after we establish it and make a recommendation for
5 requirement of shuttle service. The owner' okay with that. 'Um, the
6 owner operates the Country Inn Suites around the corner from this
7 hotel. He already has a shuttle service or he has a relationship. I'm
8 not sure if he owns it or he uses their service but he's willing to have
9 that, 'um, condition put onto the -- onto the rezone -- the variance,
10 'um, that he's asked for. So at this point in time, 'um, we would like
11 consideration, 'um, for the granting of the two variances that we've
12 asked for, reduction of the room count down to 113 and a parking
13 requirement of (.8) per room and I'll save the remaining of my time
14 for any other rebuttal.

15 COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: Thank you, sir. Are
16 there other persons who may wish to speak in favor of this matter?

17 AUDIENCE: (No response.)

18 COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: Are there persons who
19 wish to opposition of the matter.

20 AUDIENCE: (No response.)

21 COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: Seeing none,
22 Commissioners, I'll certainly entertain a motion at this time to close
23 the public hearing.

24 COMMISSIONER SHELDON: Mr. Chair.

25 COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: Commissioner

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Sheldon.

COMMISSIONER SHELDON: I move we close the public hearing for Item Number 2010 "V" as in victor- 005-10, 3405 Bobby Brown Parkway.

COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: Thank you. Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER WILLIAM BRYANT: I second that motion.

COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: It's been motioned by Commissioner Sheldon and seconded by Commissioner William Bryant that we close the public hearing on said matter. All in favor let it be known by the word aye.

COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: Opposes by the sign no.

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: Hearing none, the public hearing is now closed. Staff, we will hear from you at this time.

MS. CARTER: Case Number 2010 "V" as in victor-005-10. Applicant is Ponder & Ponder Associates, Rob Ponder. Property location is 3405 Bobby Brown Parkway. The applicant is seeking approval of a Two-part Concurrent Variance to reduce the number of rooms from 140 to 113 and to reduce the parking requirements from 113 to 91 spaces for a hotel without a restaurant. Staff recommends the following approval: Part One, approval of the variance request to

1 reduce the number of guest rooms from 140 as approved under
2 previous case, Case Number 2008 "V" as in victor- 012-11 in the CL
3 Zoning District to a 113 rooms due to the extra needed guest room
4 square footage for an all suite hotel. Part Two, approval of the
5 variance request to reduce the number of parking spaces from 113 to
6 91 with the condition that Homewood Suites must provide a
7 dedicated shuttle service to accommodate the reduction in parking
8 spaces.

9 COMMISSIONER SHELDON: Mr. Chair.

10 COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: Thank you. Yes.

11 COMMISSIONER SHELDON: I have a question. We have two
12 different application numbers. 'Um, the application number on the
13 agenda does not match with the application for the variance request.
14 Can we just be clear about what the correct number is?

15 MS. CARTER: It should be -- and I apologize -- 2010 "V" as in
16 victor-004-07.

17 COMMISSIONER SHELDON: Thank you.

18 COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: Thank you,
19 Commissioner Sheldon for your eagle eyes.

20 COMMISSIONER SHELDON: (Laughs)

21 COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: Staff, discussion,
22 Commissioners, rather?

23 COMMISSIONER ATKINS: We need to have a motion and a
24 second for discussion first, Mr. Chair.

25 COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: Thank you. At this

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time, Commissioners, we'll entertain a motion.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Mr. Chair.

COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: Commissioner Atkins.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Historically, we have started to take, 'um, concurrent variances or any that are in multiple parts and separate parts and so I'll speak to the first part. I move approval of, 'um, the variance to request a reduction in guest rooms from 140 to 113 for application 2010 "V" as in victor- 004-07 at thirty-four zero five Bobby Brown Parkway.

COMMISSIONER SHELDON: Second.

COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: It has been motioned by Commissioner Atkins and seconded by Commissioner Sheldon in said Case Number for approval. All in favor? Is there discussion at this point.

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: Discussion, seeing none all in favor let it be known by the word aye.

COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: Opposes by the sign no.

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: Hearing none, that portion is approved. Now I will entertain a motion for the second part. Mr. Atkins, did you want to do that one as well?

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Sure.

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COMMISSIONERS: (Laughs)

COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: You are on a roll.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Mr. Chair, I move approval for the second part of this particular application variance request to reduce the number of parking spaces from 113 to 91 and in addition to that, I -- my condition, which is slightly different from that of Staff, is that Homewood Suites must provide a daily shuttle service to accommodate the reduction in parking spaces. So the change would be from dedicated to daily because if I heard Mr. Ponder correctly, the owner, 'um, Mr. Patel already has, 'um, some type of affiliation agreement with Country Inn Suites that provides a shuttle and with this being a Hilton product, I also believe that almost adjacent to this particular property is another Hilton and so to say dedicated, in my mind would mean, a shuttle only for that hotel and so I just don't think that would be environmentally friendly or make good business sense so that is my motion.

COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: Commissioners, is there a second.

COMMISSIONER JONES: Second.

COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: It has been motioned by Commissioner Atkins with the said amendment and seconded by Commissioner Jones, that the said matter be recommended by approval. Discussion?

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: Without discussion,

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then all in favor let it be known by the word aye.

COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: Opposes by the same
no.

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: Hearing none, this
matter is approved. All right. Thank you, Commissioners. That
brings us to the end of an exciting agenda. Huh, at this time we'll
here announcements from Staff if there are any.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MS. CARTER: No. We do no have any announcements

COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: Okay. 'Um, not even a
Happy Thanksgiving? 'Um, Commissioners, are there
announcements from those of you?

COMMISSIONER WILLIAM BRYANT: Yes, I have one.

COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: Commissioner William
Bryant.

COMMISSIONER WILLIAM BRYANT: Yes, I would like to say
that, huh, I truly enjoyed the meeting on, 'um, Tuesday with the
Zoning Academy. It's a lot that I learned from that meeting that I --
I never sat on a Board of Planning and Zoning. I've sat on a lot of
Boards -- music, community-base -- this kind of thing, but I never sat
on a Zoning and what I learned in that, huh -- there's a lot of things
that people think they know, they don't know and I keep my mouth
closed a lot of time if I don't know something. But when I learn it,

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then my mouth start talking.

COMMISSIONERS: (Laughs)

COMMISSIONER WILLIAM BRYANT: Once I learn it and I'm like that. If I don't know something, I keep quite 'cause I'm not gonna be embarrassed by nobody and I don't say anything until I learn and until I have done my homework. And believe me not, I am strictly -- I'm doing my homework and I'm learning a lot and I think that was very good with that workshop. I just wanted to mention that.

COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: Commissioner, we thank you for your dedicated service on the City of East Point Planning & Zoning and all Commissioners are encouraged to attend at some point take all of the training classes. 'Um, those -- if there are those Commissioners who have not, we do ask that you get with Staff so that you can also do that. 'Um, we have found -- those of us who've been already -- it to be very enriching and most full-filling in terms of carrying out the functions of our duty as Commissioners on the City of East Point Planning and Zoning Commission. Are there other announcements?

COMMISSIONER WARES: I have a couple of announcements. 'Um, number one, as a second year student in the Barbara King School of Ministry, I want to wish everybody in the City of East Point a happy, happy, prosperous, belly-full, money-pouring-down Thanksgiving, number one, especially the Commissioners. And number two, I want to remind you that I have been commissioned to

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do my usual estate sale for -- Oh, what has the name of it?
Shamrock Gardens and that's at Delowe and Campbellton Road. So
come up and see us if you have time. Thank you very much. We
love you.

COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: Thank you. Other
Commissioners?

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: I thought
Commissioner Tucker you were gonna mention that Commissioner
Friedly was in Haiti and that's the reason he's not here.

COMMISSIONER TUCKER: Right.

COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: And we wish him well
and safe return travels. 'Um, and as Chair of the City of East Point
Planning and Zoning, 'um, board, we certainly wish all the residents a
Happy Thanksgiving. May you have a blessed one and may you be
filled with the food and happiness of all of the season.
Commissioners, I'll entertain a motion for adjournment at this time.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Mr. Chair, I mover that we
adjourn.

COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER WARES: Second.

COMMISSIONER BRIDGEWATER, JR.: Motioned by
Commissioner Atkins and seconded by Commissioner Wares that the
City of East Point, 'um, planning and zoning for the meeting of

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November the 18th, 2010 is now adjourned.

(Whereupon this concludes the meeting for the City of East Point Planning & Zoning Commission for November 18th, 2010.)

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Attest:

I hereby attest that the foregoing transcript was reported, as stated in the caption, and the questions and answers thereto were reduced to the written page under my direction; that the foregoing pages 1 through 26 represent a true and correct transcript that I am not in any way financially interested in the result of said case.

I am here as an independent contractor for East Point Planning & Zoning Commission.

I was contacted by the offices of East Point Planning & Zoning Commission to provide stenography services to take down the meeting minutes.

The foregoing meeting for the City of East Point Planning & Zoning Commission on November 18th, 2010, at 7 o'clock P.M. were taken down by me and transcribed by me this 2nd day of December, 2010.

Jeanene Harper
Court Reporter