

1 CITY OF EAST POINT  
2 PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

3 June 20, 2013 - 7:00 P.M.  
4 Official Meeting Minutes

5 LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER  
6 2727 East Point Street  
7 East Point, Georgia 30344

8 Board Members:

9 Commissioner Shean **ATKINS**, Chair

10 Commissioner Linda **SHELDON**, Co-Chair

11 Commissioner Joel **TUCKER**, Provisional Chair - Absent

12 Commissioner Dr. Lydia **WARES**

13 Commissioner Gregory **FANN - Absent**

14 Commissioner Matthew **MALLORY - Absent**

15 Commissioner William **BRYANT**

16 Commissioner Karen **RENÉ**

17 Also Present:

18 Ms. Linda **DUNLAVY**  
19 City Attorney

20 Ms. Regina **CARTER**  
21 Senior Planner - Absent

22 Ms. Keyetta **HOLMES**  
23 Senior Planner - Absent

24 James **HAMMOND**  
25 Videographer - Absent

Richard **RANDOLPH**  
City Engineer

APPEARANCES

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**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Good evening. I'm Shean Atkins  
Chair of the East Point Planning & Zoning Commission and at this  
time, I'm calling to order our regularly scheduled June, 2013 meet.  
At this time, Staff, would you please Roll Call to make sure that we  
have a quorum.

**II. ROLL CALL:**

MS. CARTER: Commissioner Rene?  
COMMISSIONER RENÉ: Here.  
MS. CARTER: Commissioner Wares.  
COMMISSIONER WARES: Present.  
MS. CARTER: Commissioner Tucker.  
COMMISSIONER TUCKER: Here.  
MS. CARTER: Commissioner Fann.  
COMMISSIONER FANN: (No response.)  
MS. CARTER: Commissioner Atkins.  
COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Present.  
MS. CARTER: Commissioner Mallory.  
COMMISSIONER MALLORY: (No response.)  
MS. CARTER: Commissioner Sheldon.  
COMMISSIONER SHELDON: Here.  
MS. CARTER: Commissioner Bryant.  
COMMISSIONER BRYANT: (No response.)  
MS. CARTER: Commissioner Atkins, we have a quorum.  
COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Okay. Thank you. At this time,

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this Body observes a Moment of Silence so if we all would please take a Moment of Silence.

**III. MOMENT OF SILENCE:**

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Thank you. Do we have a flag?

COMMISSIONER SHELDON: Nope.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Okay. Um, we normally pledge allegiance to the flag, however, because of the change of venue this evening, we do not have a flag. We will not have the Pledge of Allegiance this evening. At this time, Commissioners, I will entertain a motion to adopt the agenda.

**IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

COMMISSIONER SHELDON: Mr. Chair.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Yes, Commissioner Sheldon.

COMMISSIONER SHELDON: I make a motion to we adopt the agenda with the exclusion of item No. 7. We just received the May 16th, minutes, so we need to postpone that to next meeting.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Okay.

COMMISSIONER WARES: So moved.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Okay. It's been a motion by Commissioner Sheldon that we adopt the agenda with the removal of item No. 7 the adoption of the May 16, 2013 minutes and it's been seconded properly by Commissioner Wares, all in favor sound aye.

COMMISSIONERS: Aye

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: All of posed sound nay.

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

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COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Hearing none, the ayes have it.  
We will strike that item from the agenda. Commissioners, at this  
time, I will entertain motion to adopt the minutes from our April 18th,  
2013 meeting minutes.

**V. ADOPTION OF APRIL 18, 2013 MEETING MINUTES:**

COMMISSIONER TUCKER: So moved.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Is there a second.

COMMISSIONER SHELDON: Second.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: It is been moved by Commissioner  
Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Sheldon that we adopt our  
meeting minutes from April 18, 2013. All in favor sound aye.

COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: All of oppose sound nay.

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Hearing none, the ayes have it.

Moving onto New Business.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS:** Commissioners, the items in our New

Business, there are three items on the agenda. They were all Special  
Use Permits and they require public hearings. At this time, I will read  
the rules for public hearings. Please know that they will apply to all  
of the items on the agenda.

(Whereupon Rulings for Public Hearing are read into the  
record.)

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Public hearing before the Planning  
and Zoning Commission shall be conducted accorded to Section-2219

1 of the East Point Planning & Zoning Commission and development  
2 regulations as follows: Persons both favoring and opposing the  
3 proposed case will be provided an opportunity to address the  
4 Commission. The applicant for the zoning case or the applicants  
5 designated representative, if any, will be entitled to speak first  
6 followed by other speakers in favor of the proposal for a total of  
7 fifteen (15) minutes. Those who opposed the proposed zoning case  
8 will then be permitted to speak for a total of fifteen (15) minutes. By  
9 majority vote, the Commission may increase the total number of time  
10 for speakers provided that each side is given the same amount of  
11 time. If there's more than one speaker for a side, the Chair or the  
12 presiding officer may limit the time allotted to each individual speaker  
13 other than the zoning applicant. The zoning applicant may reserve a  
14 portion of his or her allotted time for rebuttal. Speakers must adhere  
15 to the rule of decorum. Prior to speaking, each speaker shall identify  
16 him or herself and state his or her current address. Each speaker  
17 shall speak only to the merits of the proposed zoning decision under  
18 consideration, shall address remarks only to the Commission and  
19 shall refrain from making personal attacks on any other speaker. The  
20 presiding officer may refuse a speaker the right to continue, if after  
21 first being cautioned, the speaker continues to violate the rules of  
22 decorum.

23                   Commissioners, I have read the rules of decorum for public  
24 hearings. At this time, I will have Staff to sound our first Agenda  
25 Item.

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MS. CARTER: First case is 2013U-007-05, applicant is Brandon Cunningham. Property location is O Main Street. Applicant seeks a Special Use Permit to allow a recreational field used as a paint ball facility in the CR commercial redevelopment zoning district. This applicant requires a public hearing. Commissioners, you've heard the case so at this time, I'll entertain a motion to open the public hearing.

COMMISSIONER SHELDON: So moved.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Is there a second.

COMMISSIONER WARES: Second.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: It's been moved by Commissioner Sheldon and seconded by Commissioner Wares that we open the public hearing. All in favor sound aye.

COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: All opposed sound nay.

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Hearing none, the ayes have it. The public hearing is now open. Is the applicant, Mr. Brandon Cunningham present? Would you please approach the podium? State your first and last name and your current address, please, Mr. Cunningham.

(Whereupon Applicant Brandon Cunningham approaches the podium.)

APPLICANT BRANDON CUNNINGHAM: Brandon Cunningham, 10 Jackson Street, Atlanta, Georgia.

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COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Okay.

APPLICANT BRANDON CUNNINGHAM: Should I just talk a little bit about it?

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Absolutely.

APPLICANT BRANDON CUNNINGHAM: Okay. At some of the other meetings, we just talked about the material, the netting was -- so I've brought some pictures to pass round. We will have a field out back in the rear of the property and it will have a netting like this.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: I think you can pass it to Staff. Give it to Staff.

MS. CARTER: Thank you.

APPLICANT BRANDON CUNNINGHAM: Made out of that merely. Material. It could contain any paint balls in the field area. It will be like a retail center off to the left. When you come in, they'll be about 60 something parking spot, open Saturday and Sunday, daylight hour, no loud speaker or lighting. That's pretty much it and we're just seeking the recreational field permit for the rear and there's also -- you know, one of the athletic fields around the property, too and we just want to bring some jobs and redevelop the property that's been uninhabited for five years. That's pretty much it.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Cunningham. Are there any other proponents for this zoning case?

AUDIENCE: (No response.)

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Are there any other proponents?

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AUDIENCE: (No response.)

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Any of proponents for this zoning case?

AUDIENCE: (No response.)

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Seeing none, at this time, I will call any opponents to the zoning case. Are there any opponents to this zoning case?

AUDIENCE: (No response.)

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Calling once, calling twice, seeing none, Commissioners, at this time, I'll entertain a motion to close the public hearing.

COMMISSIONER SHELDON: So moved.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER WARES: Second. It's been moved by Commissioner Sheldon, seconded by Commissioner Wares that we close the public hearing for Case Number 2013 "U" as in under-007-05. All in favor sound aye.

COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: All opposed sound nay.

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Hearing none, the ayes have it, the public hearing is now closed. Okay. Commissioners -- Staff, would you please sound your recommendation.

MS. CARTER: Staff recommends approval of the Special Use Permit for a recreational field when the following conditions: Number

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one, fencing along Davis Avenue shall be opaque so as not to be seen through; number two, a five foot landscape buffer shall be placed between the recreational field and the Shaw Automotive facility; and number three, hours of operation shall be Saturday and Sunday only between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Commissioners, you've heard the recommendation of Staff. At this time, I'll entertain a motion.

COMMISSIONER TUCKER: Mr. Chair.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Yes, Commissioner Tucker. Case Number 2013U-007-05, I'll like to make a recommendation to approve.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Okay. Is there a second.

COMMISSIONER SHELDON: Second.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: It is been moved and properly seconded. Is there any discussion?

COMMISSIONER WARES: Just a question, Mr. Chair. Is there really a 0 Main Street? Is that the real address? I mean, I just wanted to know.

MS. CARTER: That is the address of Fulton County tax digest. Until there is any utilities placed on it once this is approved, then the permitting division will address it.

COMMISSIONER WARES: Okay. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER RENÉ: Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Yes, Commissioner Rene.

COMMISSIONER RENÉ: . I have one quick question. If the

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applicant wanted to open up more than just two days a week, would it be a barrier for him to do so? I know that's stipulated in the conditions.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Okay. And I was gonna ask a very similar question and the thought that comes to my mind is because it's a recreational facility, for instance if a holiday falls on lets say a Monday for instance like a 4th of July and there are people who would like to participate in some type of recreational activity on this field, now that this is a condition, what types of steps would the applicant or the owner have to go through to be able to use the facility? So those who be some of my challenges because I think it's still restricted and very narrow and could create a burden or hardship. I could just see instances where, you know, we've got Memorial Day and Labor Day that on Mondays and that's not a Saturday or a Sunday and I think that people do like to engage in those types of activities.

COMMISSIONER RENÉ: Or even corporations doing team building exercises and stuff like that. I can see corporations want to come Monday through Friday trying to book your place, so I was wondering if we could remove that restriction or condition.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Can I ask a question. If Staff would have -- could Staff please elaborate on the impetus or the thought behind restricting the hours of operation to just Saturday and Sunday.

MS. CARTER: I apologize. I wasn't hear and I did not do the

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intake of this application and I'm not exactly sure why. However, you as the Commission have the right to remove or adjust these conditions.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Absolutely. And the reason I ask that question is because I wanted to entertain doing that. I just wanted to hear the rational behind that because I don't know if it would necessitate from my perspective us removing it or maybe amending it. I could see some type of amendment to the condition that will speak to just an administrative approval for any time outside of that, nothing laborious, no charge, but if there's any time that somebody would like to use it -- the public hearing is now closed but I would like to ask Mr. Cunningham if you could maybe offer some insight to this discussion, if you would approach the podium.

APPLICANT BRANDON CUNNINGHAM: At the other meeting, we had said that we would initially only be open Saturday and Sunday, but we'd like the opportunity to, if we have a corporate event or something like that to be able to open for that because mainly our core business will be on the weekends and we have a lot more time and stuff like that.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Okay.

APPLICANT BRANDON CUNNINGHAM: So if we didn't necessarily say that, I think the other lady I met with just applied that to -- I'm not sure why.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Okay.

ATTORNEY LINDA DUNLAVY: If I should jump in hear.

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COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Sure.

ATTORNEY LINDA DUNLAVY: I think that the reason that Keyetta did this is that the letter that was sent by the applicant indicated desired hours of Saturday and Sunday and so I think that was the reason that the condition was put it there. From a legal standpoint, you know, if we put this condition as recommended by Staff, the applicant would be confined to only being open Saturday or Sunday those hours. I don't think that this Commission has the authority to say we condition it upon these hours Saturday and Sunday with specified hours, but if you come in and you ask Staff, can you do it at other times. I think that that would be a delegation of zoning authority which would be inappropriate so if the Commission wants to entertain more expansive hours, there's two ways of doing it, removing that condition, modifying the condition for and by the applicant that in the event the applicant wants to engage in this business on other than Saturday and Sunday and the hours specified for Staff, he would have to come in for a modification of this Special Use Permit.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Okay. Having heard that Commission --

COMMISSIONER SHELDON: So the question -- excuse me.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Go ahead.

COMMISSIONER SHELDON: So the question is the broadest way to solve the problem would be to simply remove that condition and that then leave it -- that then takes care of pretty much any

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possible situation.

ATTORNEY LINDA DUNLAVY: That's true, but I would suggest to the Commission you may want to consider the hours of operation, maybe --

COMMISSIONER SHELDON: Just the hours, but not the days.

ATTORNEY LINDA DUNLAVY: The conditions as to hours of operation without restricting the days.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Okay. All right. Okay. So I know that there's a motion by Commissioner Tucker and a second by Commissioner Sheldon and I don't know if you said you approved what the Staff's recommendation --

COMMISSIONER TUCKER: I'd like to hear what the applicant opinion is on the hours if we do change it.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Okay.

COMMISSIONER TUCKER: What would we be looking at?

APPLICANT BRANDON CUNNINGHAM: Initially, I think it's only going to be Saturday and Sunday to start with, but I think as the business grows we would have more, you know, like cooperate things and, you know, wouldn't maybe take up the whole facility, so we'd like to be able to scheduled that and I that it would be, you know, more in the evenings per se, you know, after 12:00, like maybe 2:00 or 3:00 to, you know, dark. I mean, I would -- I'd like to -- I mean, I'm okay with, you know, a time restrict, but, you know --

COMMISSIONER TUCKER: Yeah, I've just never been to one,

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so I don't really know what the general hours are.

APPLICANT BRANDON CUNNINGHAM: Yeah, I mean, it's normally like daylight hours, I mean.

COMMISSIONER TUCKER: Okay. That's right 'cause you're not gonna have lights.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: So can I ask you a question. Would it been -- would it work for your organization if the hours were for instance from 10:00 to 8:00 p.m.?

APPLICANT BRANDON CUNNINGHAM: Oh, yeah.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Okay. Yeah, yeah.

COMMISSIONER SHELDON: Period.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Okay. So --

COMMISSIONER SHELDON: Mr. Chair.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Yes.

COMMISSIONER SHELDON: I'd like to make a friendly amendment to Mr. Tucker's motion that we revise the condition number three as proposed by Staff to read hours of operation shall be between the hours of 10:00 and 8:00 p.m., period.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: And I just have one question before we do that. Commissioner Tucker, when you made your motion to approve, did you make your motion to approve and to incorporate Staff's recommendation 'cause I don't think I heard that, so I think that your motion is just for approval with no conditions so then we will have to add the conditions and I think Staff is shaking their head that they didn't hear your motion.

1 COMMISSIONER TUCKER: This is a good technical question.  
2 COMMISSIONER ATKINS: So we have a motion on the  
3 floor --  
4 COMMISSIONER SHELDON: You can withdraw your motion  
5 and start over.  
6 COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Or we could have a substitute.  
7 COMMISSIONER SHELDON: How about a substitute.  
8 COMMISSIONER ATKINS: You can make a substitute motion.  
9 COMMISSIONER SHELDON: You can second it.  
10 COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Right, but you can make a  
11 substitute motion.  
12 COMMISSIONER SHELDON: All right. I would like to make a  
13 motion that we approve -- where has my other page here -- Case  
14 Number 2013U-007-05 with conditions as recommended by Staff with  
15 the exception of condition number three to read hours of operation  
16 shall be between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.  
17 COMMISSIONER TUCKER: Second.  
18 COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Okay. Commissioners, there's  
19 been a motion, is substitute motion and it's been properly seconded,  
20 is there any other discussion?  
21 COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)  
22 COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Okay. All in favor of the motion  
23 sound aye.  
24 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.  
25 COMMISSIONER ATKINS: All opposed sound nay.

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COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Hearing none, the ayes have it. Thank you. This item is approved. We recommend approval. The next Agenda Item is 2013 "U" as in under-009-06. Staff would you please sound this Agenda Item.

MS. CARTER: Applicant is Mark Hollums, property location is 1706 Washington Road. Applicant is requesting Special Use Permit to allow the use of a school private or -- let's school private with a special use in the CR District, which is commercial redevelopment zoning district. This application requires a public hearing.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Okay. Commissioners, you've heard the Agenda Item. At this time, I'll entertain a motion to open the public hearing.

COMMISSIONER WARES: Mr. Chair.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Yes, Commissioner Wares.

COMMISSIONER WARES: So moved.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER RENÉ: I second.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: It's been moved by Commissioner Wares, seconded by Commissioner Rene that we open the public hearing for Agenda Item 2013 U as in under-009-06. All in favor sound aye.

COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: All opposed sound nay.

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

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COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Hearing none, the ayes have it, the public hearing is now open. Is Mr. Hollums present?

APPLICANT MARK HOLLUMS: Yes, sir.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Would you please approach the podium. State your first and last name and your current address.

(Whereupon Applicant Mark Hollums approaches the podium.)

APPLICANT MARK HOLLUMS: Mark Hollums, 102 Robinson Bend Trail, Peachtree Center, Georgia and I'm also representing Peachtree City Christian Church, the East Point Campus at which I'm one of the leaders of the church. East Point Christian Church has been on -- has been an active participant of this community since 1910. The building is currently at the corner of 1706 Washington Road and Church Street. It was actually the third incarnation. The sanction was build in 1954. The Sunday School building was built in '57 and the Pathway Christian School building is built in 1969. We did have a school in operation, a private christian school there from 1969 to 2009, it's 40 years and then we had another christian school institution operate there from 2009 to 2010. We were looking to do a deal with Fulton Leadership Academy in 2010 -- well, the fall 2010, 2011 school term. However, the Georgia Supreme Court invalidated the Georgia Charter School Commission and it went through the Georgia Legislature and assessment went toward the voters public referendum to amend the state constitution. If it hadn't have been for that, we wouldn't be here requesting a Special Use Permit, but here we are and I don't want to make one correction. This school is

1 not a private institution. It's actually a state sponsored charter  
2 school, so it is a public school. We're currently undergoing a major  
3 renovation at this site. We're making the facility more ADA friendly.  
4 We're doing a lot of code upgrades and we're trying to make it a  
5 better asset for the community to use. Fulton Leadership has been a  
6 charter school for I think it's their fourth year of operation. They are  
7 chartered to go from grades 6 through 12. They are currently going  
8 to be offering grades 6 through 9 at this facility. The specialize in  
9 Math, Science and Technology. Their enrollment is projected to be  
10 for the coming school year between 250 and 300 students. Fulton  
11 Leadership excels in their academic standards. They exceed the  
12 State CRCT State averages and they are tuition free. This is also the  
13 first and I believe the only single gender boys institution that the  
14 State has authorized. Now, the state did have two similar standard  
15 institutions I'm aware of, Fulton Leadership leading for males and  
16 Ivey League Prep in Gwinnet County being for females. Doctor Gavin  
17 Sams is the principal and he's a Georgia Tech Graduate. He's a very  
18 impressive man. The uh, we have a couple of our future leaders of  
19 our community in attendance here and without further adieu if you  
20 don't mind, I'd like to introduce them and Ms. Jackie Washington and  
21 you can maybe remember her as the former Fulton County Sheriff.  
22 She is also one to have active principals of this institution.

23 (Whereupon Ms. Jackie Washington approaches the podium.)

24 MS. JACKIE WASHINGTON: Good afternoon, good evening.

25 COMMISSIONERS: Good evening.

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MS. JACKIE WASHINGTON: Thank you for you entertaining this zoning petition. I have had a pleasure working with Mark Hollums --

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: State your first and last name and your address.

MS. JACKIE WASHINGTON: Jackie Garrett Washington. I live at 5690 Vanderbilt Road, Atlanta, Georgia. I just got out of the annexation period for East Point.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Okay.

MS. JACKIE WASHINGTON: Still over the line just a bit, but at any rate, we have been working together on this process for a couple of years now, so we're finally at fruition. As mark has indicated, we are a public Charter school, specifically focused on educating young men and so that is our mission and we've done it at this point exceptionally well, so much so that, earlier this year, the State Board of Education gave us a new five year petition -- a five year contract so that we can continue to operate and this is what allows us to go into building projects with some degree of certainty that will be around. Our first contract with the state was for two years and so they've watched our progress, they've watch how we perform academically and they've now awarded us a five year contract. We will use that five years to move from grade -- this will be the first year of high school operations, so by -- in three years, we'll be fully Staff. We'll be all the way up to 6th to 12th and then we should have two solid years before the contract ends to operate the 6th to the

1 12th. The State Board of Education has already talked to us about  
2 the possibility of operating from K to 5 so that we also create our  
3 owe feeder for the young men that are coming to us. What I have  
4 said to Mayor and Council about Fulton Leadership Academy is that  
5 we are directly funded through the State Board of Education so our  
6 funds -- our income comes from them. It's a function of how many  
7 students we have, the QBE Funding, but that's where -- so we're  
8 comfortable and solid in our funding. We are -- last year, we were a  
9 1.2 million operation. This year we should be about a 1.5 million  
10 dollar operation and that's what we bring to the City of East Point.  
11 We bring a school that is surpassing really our counterparts in South  
12 Fulton County and surpassing state averages on the way our young  
13 students are performing academically. We're bringing parents who  
14 will be shopping in the City of East Point as they drop off and pick up  
15 their students and the students call themselves scholars, so they pick  
16 up their scholars in the afternoon or drop them off, we have more  
17 parents that will be in the downtown East Point area and we hope  
18 that you will use that as an opportunity to revitalize that portion of  
19 Washington Road where we will find ourselves housed. I don't know  
20 if their any questions. I've got one parent here who also is an East  
21 Point resident and one of our student's.

22 COMMISSIONER ATKINS: One of your scholars.

23 MS. JACKIE WASHINGTON: It's part of what our students and  
24 part of what our petition calls for is that all the students have to,  
25 before they graduated from us, they have to complete 100 hours of

1 community service, so again, we will be partnering with the  
2 community to figure out if they're things that can be done in the City  
3 of Atlanta and I'm sorry, in the City of East Point before we take  
4 them in to the City of Atlanta. There are wonderful food banks in  
5 Atlanta that we can coordinate with, but we know that there's also  
6 they're projects that can be undertaken right here in East Point, so  
7 we'll be looking for opportunities for these young man to do  
8 community service right here in the City of East Point. We've also  
9 partnered with 100 Black Men of South Metro so that we know that  
10 some of our young people will flow right into their rights of passage  
11 project and program. We have partnered with Harvard University.  
12 He's doing some training with our Staff to make sure that they are as  
13 up-to-date as they can be on teaching technique, so we've got some  
14 great, great partnerships going right now that we think will benefit  
15 these young people. One of the things that drove us was the fact  
16 that we are right here at Jackson Hartsfield -- Hartsfield Jackson  
17 International Airport and yet the business community was saying that  
18 there was not a wealth of people, young people who were prepared  
19 to take jobs at the airport and we want to -- we don't want that to be  
20 the case, not with the young men who are right here in this  
21 community, so whatever it is from flying plans to working in the  
22 weather center to being a TFA, of course, I have to put that plug in --  
23 TSA -- TFA so whatever it is that they want to do entrepreneural,  
24 somebody selling gas and tires at the airport, we want these young  
25 men to have shots at doing those kinds of things and we will

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continue to partner with most of the airport so that can happen.

DAVITA ALLEN: I live at 1850 Thompson Avenue in East Point.

COMMISSIONER SHELDON: Repeat.

DAVITA ALLEN: My name is Davita Allen. I live at 1850 Thompson Avenue in East Point.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Okay.

DAVITA ALLEN: This is my son Evan Allen. He'll be a entering 9th grader. He's attended Fulton Leadership Academy since 6th Grade and this is my son John. He'll be entering the 6th Grade this year. When we begin to look for middle school for Evan, we were very concerned about him attending our designated public middle school, which was Paul D. West. I had known several parents where they went to private school at Crest Lutheran in Elementary. I've known several parents that went on to Paul D. West because that was their designated school and not heard anything good about it and I wanted my son to be in an environment where at the very least I thought he was safe and so just by God's grace he's teacher in 5th Grade heard about Fulton Leadership Academy. She really didn't know anything about it, but she knew it was a Charter school, public Charter school and it was gonna be all boys and it was, you know, I needed you to check it out and Evan needed to go there so based upon her recommendation, I investigated it and we applied for Evan to get to get into that school. Being that it was a (inaudible) an operation just starting a very, very and difficult task working with

1 allegedly a difficult population, all boys, middle school age, you  
2 weren't exactly sure what to expect, but for the pass three year, I  
3 have been very pleased with their program, with their Staff and with  
4 their direct and at this point we support them wholeheartedly 100  
5 percent to the point that I've got another child coming in there, so,  
6 you know, and I am esthetic to have them in East Point because  
7 actually they're walking distance now, so my children are going to get  
8 to have an experience a lot of children don't get to have now. They  
9 don't get to walk to school and so I can't say enough about the Staff  
10 and the teachers and the direction that the students and I'm very  
11 pleased that they push these kids to be excellent and I don't see  
12 much in a public school system that really pushes kids to be excellent  
13 so that's all I have to say. Thank you.

14 COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Okay. Thank you so much Ms.  
15 Adams. Are there any other proponents for this zoning case?

16 AUDIENCE: (No response.)

17 COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Are there any other proponents  
18 for this zoning case?

19 AUDIENCE: (No response.)

20 COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Seeing none, are there any  
21 opponents for this zoning case?

22 AUDIENCE: (No response.)

23 COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Any opponents?

24 AUDIENCE: (No response.)

25 COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Seeing none, at this time,

1 Commissioners, I'll entertain a motion to close the public hearing.  
2 COMMISSIONER BRYANT: So moved.  
3 COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Okay. Is there a second.  
4 COMMISSIONER WARES: I second but can I ask a question.  
5 COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Once we close the public hearing,  
6 yes.  
7 COMMISSIONER WARES: I second.  
8 COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Okay it's been moved by  
9 Commissioner Bryant and seconded by Commissioner Wares that we  
10 close the public hearing for this Case Number. All in favor sound  
11 aye.  
12 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.  
13 COMMISSIONER ATKINS: All opposed sound nay.  
14 COMMISSIONERS: (No response.).  
15 COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Hearing none, the ayes have it.  
16 The public hearing is now closed. At this time we'll hear the  
17 recommendations from Staff.  
18 MS. CARTER: Staff recommends approval of this Special Use  
19 Permit for a school, private or special.  
20 COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Or special.  
21 COMMISSIONER SHELDON: Yes.  
22 COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Okay.  
23 COMMISSIONER SHELDON: Thank you.  
24 COMMISSIONER ATKINS: And I'll just also say that  
25 Mr. Hollums made a point of correct and so when I looked, I think

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that Charter will follow the special category and it was advertised properly and the application is proper, so I think that we're fine. Okay. Commissioners, you've heard the recommendation from Staff, at this time I'll entertain a motion.

COMMISSIONER WARES: So moved.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER SHELDON: Second.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Okay. Any discussion?

COMMISSIONER WARES: Yes, the young man is smiling and since I'm a teacher, why are you smiling. How do you feel about the school.

EVAN ALLEN: I just think that it is challenge and that it's not like a lot of other school. At most the other school, teachers won't give as many opportunities to like help you out, so I had a friend he was failing a class and he talked to the teacher and he would help him tutor him a little bit and give him extra credit work and I guess never been at a school that was that helpful I supposed.

COMMISSIONER WARES: Okay.

COMMISSIONER TUCKER: Well stated.

COMMISSIONER WARES: Thank you.

MS. JACKIE WASHINGTON: Since you are a teacher, let me just add that part of our petition call for us to have small classrooms, so right now, our teacher student ratio is 1 to 18, 1 teach of 18 kids and we are held by our petition not to exceed 1 teacher to 20 children, so our scholars are really in a smaller environment. Right

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now, they're in a small learning community. We're gonna be a niched school. First of all, it's all boys. And secondly, it's got to be that place that they really want to come. It's plenty Charter school are not the police for every child neither are single gender schools the police for every child, but for young men like this, it works.

COMMISSIONER BRYANT: Ms. Washington.

MS. JACKIE WASHINGTON: Yes.

COMMISSIONER BRYANT: I'm a former teacher and principal, retired now and I'm just so happy to see your school. Mr. Hollums, I met him. I've gone through the school. We hold our meeting over at the school and I can just say there's some wonderful work going on at the school and I'm just so happy to see young men that you have working with in that small setting because as you already know, we are losing our young men, especially our African American boys and I'm just happy to see this school that's located in East Point. I think it's an excellent location and I know that you will have a have good school. I just look forward in working with you with the school.

MS. JACKIE WASHINGTON: We certainly welcome you and I would ask you to give us until the end of August. Mr. Hollums has promised me the construction will be done. Please do come by and visit with us at any time. We welcome all.

COMMISSIONERS: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER SHELDON: I have one thing, too. I work at Emory University and we are working on several programs one of

1 which is a special program for young black men who are entering the  
2 freshman class and they might be -- we might talk some about a  
3 mentoring program. It's being made by both campus life and the  
4 diversity program and it promises to be an extremely powerful  
5 program and this couldn't be a wonderful union, so I will offer you  
6 my card.

7 MS. JACKIE WASHINGTON: I thank you so much.

8 Absolutely. I will grab your card in just a minute. One of the things  
9 that I'm responsible for -- we wear a lot of hats at any Charter  
10 school, but I also do the hiring, but one of the things that I say to  
11 teacher as we're considering them and their coming -- I interviewed  
12 a young lady, for example, from UC Davis, University of California  
13 Davis. The other day I got staff from Georgia Tech, I've got staff  
14 from Virginia Poly Tech -- Virginia Tech, so I asked them what would  
15 it take for a student -- for one of our students to enter Virginia Tech?  
16 And that's how -- so as you're teaching, I want you not only to focus  
17 on Social Science, but also on the skill set that would make that child  
18 successful at an Emory, at a Georgia Tech, at a Virginia Tech so  
19 those are the kinds of things that -- we're very forward thinking so  
20 that hurting not just the content, but also if it's independent thought,  
21 if it's working at a group, whatever those -- whatever that school set  
22 is that's gonna make them successful, so we certainly welcome the  
23 opportunity to start grooming young men for Emory.

24 COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Commissioners, any other  
25 questions or comments?

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COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: There's a motion to recommend approval on the floor. It's been properly seconded. All in favor sound aye.

COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: All opposed sound nay.

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Hearing none, the ayes have it. We will recommend approval of this Agenda Item.

MS. JACKIE WASHINGTON: Thank you very much.

APPLICANT MARK HOLLUMS: Thank you very much.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: You're welcome. It was moved by Bryant -- it was moved by Bryant, seconded by Wares. Okay. Commissioners, our next Agenda Item, Case Number 2013 "U" as in under-010-06. This is also a Special Use Permit and from my understanding, we have advertised it, so we will open the public hearing, however, the application is not in so once we open the public hearing, conduct the public hearing and close the public hearing, we will hear from Staff, but I think that we can vote to strike this from the agenda because the application is not in so at this time, Staff, would you sound the Agenda Item?

MS. CARTER: Applicant is Paris Hill, property location is ) North Main Street. Applicant was seeking a Special Use Permit for a large special event. It requires a public hearing.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Commissioners, at this time, I'll

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entertain a motion to open the public hearing.

COMMISSIONER WARES: So moved.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER BRYANT: Second.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: It's been moved by Commissioner Wares, seconded by Commissioner Bryant that we open the public hearing for Case Number 2013 "U" as in under-010-06. All in favor sound aye.

COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: All opposed sound nay.

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Hearing none, the ayes have it. Are there -- is the applicant hear this evening?

AUDIENCE: (No response.)

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Going once, going twice, seeing no applicant, are there any proponents hear this evening?

AUDIENCE: (No response.)

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Going once, going twice. Seeing no proponents, are there any opponents here this evening.

AUDIENCE: (No response.)

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Going once, going twice. Seeing no opponents, Commissioners, at this time, I'll entertain a motion to close the public hearing.

COMMISSIONER WARES: So moved.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Is there a second.

1 COMMISSIONER TUCKER: Second.

2 COMMISSIONER ATKINS: It's been moved by Commissioner  
3 Wares, seconded by Commissioner Tucker that we close the public  
4 hearing for this case. Commissioners, all in favor sound aye.

5 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

6 COMMISSIONER ATKINS: All opposed sound nay.

7 COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

8 COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Hearing none, the ayes have it,  
9 the public hearing is now closed and Staff I don't know if a  
10 recommendation would be an order because there is no application  
11 so I'm not really sure how we handle this because it is on the  
12 agenda, so --

13 COMMISSIONER SHELDON: Mr. Chair.

14 COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Yes.

15 COMMISSIONER SHELDON: Would it be appropriate for me  
16 to make a motion to strike this Case Number due to a lack of full  
17 application and we vote on it that way?

18 COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Okay. Should we strike or file?

19 ATTORNEY LINDA DUNLAVY: I would go ahead and move to  
20 strike.

21 COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Okay.

22 ATTORNEY LINDA DUNLAVY: You don't want to take any  
23 action and you certainly don't want to deny it 'cause that has  
24 consequences --

25 COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Exactly. Okay. Okay.

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ATTORNEY LINDA DUNLAVY: -- a motion to strike is appropriate.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: There's been a motion to strike the Agenda Item. Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER WARES: Second.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: It's been moved by Commissioner Sheldon, seconded by Commissioner Wares that we strike this Agenda Item, which is Case Number 2013 "U" as in under-010-06 and it's a Special Use Permit at 0 North Main Street. Commissioners, are there any questions or comments?

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Hearing none, all in favor of the motion sound aye.

COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: All opposed sound nay.

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Hearing none, the ayes have it. This Agenda Item is stricken from the agenda. At this time, we'll move to announcements.

**VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Are there any announcement of Staff?

MS. CARTER: No, sir.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Okay. Any announcements from the Commission?

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COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Hearing none, at this time, I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT:**

COMMISSIONER WARES: So moved.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER RENÉ: I second.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: It's been moved by Commissioner Wares, seconded by Commissioner Rene that we adjourn this meeting, our regularly scheduled meeting, June 2013 all in favor sound aye.

COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: All opposed sound nay.

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Hearing none, the ayes have it. This meeting is now adjourned.

(Whereupon this concludes the City of East Planning and Zoning meeting for June 20, 2013.)

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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 35 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 June 20, 2013 at seven o'clock P.M. were taken down by me and transcribed by me on this 3rd day of July, 2013.

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