

1 CITY OF EAST POINT

2 **DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

3 March 17, 2016 7:00 P.M.
4 Official Meeting Minutes

5 Jefferson Station
6 1526 East Forrest Avenue
7 4th Floor Council Chambers
8 East Point, Georgia 30344

9 Board Members:

10 Commissioner Shean **ATKINS, Chair**

11 Commissioner Linda **SHELDON, Vice Chair**

12 Commissioner Joel **TUCKER, Provisional Chair**

13 Commissioner Laura **BORDERS - Absent**

14 Commissioner Gregory **FANN - Absent**

15 Commissioner Patricia **LOVETT**

16 Commissioner Will **MILLER**

17 Commissioner Willard **MAXWELL**

18 Also Present:

19 Ms. Keyetta **HOLMES**
20 Senior Planner

21 Ms. Angels **BLATCH**
22 Associate Planner

23 Willis **HATCHER**
24 City Engineer

25 Ms. Linda **DUNLAVY**
Associate Planner

Videographer
James Hammond

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I. CALL TO ORDER:

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Good evening. I'm Shean Atkins and I'm the Chair of the East Point Planning & Zoning Commission. At this time, I'm call our regularly scheduled March meeting to order. Staff, would you please do Roll Call to establish a quorum.

II. ROLL CALL:

MS. BLATCH: Commissioner Lovett.
COMMISSIONER LOVETT: (No response.)
MS. BLATCH: Commissioner Borders>
COMMISSIONER BORDERS: (No response.)
MS. BLATCH: Commissioner Miller.
COMMISSIONER MILLER: Here.
MS. BLATCH: Commissioner Fann.
COMMISSIONER FANN: (No response.)
MS. BLATCH: Commissioner Atkins.
COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Present.
MS. BLATCH: Commissioner Tucker.
COMMISSIONER TUCKER: Here.
MS. BLATCH: Commissioner Sheldon.
COMMISSIONER SHELDON: Here.
MS. BLATCH: Commissioner Maxwell.
COMMISSIONER MAXWELL: Here.
MS. BLATCH: Mr. Chair, you have a quorum.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Thank you. At this moment, I'd like for all of us to observe a Moment of Silence.

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III. MOMENT OF SILENCE:

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Thank you very much. If you would please stand and join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Thank you. Commissioner, at this time, I'd like to entertain a motion to adopt the agenda as presented.

V. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

COMMISSIONER TUCKER: So moved.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER MILLER: Second.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: It's been moved by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Miller that we adopt the agenda as presented. 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 agenda is adopted as presented. Commissioner, at this time, I'll entertain a motion to approve our February 18, 2016 meeting minutes.

VI. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 18, 2016 MINUTES:

COMMISSIONER SHELDON: So moved.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER MILLER: Second.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: It's been moved by Commissioner

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Sheldon, seconded by Commissioner Miller that we approve our February 18, 2016 meeting minutes. All in favor sound aye.

COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: All opposed sound nay.

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Hearing none, the ayes have it.

Our February meeting minutes are approved. At this time, we have a special presentation by John Cebe, is that correct?

VII. PRESENTATION: JOHN "JACK" CEBE, Georgia Institute of Technology

MR. CEBE: Well, John is my legal name, but you can call me, Jack, and Cebe is my last name.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Cebe, oh, I didn't see that's a "C" not a "G", okay, Cebe, Georgia Institute of Technology so Mr. Cebe, if you would, I don't know if you need you miked. Do we need him miked, James? Okay, so it maybe a bit difficult because the mic is there and your computer is here.

MR. CEBE: Oh, I got a remote.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Oh, you have a remote. Okay. If you would approach the podium, please.

(Whereupon John Cebe of Georgia Institute of Technology approaches the podium.)

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: And introduce you're again and then your presentation.

MR. CEBE: Yes, good evening. My name is Jack Cebe. I'm a

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Masters student and Civil Engineering and City Planning at Georgia Tech and I've been working with the team over in Civil Engineering. My advisor, Dr. Randall Guensler for the past year, pretty much, working on various research activities centered around sidewalks, data collection of sidewalks and looking specifically at asset management systems for sidewalks and ADA Compliance.

Just to give a little bit of background on me, I'm coming to Grad School. I was a consultant doing ADA, doing bicycle planning, pedestrian planning for several years so I have some background in it and this has kind of been a fun exercise for me and we've really enjoyed working in East Point and throughout the region on this sort of issue.

So just real quick, have you heard about the activities we've been doing in East Point before?

COMMISSIONERS: Yes.

MR. CEBE: Okay. Well, I'll kind of breeze through kind of the overview stuff since I'm sure you have some background into what we're doing and what we're working on now is, we've been over the past several months, developing a survey that we're hoping to implement here in East Point, a public survey among the residents that will be done online, which will directly input into the data, the field data we're collecting on the streets on the sidewalks, to help us gauge public preferences as to what people would like to see improvement-wise for sidewalks, you know, what connections they would like to see most, whether it's to certain destinations, what

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sorts of things -- whether they prioritize safety, whether they prioritize comfort, as well as with input from the Planning Staff and to help kind of make this a more useful tool for the community moving forward so I'll kind of skip to that part a little bit and feel free to ask questions as we go along and we've been doing this research in partnership with ARC and funding from Partnerships Improve Community Health, which receive CDC money to do this we have been working with them directly on this project.

Okay. Just to give you a little bit of context, kind of our focus with the data collection. Focus is on ADA compliance of sidewalks and ramps and there's some reasons why this is important for the community. Not only for liability standpoints, the ADA is a Federal requirement. It's Civil Rights Act that tries to create equal opportunities for people regardless of mobility, regardless of cognitive ability by proceeding accessible public facilities, including public rights-of-way, sidewalks, curb ramps, etc. And as you can see, you know, being in ADA compliance and working towards ADA compliance, is an important thing to reduce City liability. It also brings though kind of the caring element of it, a lot of health social safety benefits. It's been studied countlessly over the years and shows time and time again the dividends it pays by having walkable communities, as well as, economic -- you know, a lot of these translate into economic benefits. This is a study I work on for the City of Columbia, South Carolina before coming back to school, that, you know, showed just by increasing walking and bicycling, a little bit, like

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two percentage points, they can, you know, reap almost 12 million additional benefits as a return.

So just to give you an overview of what we've been doing here. Over the pass year or so, we've been out in the field collecting data with several different tools that we've developed in the research lab using undergraduate help and doing some quality control on that data, reviewing the data and so we're at the stage where we've collected most of the data in East Point and we're looking to consolidate the data and turn it over into usable product for the community and how we -- the next step, like I said, at doing this is understanding what the community priorities are so we can identify kind of some of the top priorities for sidewalks community, sidewalk improvements throughout the communities and turn it back over to the Planning Staff.

As I said, it's all a Georgia Tech-based equipment and technology we've developed, these at-based technologies such as the tablets that collect sidewalk data. We strap a Toshiba tablet to a wheelchair. It picks up the vibrations from the side sidewalk and it's able to give us data. It also collects video information so we have rolling video of all the sidewalks in East Point that the Planning Staff would be of access and, you know, review if they, you know, hear a problem or want to do a field -- or do a review of a problem before actually going out in the field. This will provide them with opportunities to do that.

So as I said, Step One was collecting the data with

1 wheelchair system there as you can see and then post-processing the
2 data to quality control it and identify the specific eras that -- those
3 specific problems in the sidewalk network and this is done through
4 this rolling review system where people are actually watching the
5 video and tagging problems such as cracked pavement, such as
6 uplifted sidewalks segments, spots where there's no curb ramps
7 present and coming up with a running inventory of all the sidewalks
8 in East Point and these are the requirements that we're going by in
9 terms of evaluating the sidewalks that are directly in the ADA
10 Accessibility Guidelines. These are just a few of the examples of of
11 common issues we've seen in East Point, such as potholes in the
12 sidewalks, uneven surfaces due to cracking, uncompliant or missing
13 curb ramps, pretty common among, you know, a lot of communities
14 in the southeast and throughout the U.S., frankly, so you have
15 nothing to be alarmed about or anything but it is a good idea to have
16 a running inventory of these and be working towards an ADA
17 transition plan to address these.

18 So Step Two is talking detailed assessments, the curve ramps,
19 all the curb ramps in the City, which we're currently finishing up now
20 and this -- and there're measurements as you'll see on the next slide
21 that kind of go into this that we measured through the sidewalk scout
22 app and we're able to identify the exact noncomplaint features of the
23 ramp by going out and doing these in the field then the City Staff
24 with have a running inventory of these.

25 So as I said, we're at the point of wanting to implement had

1 survey we have developed. Over the next few months, we're
2 currently in the final stages of getting research Board approval at
3 Georgia Tech for this and putting it in the online system and once we
4 do that, we plan on sending it out to local stakeholders such as
5 yourselves, City government, Staff, the media, local businesses,
6 places of worship, neighborhood association, senior, the Bowden
7 Center, transit stations and schools and we've been working with the
8 Planning Staff to developed a running list of people to send it out to
9 and then developing promotion material such as the flyer there and
10 once we got comments back, the survey is going to ask several
11 questions and no identifying information is going to be collected. It's
12 all gonna -- we are gonna ask some socioeconomic questions just to
13 understand who's taking the survey and if they're resident of East
14 Point or not, asking their zip code but really asking some targeted
15 questions to get at the root of, you know, whether they prefer
16 mobility improvements so addressing ADA concerns, ADA compliance
17 whether they prefer walkability, which is walking comfort, you know,
18 such as adding buffers to the sidewalk, buffering sidewalks from
19 traffic, having street trees, things that make the sidewalk
20 environment more comfortable, whether they prefer safety
21 improvement, targeting improvement at, you know, area with high
22 collision, areas with high traffic speeds, those threatening area from
23 a safety perspective or whether they prefer conactivity and that's
24 really just closing the gaps where there are sidewalk gaps to
25 destinations such as parks and businesses and schools and those

1 sorts of things and once we get this information and run it through
2 with the Planning Staff, we can adjust the waiting of our prioritization
3 scheme to target certain area and certain segments, certain projects
4 throughout East Point as highest priority as determined by Planning
5 Staff, by stakeholders and the public. So here are a few examples
6 and a few pictures of actual field work, data collection out in East
7 Point. So ADA, like I said, focuses on like sidewalk width, smooth
8 surface, those requirements of the ADA Guidelines to help, you know,
9 reduce specifically ADA liability. Pedestrian conactivity, conactivity
10 destinations, transit also predicting where walking trips would occur
11 based on land uses and travel pattern, vehicular travel patterns. We
12 can use that information to do -- where people would likely be
13 walking, safety -- safety areas, like I said, where high pedestrian
14 crashes were recorded, where high speed roadways and intersection
15 are present.

16 And then the final step of this that after we put all this
17 network, we're also working on developing some costs, planning level
18 costs estimates that we will apply to the recommended
19 improvements and repairs to give the City idea of what the cost
20 benefit and what the lifecycle cost of these improvements would be
21 to help with purposes and this is an example of a list from a recent
22 contract from the City of Atlanta, the typical costs so we're currently
23 gathering costs from different sources to come up with plain-level
24 cost for construction.

25 And then in summary, so basically, the data collection, the

1 survey, the survey results go into a prioritization matrix where we
2 come up with a list of ranked projects for the City and essentially an
3 asses management system with costs tied to it that you guys can use
4 moving forward. You know, as funding comes available, as the DOT,
5 you know, who's doing projects on roadways. They're bringing them
6 up to speed and say, hey, this is a high priority sidewalk segment.
7 Can you address this, too, so it's not all on the City to address. It's
8 more as a tool to work with partners as well. And then as I said, the
9 end products of ongoing assessment management tool, people can
10 use the app actually now, the sidewalk scout app, go in and report
11 problems within the community. This gives a running map which you
12 can view live right now on this Website and this is kind of a great
13 ongoing public feedback tool that can be used. This is our system
14 that we'll provide to the Planning Staff and they can go in and review
15 those videos, like I said, and look at those exact -- where the exact
16 problems were located through the video review and access those
17 before, you know, going out in this field and really that's it unless
18 ya'll have any specific questions or any, you know -- would love to
19 hear your ideas in terms of any groups you think we should
20 specifically reach out to with the survey as well. So, yeah, thank you
21 for having me.

22 COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Thank you, Mr. Cebe. I am just
23 going to assume that there's going to be some feedback that least
24 one of our Commissioners would like to give and so I'd like to use my
25 crystal ball and said that's going to be Commissioner Sheldon.

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COMMISSIONER SHELDON: Hi.

MR. CEBE: Hey.

COMMISSIONER SHELDON: I do this for a living, too, so that's one reason why I'm interested. Did you approach the City or did the City approach you or was this a team? Were you connected there ARC?

MR. CEBE: Yeah. So we're working through ARC on the project.

COMMISSIONER SHELDON: Okay.

MR. CEBE: Like I said, it's a Fulton County grant through CDC, working with the Planning Staff.

COMMISSIONER SHELDON: And did you guys develop this software or is this -- and the app, right?

MR. CEBE: Yep.

COMMISSIONER SHELDON: Thank God because doing all that by hand is a really different experience and this is really fantastic. My other question is won't the ADA trump everything?

MR. CEBE: Want to chop everything?

COMMISSIONER SHELDON: Trump.

MR. CEBE: Trump everything?

COMMISSIONER SHELDON: Excuse the expression. I'm sorry about that. Won't it be the highest priority in all cases?

MR. CEBE: Yes, and so, you know, the nice thing about the system we're developing is you have the ability to adjust on the fly and so like, let's say, the City, you know, got a specific grant that

1 needed to address, you know, ADA considerations, you could adjust
2 the scale, the waiting scale all the way to ADA compliance and
3 identify those areas specifically but, you know, if there's maybe a
4 landscaping grant, you know, some sort of beautification grant, you
5 know, you might want to do the walkability.

6 COMMISSIONER SHELDON: Right, right, target the funding
7 with the appropriate end result.

8 MR. CEBE: Yeah.

9 COMMISSIONER SHELDON: Well, I'm really, really delighted
10 and I would like to reiterate something that you said earlier in your --
11 I've been -- this is like the fifth City manager that I've spoken with
12 here at East Point in my years here. Trying to impression upon them
13 that if you do get sued -- if you at least have your list of priorities
14 and show your due diligence and that you have a plan, you are less
15 likely to be penalized and you are more likely to be given the
16 opportunity to adhere to that scheduled. If you haven't done
17 anything, then they're going to insist that you do this work right now
18 and probably give you two years to get it all done. This is what I've
19 said for years and I've seen it. I get the Department of Justice
20 mailings all the time that demonstrate the City of Birmingham and all
21 the universities and places is that are -- find themselves in this kind
22 of predicament some I'm really, really excited about this. Not only do
23 we have a lot of work to do, we are actually in a little bit better shape
24 than a lot of other communities are because we're smaller and we
25 don't have as much traffic but, you know, infrastructure-wise, this

1 is -- it's critical and all you have to do is spend a short time neither a
2 wheelchair or pushing a baby stroller around town and you will find
3 out how challenging that can be and so I'm real excited and I would
4 like to give you my card if you want some feedback.

5 MR. CEBE: Yeah, absolutely. I'll pass out my cards as well.

6 COMMISSIONER SHELDON: I will be glad to help.

7 MR. CEBE: Great, thank you.

8 COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Any other comments or questions
9 from other Commissioners?

10 COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

11 COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Mr. Cebe, again, thank you so very
12 much for the work that you've done that will allow us to maybe some
13 progress toward a more pedestrian and friendly City and walkable
14 and a City that's friendly for folks with varying levels of abilities and
15 so thank you so very much.

16 COMMISSIONER SHELDON: One more quick questions.

17 MR. CEBE: Yeah.

18 COMMISSIONER SHELDON: Sorry. Is this software gonna be
19 available commercially when you finish this project?

20 MR. CEBE: No. The intent when we get it developed, it's
21 gonna be -- you know, we're not gonna -- it's not going to be
22 provided to your retail sale.

23 COMMISSIONER SHELDON: Okay. That's great. I know an
24 awful lot of people who will.

25 MR. CEBE: Yeah, yeah, great.

1 COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Okay. All right. Thank you very
2 much. Also while Mr. Cebe is passing out his cards, I would also like
3 to say that to my far right, we have been joined by our colleague,
4 Commissioner Patricia Lovett so Commissioner Lovett, thanks for
5 being able to join us tonight. Okay. We're gonna move on down the
6 agenda to New Business. Our first item on the agenda is Case
7 Number 2016 "Z" as in zebra-002-02. Staff, would you please sound
8 this Agenda Item.

9 **VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

10 MS. BLATCH: Case Number 2016Z-002-02 the applicant is
11 Carl Savoy for 1015 Cedar Avenue. He's looking to rezone 1015
12 Cedar Avenue from R1A, Urban Residential to R2, Two Family
13 Residential.

14 COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Okay. Thank you very much. I
15 will like to say that both of our cases tonight on the agenda do
16 require public hearings so at this time, I'll go over the rules for the
17 public hearing. They will apply to both this case and the case after it.

18 (Whereupon Rules for Public Hearing are read into the
19 record.)

20 COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Public hearings before the
21 Planning & Zoning Commission shall be conducted in accordance to
22 Section 10-2219 of the East Point Zoning Code and Development
23 Regulations. Persons both favoring and opposing the proposed case
24 will be provided an opportunity to address the Commission. The
25 applicant for the zoning case or the applicant's designated

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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 case will then be permit to speak for a total of fifteen (15) minutes. By majority vote, the Commission may exercise, may increase the total time for speakers provided that each side is given the same amount of time. If there is more than one speaker for a side, the Chair or the presiding officer may limit the time to each individual 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 him or herself and state his or her current address. The speaker shall speak only to the merit of the zoning case under consideration, shall address remarks only to the Commission and shall refrain from making personal attacks on any other speaker. The presiding officer may refuse the speaker the right to continue if, after first being cautioned, the speaker continues to violate the rules of decorum.

You've heard our rules for public hearings. Commissioners, at this time, I'll entertain a motion to open the public hearing for Case Number 2016 "Z" as in zebra-002-02.

COMMISSIONER TUCKER: So moved.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER SHELDON: Second.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: It's been moved by Commissioner

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Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Sheldon 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 public hear is now opened. Is Mr. Savoy present this evening?

AUDIENCE: Yes, sir.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Okay. Would you please step forward to the podium. State your first and last name and your current address.

(Whereupon Applicant Carl Savoy approaches the podium.)

MR. SAVOY: I'm Carl Savoy, property 1015 Cedar Avenue in East Point.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Okay. You can go ahead and present your case.

MR. SAVOY: Okay. We are petitioning among behalf of Y&R Management. We're petitioning there to have the property rezoned back to a multifamily, R2 zoning. The house was constructed as a duplex and it always has been and has until zoning was rezoned by the City. The house is in livable condition, habitable conditions, a very nice property. It's flanked on either side by twin properties and the properties are in very good state and it's ready to move in upon approval.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: All right. Thank you Mr. Savoy.

1 Are there any other proponents here to speak to this zoning case?
2 AUDIENCE: (No response.)
3 COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Any other proponents?
4 AUDIENCE: (No response.)
5 COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Any other proponents?
6 AUDIENCE: (No response.)
7 COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Seeing none, are there any
8 opponents here to speak to this zoning case?
9 AUDIENCE: (No response.)
10 COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Any opponents?
11 AUDIENCE: (No response.)
12 COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Okay. Seeing none,
13 Commissioners, at this time, I'll entertain a motion to close the public
14 hearing.
15 COMMISSIONER MAXWELL: I so move.
16 COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Is there a second?
17 COMMISSIONER SHELDON: Second.
18 COMMISSIONER ATKINS: It's been moved by Commissioner
19 Maxwell, seconded by Commissioner Sheldon that we close the public
20 hearing. All in favor sound aye.
21 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
22 COMMISSIONER ATKINS: All opposed sound nay.
23 COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)
24 COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Hearing none, the ayes have it.
25 The public hearing is now closed. Thank you, Mr. Savoy. Staff,

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would you please sound your recommendation.

MS. HOLMES: Case Number 2016 "Z" as in zebra-002-02, applicant is Carl Savoy, location is 1015 Cedar Avenue. Applicant seeks a rezoning from R1A to R2, Two Family Residential. Staff recommendation is approval conditional with the condition that a second water meter be installed so both unit are individually metered. The owner will be required to pay the three quarter to one inch residential tap fee of \$22.50. The City will then install the second meter. The owner, plumber will be responsible to run or install the plumbing from the meter to the unit.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: All right. Thank you.

Commissioners, you've heard from the applicant and you've also heard Staff's recommendation. At this time, I'll entertain a motion.

COMMISSIONER SHELDON: Mr. Chair.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Yes, Commissioner Sheldon.

COMMISSIONER SHELDON: I move that we recommend approval with Staff's stated conditions.

COMMISSIONER MAXWELL: I second the motion.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Okay. Commissioners, it's been moved by Commissioner Sheldon, seconded by Commissioner Maxwell that we recommend approval, including Staff's recommended conditions. Any discussion?

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Any questions?

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

1 COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Hearing none, all in favor sound
2 aye.
3 COMMISSIONERS: Aye..
4 COMMISSIONER ATKINS: All opposed sound nay.
5 COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Hearing none, the ayes have it.
6 The Commission will recommend approval. The next item on the
7 agenda also requires a public hearing. This Case Number is 2016
8 "Z"-003-02. Staff, would you please sound this Agenda Item.
9 MS. BLATCH: Case Number 2016Z-003-02. The applicant is
10 Tariq Ahmad. The location is 1832 Phillips Avenue. The applicant is
11 partitioning to rezone from R1A to R2.
12 COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Okay. Commissioners, at this
13 time, I'll entertain a motion to open the public hearing.
14 COMMISSIONER MILLER: Motion.
15 COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Is there a second?
16 COMMISSIONER TUCKER: Second.
17 COMMISSIONER ATKINS: It's been moved by Commissioner
18 Miller, seconded by Commissioner Tucker that we open the public
19 hearing. All in favor sound aye.
20 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
21 COMMISSIONER ATKINS: All opposed sound nay.
22 COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)
23 COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Hearing none, the ayes have it.
24 The public hearing is now opened. Is Mr. Ahmad here, Mr. Tariq
25 Amhad?

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AUDIENCE: Yes, I'm here.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Okay. Would you please step forward to the podium, state your first and last name and your current address.

MR. AMHAD: Okay. I have a licensed representative who's been working on the project. I got injured so --

MS. HOLMES: Speak into the microphone please.

(Whereupon the Applicant's Representative Mr. Hudson Randal approaches the podium)

MR. RANDAL: Good evening. My name is Hudson Randal, keep it short. I'm working under Tarique Amhad for Affordable Housing USA. To continue, we have the same issue. It was zoned R1A for not having water, electricity through -- throughout a year's course. We are petitioning to rezone it to an R2, Multi-Family Residence. We plan to do no structural changes, just renovation in order to lease it out to East Point residents.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Are there any other proponents here for this case.

AUDIENCE: (No response.)

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Any other proponents?

AUDIENCE: (No response.)

COMMISSIONER SHELDON: Do we need to get his address.

MR. RANDAL: I'm sorry, 1832 Phillips Avenue.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Are there any opponents here to speak to this zoning case?

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AUDIENCE: (No response.)

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Any opponents?

AUDIENCE: (No response.)

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: 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 MILLER: Miller.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: It's been moved by Commissioner Sheldon, seconded by Commissioner Miller that we close the public hearing. All in favor sound aye.

COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: All opposed sound nay.

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

MS. HOLMES: Case Number 2016Z-003-02, applicant is Tariq Amhad, location is 1832 Phillips Avenue. Applicant is seeking a rezoning from R1A to R2. Staff recommendation is approval with the following conditions: A Certificate of Completion is required. The parking and storage of vehicles is prohibited in the front yard, Jones Street, a parking standard set forth in Chapter Two, Article "E". Off-street parking is required in the side yards of Units 1 and 2. Applicant will be required to install a second water meter so both units are individually metered. The owner will be required to pay the

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standard three quarter to one inch residential tap fee of \$22.50. The City will then intall the second meter. The owner, plumber will be responsible to run, intall the plumbing service line from the meter to the unit.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Okay. Commissioner, you've heard from the applicant's represent. You've also heard Staff's recommendation. At this time, I'll entertain a motion.

COMMISSIONER SHELDON: Mr. Chair.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Yes, Commissioner Sheldon.

COMMISSIONER SHELDON: I move that we recommend approval on this case with Staff's stated recommendations.

COMMISSIONER MAXWELL: I second the motion.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Okay. It's been moved by Commissioner Sheldon and seconded by Commissioner Maxwell that we recommend approval with Staff's stated conditions. Any discussion?

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: 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 Commission will recommend approval. Thank you, Mr. Randal and thank you, Mr. Amhad. Okay. The next Agenda Item are announcements and I do have a couple that I will make and then I'll

1 ask Staff if they have some and then we'll also have some from the
2 Commissioners if there are any.

3 **IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

4 COMMISSIONER ATKINS: We'd just like to let the City of
5 East Point know that the City of East Point is hosting, through its
6 Department of Planning and Community Development, two sessions
7 on "How To." These sessions are courses on planning services in the
8 City of East Point. We are encouraging all of those who are
9 interested in getting permits or licenses to do any kind of
10 development work in the City of East Point so please attend. There
11 are going to be two sessions, one for Wards A and B. That one will
12 take place on Tuesday, March 29th, 2016 at the Jefferson Park
13 Recreation Center, located at 1431 Norman Berry Drive from 6:30
14 p.m. to eight o'clock p.m..

15 The second session would be for Wards C and D. That session
16 will take place on Thursday, March 31st, 2016. That will take place at
17 St. Stephen's Missionary Baptist Church, located at 2670 Hogan Road.
18 Again, if you have any questions about these two sessions, please
19 feel free to call the City of East Point Department of Planning and
20 Community Development. Staff, do you have any other
21 announcements.

22 STAFF: (No response.)

23 COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Commissioners, do you have any
24 announcements?

25 COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

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

X. ADJOURNMENT:

COMMISSIONER TUCKER: So moved.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Okay. Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER SHELDON: Second.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: I thought I heard someone say something about green beer and I got a little fuzzy brains, okay. All right. It's been moved by Commissioner Sheldon -- moved by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Sheldon that we adjourn. All in favor sound aye.

COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: All opposed sound nay.

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

COMMISSIONER ATKINS: Hearing none, this meeting is now adjourned. Thank you.

(Whereupon this concludes the regularly scheduled meeting for the City of East Point Department of Planning and Community Development.)

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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 28 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 the City of East Point, Department of Planning and Community Development.

I was contacted by the offices of East Point, Department of Planning & Community Development to provide stenography services to take down the meeting minutes.

The foregoing meeting for the City of East Point, Department of Planning and Community Development , on March 17, 2016 at seven o'clock P.M., were taken down by me and transcribed by me on this 31st day of March, 2016.

Jeanene Harper
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