

Reconvened Regular Meeting Minutes of the Town of Highlands Board of Commissioners Meeting of August 19, 2021, via Zoom

Town Board Present: Commissioner John Dotson, Mayor Pro Tempore Amy Patterson, Commissioner Donnie Calloway, Commissioner Brian Stiehler, Commissioner Marc Hehn and Mayor Pat Taylor

Also Present: Town Manager Josh Ward, Town Attorney Jay Coward, Finance Director Rebecca Shuler, MIS/GIS Director Matt Shuler, Police Chief Andrea Holland and Planning & Development Director Assistant Michael Mathis

Meeting Reconvened and Called to Order August 24, 2021

Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

COMMISSIONER DOTSON MADE A MOTION TO RECONVENE THE RECESSED MEETING OF AUGUST 19, 2021, WHICH WAS SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEMPORE PATTERSON AND THE VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.

Town Attorney Jay Coward read the following section out of the Unified Development Ordinance

“Sec. 5.2 Residential District Intent Statements

5.2.1 R-1 Residential District

The R-1 Residential District is exclusively a low-density residential district for single-family dwellings with customary accessory outbuildings, together with such other related uses which are of a residential character or contribute to the residential character of the district.” Coward continued that in his opinion since it doesn’t say anything about short term rentals, they would not be allowed in the R-1 district. It would follow that the Town would have the ability to enforce that R-1 designation and to prohibit or discontinue any short term rentals that are operating in the R-1 districts.

Discussion was held.

MAYOR PRO TEMPORE PATTERSON MADE A MOTION TO INSTRUCT STAFF TO ENFORCE OUR ORDINANCES, MORE DISCUSSION WAS HELD AND MAYOR PRO TEMPORE PATTERSON WITHDREW HER MOTION.

CONSENSUS OF THE BOARD TO DIRECT STAFF TO ENFORCE ZONING ORDINANCES WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION DATE OF JANUARY 3, 2021. WITH COMMISSIONER CALLOWAY NOT CONSENTING.

15. Adjournment

AS THERE WERE NO FURTHER MATTERS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE PATTERSON MOVED TO ADJOURN WHICH WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOTSON AND UPON A UNANIMOUS VOTE, THE TOWN BOARD ADJOURNED AT 4:09PM.

Patrick Taylor
Mayor

Gilberta B. Shaheen
Town Clerk