Town of Millington Planning Commission Meeting Minutes Public Hearing April 25, 2019

Call to order: The meeting of the Planning Commission for the Town of Millington was called to order by Joyce Morales at 7:00. The Commissioners in attendance were Sam Johnston, Patti Cartagena-Santiago, and Lewis Teat.

Public in attendance: John Carroll and Freeman Evans

Minutes: The minutes of the October 25, 2018 meeting were approved. A motion to accept was entered by Cartagena-Santiago, a second by Teat, vote of 4-0 was entered.

All reports were reviewed.

Manning reported the Town sent a letter to SHA regarding the drainage issue at the intersection of Hurtt Avenue and Sassafras Street. SHA has responded stating they are reviewing the site and will work towards an acceptable solution.

A complaint was received regarding the contractor responsible for snow removal at the Dollar General site; they are pushing the snow across Sassafras Street to the entrance of Back Street. Manning has contacted Oxford Chase regarding this complaint.

Manning will be attending a meeting in Lanham, Maryland with Maryland DHCD and Frank Hodgetts of Home Partnership next week. She explained the Town will have to provide 25% of the total project costs, whether through cash investment or fee-in-lieu and asked if the Commission had any comments. A motion was made by Johnston to waive the subdivision vees, plat review fees, and building permit fees for this project as well as make a recommendation to the Mayor and Council to consider the waiver of other fees during the construction of this project; a second was entered by Cartagena-Santiago, a vote of 4-0 was entered.

John Carroll and Freeman Evans presented a revised draft plan for the potential development of Mr. Evans' farm, north of Town. The new plan allows for town houses along the northern end of the property. There is still hope for a meeting with DNR to discuss a possible utility easement through their property. If approved by DNR to pursue, the utilities would be directionally drilled causing no disturbance to ground surface. The engineer firm utilized by Mr. Evans cannot complete a topo map on this site without permission by DNR but will review soil maps; Mr. Evans has offered to plant vegetation, hedgerow, and trees along the property line. Mr. Evans is willing to construct the street infrastructure for Phase II of the project to allow for additional entrances and exists to Phase I. The Planning Commission stated their approval of the draft of Phase I. A discussion ensued regarding the annexation of Kent Mill, the requirements and possibility of the Town requesting the annexation; Manning will look into this matter.

Commissioner Johnston asked if anything can be done with regards to the incomplete renovation of the Starkey property, located at 415 Cypress Street. The property is not held by a bank but by family member. As of this date utility bills have not been paid, so the property is subject to the annual tax sale.

With no other business to discuss a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM was made by Johnston, a second by Cartagena-Santiago; a vote of 4-0 was entered.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Jo Manning Town Administrator