



Blount County Government Meeting Minutes - Draft Planning Commission

359 Court Street
Maryville, TN 37804-5906

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430
Monday, December 5, 2022 5:30 PM

Live stream via <https://zoom.us/join>

Zoom Meeting Id:

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*The following are not approved minutes, but only a report of action

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XII. OTHER NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and possible action on County Commission Resolution 22-11-016 to amend the Zoning Regulations for Suburbanizing and R-1 Zoning Districts of Blount County, TN.

Members and staff discussed the item. It was noted that while largely similar to Resolution 22-10-013 considered by the Planning Commission on August 25, 2022 and forwarded to County Commission with a recommendation to disapprove, this Resolution differs in that the proposed minimum lot size in the Suburbanizing District is now 0.5 acres for lots served by public sewer rather than 0.67 acres as in the previous version. Commissioner Walker suggested that future reduction of the Suburbanizing District area might be beneficial, and that the results of the Comprehensive Planning study under way needs to be completed first. Commissioner Wells expressed concerns with the large percentage of increase in lot size particularly in the S District. Commissioner Tipton stated that large lots served by sewer in the suburbanizing area is poor planning and that action on the resolution is ultimately a political decision.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bright, seconded by Commissioner Hannah, that the resolution be forwarded to the County Commission with a recommendation to approve. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have failed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Bledsoe, Bright, Giles, Hannah, and McClellan

No: 6 - Harrison, Hodge, Stucky, Tipton, Walker, and Wells

Absent: 1 - Gamble

Abstain: 0

A subsequent motion was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Wells, that the resolution be forwarded to the County Commission with a recommendation to deny. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Bledsoe, Harrison, Hodge, McClellan, Stucky, Tipton, Walker, and Wells

No: 3 - Bright, Giles, and Hannah

Absent: 1 - Gamble

Abstain: 0