RICHLAND COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION 1 June 2, 2025 2 3 [Members Present: Christopher Yonke, Beverly Frierson, John Metts, Frederick Johnson, 4 II, Bryan Grady, Charles Durant, Mark Duffy; Absent: Terrence Taylor, Chris Siercks] 5 Called to order: 6:01pm 7 8 CHAIRMAN YONKE: Staff, are you ready? 9 MR. DELAGE: Yes, sir Mr. Chairman. 10 CHAIRMAN YONKE: Alright. I'd like to call to order the June 2nd, 2025 Richland 11 County Planning Commission meeting. Staff, please confirm the following: in 12 accordance with the Freedom of Information Act a copy of the Agenda was sent to the 13 news media, persons requesting notification, and posted on the bulletin board located in 14 the county administration building. Is that correct? 15 MR. DELAGE: That is correct. 16 CHAIRMAN YONKE: Thanks, Staff. Can you please take attendance for today's 17 meeting? 18 MR. DELAGE: Alright, Metts? 19 MR. METTS: Here. 20 MR. DELAGE: Johnson? 21 MR. JOHNSON: Here. 22 MR. DELAGE: Grady? 23 MR. GRADY: Here. 24 MR. DELAGE: Frierson? 25 MS. FRIERSON: Here. 26 MR. DELAGE: Yonke? 27

CHAIRMAN YONKE: Here.

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MR. DELAGE: Siercks?

MR. SIERCKS: Here.

MR. DELAGE: Durant?

MR. DURANT: Here.

MR. DELAGE: And just for the Record, Taylor? Duffy? Alright, you have a quorum.

CHAIRMAN YONKE: Thank you, Staff. Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the June 2nd, 2025 Richland County Planning Commission meeting. As Planning Commissioners we are concerned residents of Richland County who volunteer our time to thoroughly review and make recommendations to County Council. Our recommendations are to approve or deny Zoning Map Amendment requests. Per Title VI, Chapter 29 of the SC Code of Laws Planning Commission may also prepare and revise plans and programs for the development or redevelopment of unincorporated portions of the County. The County's Land Development Code rewrite process conducted last year is an example of this. Once again, we are a recommending body to County Council and they will conduct their own public hearing and take official votes to approve or deny map amendments and text amendments on a future date to be published by the county. Council typically holds Zoning Public Hearings on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Please check the county's website for updated agendas, dates and times. Please take note of the following guidelines for today's meeting. Please turn off or silence any cellphones. Audience members may quietly come and go as needed. Applicants are allowed up to two minutes to make comments. Citizens signed up to

speak are also allowed two minutes each. Redundant comments should be minimized.

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to respond to questions from the speakers in a back and forth style, this is not the

purpose of this meeting. Please no audience/speaker exchanges. No audience

demonstrations or other disruptions to the meeting are permitted nor are comments

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displeasure or frustration at a recommendation while the Planning Commission is still

conducting business. And if you have any questions or concerns you can contact our

great Richland County Planning Department Staff here below. This moves us along on

our Agenda to number 3, which is Additions or Deletions to the Agenda. Staff, do we

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MR. PRICE: No, sir.

CHAIRMAN YONKE: Alright. We'll go ahead to number 4., which is Approval of the Minutes. Staff provided the Commission with copies of the transcripts of the Commission's May 2025 meeting Minutes. Do Commissioners have any comments or concerns regarding these transcripts? Okay, hearing and seeing none, the Chair would makes a motion to approve the Minutes. Do I have a second?

MR. DURANT: Second.

CHAIRMAN YONKE: Second from Commissioner Durant. Thank you. Staff, can you please take a vote?

MR. PRICE: Those in favor of the approval of the May 5th, 2025 Minutes, Yonke? 1 CHAIRMAN YONKE: Aye. 2 MR. PRICE: Frierson? 3 MS. FRIERSON: Aye. 4 MR. PRICE: Johnson? 5 6 MR. JOHNSON: Aye. MR. PRICE: Duffy? 7 MR. DUFFY: Aye. 8 MR. PRICE: Metts? 9 MR. METTS: Aye. 10 MR. PRICE: Durant? 11 MR. DURANT: Aye. 12 MR. PRICE: Taylor? Siercks? 13 14 MR. SIERCKS: Aye. MR. PRICE: Grady. 15 MR. GRADY: Aye. 16 MR. PRICE: Alright, the motion passes. 17 [Approved: Yonke, Frierson, Johnson, Duffy, Metts, Durant, Siercks, Grady; Absent: 18 Taylor] 19 20 CHAIRMAN YONKE: Thank you, Staff. This moves us to item number 5., which is our Consent Agenda. I like to explain the Consent Agenda. It's an action item that 21 allows the Commission to approve Road Names and Map Amendment requests where 22 23 the Staff recommends approval, and no one from the public is signed up to speak

against the amendment. Now instead of Staff approval it's compliant to the Comp Plan. 1 Or no Member of the Commission is in need of further discussion of the request. So our 2 Case Number 1 in our Agenda is deferred so we'll leave that on the Consent Agenda as 3 deferred. Case Number 2 is compliant with the Comp Plan and there is no one signed 4 up to speak against it. So the Chair makes a motion to pass the Consent Agenda with, 5 6 verifying there are no road names, yep, 5.a. and b.1. and 2. MR. JOHNSON: Second. 7 CHAIRMAN YONKE: Got a second. Who was that? Alright, Commissioner 8 9 Johnson. With a second for the Consent Agenda can the Staff please take a vote? MR. PRICE: Alright, those in favor of the Consent Agenda – and it would just be 10 for the second case, correct, Case 25-021 MA. 11 CHAIRMAN YONKE: Yes, for approval. 12 MR. PRICE: Okay. Alright, those in favor, Yonke? 13 CHAIRMAN YONKE: Aye. 14 MR. PRICE: Frierson? 15 MS. FRIERSON: Aye. 16 17 MR. PRICE: Johnson? MR. JOHNSON: Aye. 18 19 MR. PRICE: Duffy? 20 MR. DUFFY: Aye. MR. PRICE: Metts? 21 22 MR. METTS: Aye. 23 MR. PRICE: Durant?

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MR. PRICE: Siercks?

MR. SIERCKS: Aye.

MR. PRICE: Grady.

MR. GRADY: Aye.

MR. PRICE: Motion passes.

[Approved: Yonke, Frierson, Johnson, Duffy, Metts, Durant, Siercks, Grady; Absent:

Taylor]

CHAIRMAN YONKE: Okay, thanks Staff. This will move us right along to 5.b.3., Case No. 25-022, and I'll pass it to Staff for more information.

CASE NO. 25-022 MA:

MR. PRICE: Alright, this first item is Case 25-022 MA. The Applicant is Josh Williamson. The Applicant is requesting to rezone parcels, it'll be three parcels along Bluff Road and Joe Louis Drive which would be 1822 and 1838 Bluff Road, and 1508 Joe Louis Road. Again, 8.16 acres from GC and R5 to MU3. It's been determined that the request is noncompliant with the recommendations of the Comprehensive Plan. It does, excuse me, according to the Comprehensive Plan the mixed residential, high density designation provides that commercial and office development should be located approximate to or within activity centers and in mixed use corridors. The subject parcels are not located in an activity center nor are they located in a mixed use corridor. Thus, again the recommendation based on the Comprehensive Plan is, it's been determined, excuse me, according to the Comprehensive Plan that it is noncompliant with the recommendations and objectives.

CHAIRMAN YONKE: Okay, thank you Staff. Commissioners, do we have any questions for Staff? Okay, hearing none, Commissioner Frierson, anyone signed up to speak?

MS. FRIERSON: Yes, we have Jarvis Morant.

CHAIRMAN YONKE: Come on down, sir. Either podium is open. And start with your name and address and you'll have two minutes.

TESTIMONY OF JARVIS MURANT:

MR. MURANT: My name is Jarvis Murant, my address is 638 Sugar Hill Lane 29201. I think my question was answered back, because it says it's not compliant it means it may not go through? But my concern would have been with the changing of it how would that really affect the community because I don't know how, right now it seems to be, like commercial and would that be able to allow more housing? But my understanding of mixed use means it would have to have certain things within all of it to be considered use as far as building, correct? So I don't know if I, that was a question.

MR. PRICE: Yeah -

CHAIRMAN YONKE: Go ahead, Staff.

MR. PRICE: Yes, so I'll interject. It sounds like Mr. Murant?

MR. MURANT: Yes.

MR. PRICE: Am I saying that correct? It sounds like he has some certain questions and I believe that Councilwoman English who represents this area will have a town hall on this and that will allow the Applicant and the community to come in and actually have a little more dialogue regarding what is being proposed and what some of their concerns may be.

CHAIRMAN YONKE: Do we have a date on that yet? 1 MR. PRICE: I don't have a date. I'll be happy to get your information and we can 2 give you a call. 3 MR. MURANT: Okay. Alright, thanks. That helps a lot. 4 CHAIRMAN YONKE: Yeah, well thanks for coming down today. Anyone else to 5 speak, Ms. Frierson? 6 MS. FRIERSON: Mr. Murant was the only person who signed up to speak. 7 CHAIRMAN YONKE: Alright. As we discussed this is a recommendation to 8 9 County Council. Commission, this is on the floor for discussion and questions again to Staff. I always feel like I can read Commissioner Johnson's face and I wanna hear from 10 him. 11 MR. JOHNSON: Well Mr. Chairman, I think I was just, my face was struggling 12 with the fact that we're not gonna have a, the input meeting after our action but I wasn't 13 14 sure if the speaker understood that while that is Staff's recommendation we are charged with making a decision. So if you had an opinion one way or another this is the time to 15 do so. 16 17 MR. MURANT: I don't have enough to go off to make an opinion. CHAIRMAN YONKE: Okay, thank you. 18 19 MR. JOHNSON: I just wanna make sure the public had a chance to – 20 CHAIRMAN YONKE: Exactly. MR. JOHNSON: - express themselves. 21 22 MR. PRICE: Yes, excuse me Mr. Chair, just – 23 CHAIRMAN YONKE: Yes.

MR. PRICE: - for clarification, it is not Staff's recommendation.

CHAIRMAN YONKE: Yes.

MR. PRICE: It's -

CHAIRMAN YONKE: It's the recommendation of the Comprehensive Plan, 2015 which we are renewing, working on for 2025.

MR. PRICE: Yes, sir.

CHAIRMAN YONKE: Yes.

MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Chairman, I stand corrected.

CHAIRMAN YONKE: Yes, thank you.

MR. JOHNSON: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN YONKE: Well, as us volunteers, we care about our county, this is our opportunity to discuss this so it's open on the floor. What are our thoughts about this? Staff, could you clarify some differences we would find on this parcel versus how it's zoned already? With it being mixed use going from GC. My understanding is as you zone up more uses are allowed. So does this actually restrict the lot a little bit?

MR. PRICE: So, you know, of course we try to include the Table of Permitted Uses for what the current zoning is and also what the proposed zoning is also. In your packet on page 21 and page 22, page 21 has the General Commercial – I apologize it looks like we don't have the R5 in currently for this, but we also, but we do have what the zoning designation neighborhood mixed use, MU3, allows. I think one of the, kind of in a nutshell the General Commercial is a little more open as far as the uses that it allows. You, typically you find those in some of your major corridors, basically allows the whole gamut of commercial uses, also it allows for multi-family also. You know, we've

had a, we kind of had a debate or discussion, excuse me, regarding the MU3 zoning designation which is new. And while it is designated as a neighborhood mixed use district, I guess mixed use, I think the, the, Mr. Murant was, I think one of his guestions was does it have – it doesn't have to be a mixed use development, that's just the, that's just the title of the MU3 district. It can be a single use as outlined on page 22 of your packet. But kind of going back, one of the things that we have noticed with this district, the MU3, is that it allows for a little more, a higher density than the GC or any of our other zoned, commercial zoning designations as far as for multi-family. There is no density cap. And also there's no parking. And this is something we were gonna look to put in, but there are also no – I just want to make sure I put that in there – there, on page 15 of your package, one of the things we pointed out there's no minimum parking requirement for residential development in the MU3 designation, thus excluding a live/work dwelling or family group home or rooming and boarding house. So one of the things that we looked at, again, as a Staff, we are still working with an older Comprehensive Plan but new zoning including new zoning categories. So sometimes trying to put them together it can be a little difficult. But one of the things that was clear that we noticed is that this area was not within an activity center and so when you start looking at uses where there's really not a cap on the, the density or number of units that you would be allowed and also where there are no, there's no minimum parking requirement for a use, we kind of look at that as being something more, I guess you could say more in the urban area or someplace where, you know, higher density is meant to be more, I guess maybe closer to the City of Columbia versus getting, moving out more into the suburban and rural areas of Richland County.

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CHAIRMAN YONKE: Thank you, Staff. With MU3 in the equivalency table when we updated the Code, did it have an equivalency to the old Code? Or was this a new zone?

MR. PRICE: No, sir, it was a new zoning designation. So you know, again the difficulty trying to match a new zoning designation with an old Comprehensive Plan of where ideally it's been identified, you know, as the most appropriate location, it's a little difficult now but hopefully by the end of the year we'll have this addressed.

CHAIRMAN YONKE: Okay, comments, questions from the Commissioners? Yes, Commissioner Johnson?

MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Chairman, I apologize. I have three questions that go in three completely different directions so Staff, if you'll be patient with me. One, did I miss the Applicant?

MR. PRICE: No, sir. The Applicant is not here. We did reach out as we typically do prior to the meetings to make sure they're aware of the meeting, but we have not received any, any, you know, heard back from the Applicant regarding their attendance or their inability to attend.

MR. JOHNSON: The other two questions, if you don't mind just a little bit of context to, and I'm just gonna ask them both at the same time and let you respond as you see fit, but under the zoning history that second paragraph that the GC parcel of the rezoning request be rezoned from residential multi-family medium density under Case No. 11-017 MA, I'd be curious to get a little bit of context. I know you just talked about the older Comprehensive Plan and new zoning, but to understand the interplay that, of that change in relation to this request. And then the other question is under parcel

characteristics, south of the site, the last line, is undeveloped M1, MU1 district parcels, 1 but when I look at the color coding of the map and look at the MU1, that doesn't match 2 3 up. MR. PRICE: I'm sorry, what page are you looking at Mr. Johnson? 4 MR. JOHNSON: So on page 19, I will admit I'm color blind but the orange is MU1 5 but on page 15 the text under parcel area characteristics. I just don't see it, that's what 6 I'm -7 MR. PRICE: That, what you're looking at is M1, not MU1, so on page 15 it's M1. 8 MR. JOHNSON: Oh, so that's a typo, so it's just a typo in the text. Okay, it's just 9 a typo. Now I'm not looking at the chart, below the chart in the text it just says MU, that's 10 okay, I see it now as a typo. 11 MR. PRICE: Okay. 12 CHAIRMAN YONKE: I just see M1 but -13 MR. PRICE: Yes, sir. 14 CHAIRMAN YONKE: The pink parcel across from Blair Street? 15 MR. JOHNSON: Oh, I see it, I'm saying but the text, the text – 16 17 CHAIRMAN YONKE: Oh, yes. MR. JOHNSON: - is, it's not, I mean, I'm good now, I understand. 18 19 CHAIRMAN YONKE: You are correct, good job. Thank you, Commissioner 20 Johnson. Any other questions? MR. JOHNSON: No. Mr. Chairman, thank you. 21 CHAIRMAN YONKE: Yes. This is on the floor for discussion and a motion as 22 23 well. If anyone has any motions.

MR. PRICE: No, I'm sorry, it is correct, what you're looking at. So you're looking 1 at the zoning history that's on page 14 which they said a General Commercial parcel 2 immediately southwest of the sites on Bluff Road were rezoned from Neighborhood 3 Mixed Use MU1 under Case 24-04 [sic], so those parcels that you see southwest of 4 this, they were formerly MU1 but now they're General Commercial. 5 CHAIRMAN YONKE: So for all my mapping, GIS friends out there, the map on 6 page 19 is correct. The colors are correct? 7 MR. PRICE: Yes. 8 CHAIRMAN YONKE: Alright, thank you. Further discussion Commissioners or a 9 motion? Based on the Staff information this MU3 seems to be a catchall without so 10 many rules it seems like, parking and density and whatnot. I'm not sure if it fits in the 11 area. Does anyone wanna state a motion and we could just see which way it goes? 12 MR. SIERCKS: Mr. Chair? 13 CHAIRMAN YONKE: Yes, Commissioner Siercks. 14 MR. SIERCKS: I make a motion to forward Case No. 25-022 MA to County 15 Council with a recommendation of disapproval. 16 17 CHAIRMAN YONKE: Do I have a second? MR. METTS: Second. 18 19 CHAIRMAN YONKE: Second from Commissioner Metts. Correct, yes. Okay 20 Staff, we have a motion for disapproval with a second, so can you please take a vote? MR. PRICE: As stated we have a motion for disapproval for Case 25-022 MA. 21 22 Those in favor of the motion, Grady? 23 MR. GRADY: Aye.

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           MR. PRICE: Alright, motion passes.
           CHAIRMAN YONKE: Thank you, Commissioners, thank you, Staff. This is a
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     short night for Item No. 5 in our Agenda. We are moving ahead to Item 6., which is
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     Overlay. We have a, this is an action item so we do have a signup sheet. So we have
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MS. WILLIAMS: Good afternoon. Just following up from our last meeting last month when we had the work session. We went through the comments that were received from additional residents in the area and all of the additional comments and the changes that were made to the Overlay District based off of those comments. So in your packet you have the draft that we went through during the work session, but if you also remember in May you made a motion to accept the comments that were discussed and the changes that were made during the work session and have a clean copy brought before you this month for your final recommendation, unless there are additional questions that you may have. I'd also like to point out that if approved tonight the recommendation will go to Council and Council will still again have the opportunity to hold any additional town halls or work sessions or public meetings they may like to have. They have to go through the final three readings and, and approvals before it would be final, so again tonight this will just be a recommendation that will go to County Council and they still have the opportunity to make any additional comments. The question came up last month as well about adding tree protection to the ordinance, the Overlay. We did go back and discuss that a little bit more internally. Although we do understand the need to protect the trees and we do appreciate the comments received related to that, based off our current staffing levels and with this being the first overlay district, it would be a challenge to try to add additional tree protections with the current Overlay. We do believe this should be a separate tree protection ordinance that could be fully vetted and looked at, how we actually could implement that successfully. And we are open to continue to meet with the neighborhood and residents to talk about a different method to try to handle any tree protections and keep the Overlay specifically

to the architectural standards. So I did wanna touch on that specifically because I know that came up as an additional comment when we met last month. And so if you have any specific questions we can do that or if you would like us to go through the, some of the comments that we received and the changes that were made from the work session we'd be willing to do that or answer any additional questions you may have.

CHAIRMAN YONKE: Thank you, Staff. Commissioners, do we have any questions as we get going on this?

MR. DURANT: Yes, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN YONKE: Yes, Commissioner Durant.

MR. DURANT: Just a question. You said maybe it's, I think you found it'll be a better course of action to have a separate tree ordinance done regarding protection of the trees in the Olympia District. Is that gonna happen, how much time between approval of this Overlay District and any tree ordinance being drafted and approved, how much time would that be between the two?

MS. WILLIAMS: I, I do not have a timeline with that, that's why I said we'd be willing to continue to work with the residents in the area to talk about that, because we do have some staffing constraints right now and also we still need to continue to work on building up the advisory committee and the internal procedures related to the current overlay. And so it'd be challenging to also include the landscaping so that's why it would have to be a separate project and because we don't have a timeline related to the separate project right now, so I don't wanna say it'll be adopted at the same time Council would adopt the Overlay District, it would have to be a separate project that we look at.

MR. DURANT: Is there any risk that trees will start coming down before you have a chance to put a tree ordinance into effect?

MS. WILLIAMS: Obviously there would still be potentially a risk if somebody wanted to go out there and cut a tree. We have certain protections related to new development that are out there, but if we try to include the, incorporate the tree protection standards in the Overlay now that's something we can continue to go back. But it would just further delay getting the architectural protections in place.

MR. DURANT: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN YONKE: Thank you, Commissioner Durant. Can we go through some of the edits for the public and anything that might be new?

MS. WILLIAMS: Yes, we can go through that. I'll turn it over to Mr. Ridlehoover.

MR. RIDLEHOOVER: Alright, so I can go through some of the main changes that have happened throughout the course of developing the Overlay. The changes most recently made were the ones based off of the work session that we just had so there won't be any, anything new for the Planning Commission but I'll just kinda go through the different aspects that, just review what we did in the work session last month. And that, we made a number of just language changes; these are all highlighted in your packet in the, the blue-ish/aqua color, and the changes regarding setbacks as well as making the, making the Overlay more strictly corresponding to the bounds of what is visible from the right-of-way. So any, any language that was previously in the Overlay that we felt overstepped the bounds of restricting or protecting the façade and what's visible from the right-of-way was, was changed there, as well as including some oversights such as existing historic houses, housing styles that were not explicitly

included in the draft previously, the example I'm mainly referring to as far as roof shapes and that there are hipped roof shapes and, on historic houses in the neighborhood. And beyond that one of the other notable changes I believe happened before the previously work session but as far as materials, there was a concern from Planning Commission previously that as long as the visible characteristics of a, visible characteristics of materials used to repair or build any, any structures as long as those materials visually looked a historic style, we removed any restrictions to, that would be, require specific materials. And I believe that is, those are the main highlights. Like I said these were, these were discussed in the work session so you can see in our, you can see the changes throughout in the edit, the version that you have with the edits and then the clean version has, has all of the, the changes and edits that Planning Commission has seen and developed in the work session previously.

CHAIRMAN YONKE: Thank you. Questions, Commissioners? Commissioner Frierson, let's open it up to the public for, to speak.

MS. FRIERSON: We have Ms. Vie Hendley.

TESTIMONY OF MS. VIE HENDLEY:

MS. HENDLEY: Good evening again, Commissioners, appreciate your time. My name is Vie Hendley. I live at 104 Alabama Street, Olympia, South Carolina 29201. I want to remind the Commission and Staff that we do have a six month moratorium in place and we have concerns, primarily about the fact that when you add to a historic structure you are changing the historic view shed of the neighborhood. And I didn't know anything about view sheds until I started kinda delving into it, but essentially if you had a house that from the street was just one room and then in the back of the house all

of a sudden you have something jutting out the back or rising up above it, you've taken away the original look of the neighborhood. Granby, Whaley are City neighborhoods. They have these protections in their historic overlays or their historic protections so that the actual footprint of the house remains the same. And so you can't, you drive through Granby and many houses have been renovated and many houses house adequate numbers of students for profit for landlords, but you wouldn't be able to tell the difference between a new build and an old build because they all look exactly the same and they didn't allow for modifications that would alter greatly the shape or the view shed of the neighborhood. I wanna appreciate your time considering Staff the tree protections. I'm hopeful that perhaps with the rewrites some folks will be taking that more seriously because as we lose trees we're going to get hotter, we're going to lose clean water and I really appreciate the time that you all spent on that. Thanks so very much for your consideration.

CHAIRMAN YONKE: Thank you for your participation in this. Anyone else signed up to speak?

MS. FRIERSON: No.

CHAIRMAN YONKE: Okay. So our objective tonight is a recommendation to County Council. We could approve the draft or defer the draft, but when we do that we would ask for more edits to be made, or I guess we could reject it all entirely, after all this work, right? So Commission, do we have any motions? Or a discussion about what we wanna do?

MR. GRADY: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRMAN YONKE: Yes, Commissioner Grady.

MR. GRADY: Thank you. I would like to give Staff the opportunity to comment on the member of the public who just spoke because the concerns that she expressed about a building footprint, you know, being higher than the preexisting building or jutting out to an extended degree. It was certainly my impression from reading the Overlay language that that would not be permitted, is that, would that be an accurate assessment or not?

MR. RIDLEHOOVER: So it is accurate to an extent. Our language, while restricted to the right-of-way as far as an addition jutting out, any additions would have to be to the rear of the property and it would have to either be flush with the current side of the structure or it would have to recess in. So as far as the building footprint is visible from the right-of-way you wouldn't see, you wouldn't see any structure jutting out from, from the historic façade.

MR. GRADY: And based on the visual instruction from said member of the, the public, there's not the ability to build an expansion of the home that is substantially taller than the existing property, correct?

MR. RIDLEHOOVER: We do have a specific line in, in the Overlay and that is, is that if a historic is of a building type that is one story, they could have a two story addition in the rear and two stories would be the limit and the, the roofline would need to be as low as possible.

MR. GRADY: Okay, thank you.

CHAIRMAN YONKE: Thank you, Commissioner Grady. That is enough of a visual that would make the original property look different. We have a one story front and a two story back.

MS. WILLIAMS: I'll jump in a little bit, too, from – 1 CHAIRMAN YONKE: Yes, Staff. 2 3 MS. WILLIAMS: - the last, the work session, too, we talked about going from different Old Hill types from the one story to two story, it still has to match the 4 architectural look of, and feel of the, the architectural style of the neighborhood as well. 5 6 So if it can be visible from the right-of-way and they're going from a one story Old Hill type to a two story Old Hill type, it still has to match the architectural look and feel of that 7 housing type. 8 CHAIRMAN YONKE: Okay, I have a question. Let's, what if we, for an example, 9 use this draft and said someone came in and wanted to do that, where do we refer them 10 and say, oh this works with the Overlay or this doesn't? What part of it? 11 MS. WILLIAMS: We're putting together an architectural review board, I'm sorry 12 I'm cutting you off. 13 CHAIRMAN YONKE: No, that's okay, go ahead Staff, thank you. 14 MS. WILLIAMS: My apologies. 15 CHAIRMAN YONKE: That was open ended. 16 17 MS. WILLIAMS: But we are working to put together an architectural review board so any additions, any demolitions, those would have to go in front of the architectural 18 19 review board to make sure that they meet the architectural requirements in the Overlay 20 District. We're working right now to look at individuals who could potentially fill the slots for that review board and Council would have to appoint individuals on that board as 21 well. 22

CHAIRMAN YONKE: Further discussion, Commission? Or a motion?

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MR. DURANT: Question, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN YONKE: Yes, Commissioner Durant.

MR. DURANT: For Staff. In, on page 27, §3(D)(ii), I see we marked out, and I remember this discussion we had last month, we marked out the section that said the building footprint of a new build should reflect that of the house across the street, if that house is a historic building. So with that struck are there guidelines for how new builds should look with respect to the historic pattern of the neighborhood?

MR. RIDLEHOOVER: Yes, sir. So we will have a guide of what specific housing types are in the different parts of the neighborhood. While we won't have the restriction of, of a historic home needing to match the one across the street, we do still have the restriction of not having, not having building types side by side. So we are maintaining the, we are trying to maintain the rhythm and the, the character of the neighborhood, at least on that particular side of the block, but we won't restrict any, any builder to a specific home type because it's across the street or the, or there's a specific house across the street from them.

MR. DURANT: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN YONKE: Thank you, Commissioner Durant. Good discussion. What else, Commission? Hearing nothing else this is when we look at a motion. What does this mean, for the six month moratorium that, is that –

MS. WILLIAMS: The six month, the moratorium is in place for six months and it's Council's third reading, I'm sorry that date alludes me at this moment, or until they have third and final reading on the Overlay. So if the Overlay is approved before the six months are up then the moratorium would be lifted, if the Overlay is not approved it'll

stay in place until that six month date. Which does give Council still time to work on it, 1 so like I said before if you do make the recommendation to move it forward, if Members 2 3 of Council have any additional questions, comments, concerns, that still gives them enough time to bring back their comments related to the ordinance as well. 4 CHAIRMAN YONKE: Thanks. So I understand even if we push this through 5 there's still time with Council with this moratorium, correct? 6 MS. WILLIAMS: Correct. The moratorium remains in place until the Overlay has 7 third and final reading approved by County Council. 8 CHAIRMAN YONKE: And they will have public sessions. 9 MS. WILLIAMS: Yes, they will also have their public meetings and if they choose 10 to have a town hall like they do with a rezone request then we would obviously entertain 11 that as well. 12 CHAIRMAN YONKE: Thank you, Staff for your hard work on this. We've walked 13 14 through this and created a pretty solid draft. Unless we want any other edits to the draft I feel like it might be time to pass this forward to County Council. But I'd like to hear the 15 thoughts of my Commission on that. I see head nods but no words. Okay. 16 17 MR. DURANT: Mr. Chair? CHAIRMAN YONKE: Yes. 18 19 MR. DURANT: I'm sorry, I have one more question. 20 CHAIRMAN YONKE: Commissioner Durant, go ahead. MR. DURANT: And I apologize, Staff, if what I say now means I just haven't read 21

enough detail of what you put here. But what is the protection against new builds,

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somebody coming in with a new build and making a contemporary house there, that's totally outside of the style of the neighborhood?

MR. RIDLEHOOVER: So for the most part that would not be allowed but with any new build it would go before the board of architectural review that we're putting in place and so the board would interpret the, the Overlay that we have to determine whether whatever style that a builder is, is planning to put in the neighborhood, that it fits within the guidelines of the Overlay.

MR. DURANT: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN YONKE: Thank you, Commissioner. Question Commissioner Johnson? Comment?

MR. JOHNSON: I'm, I was prepared to, I am prepared to advance this on. I'm not proposing additional questions but, or changes, but Commissioner's, for the response to the Commissioner's question just raised implementation concerns. As someone who goes before a board of architectural review on a regular basis, we talked about the windows a few months ago but the way that it's written it says, and I'm grossly paraphrasing but, to, as much as possible, emulate or something similar, and I will say that board is going to, there's not a lot of guidance other than just saying, or similar, and so you leave to interpretation the members that are on that board at that particular point in time as to whether or not the 'or similar' is sufficient versus the original materials. And in other jurisdictions those boards could exercise a lot of power without specific constraints as to, or guidelines as to how that's to be done. So I just, I just raise that as a, as a point of concern.

CHAIRMAN YONKE: Good point, Commissioner Johnson. Commissioner Grady, I see a lotta head nods, any thoughts?

MR. GRADY: Yeah, I would say, like I broadly agree with both your remarks, Mr. Chair, and from my colleague to my right. I definitely would agree that there is a, a risk here, and we do not wanna have a, an instance of government overreach, so that's certainly a concern. But I would also be inclined to, to move this forward so I can make a motion to that effect if that is in the interest of the group.

MR. JOHNSON: Yes, sir.

CHAIRMAN YONKE: I have a question for Staff, is there any other things we could do about this review board before we pass the recommendation to County Council? Is there anything within our guidelines as the Planning Commission that can help steer the creation of this or any words in this draft? You said 'or similar' is a, one that can cause some issues.

MS. WILLIAMS: Well we are working on the guidebook which is based very heavily off of the architectural standards that were originally presented that we used before drafting the ordinance. So one of my goals is to take the design standards and the architectural standards along with the recommendations for the, how the board should be set up to Council so that they can also review it at the same time while we're going through the ordinance, Overlay voting process, so that they can see, set up the board and see what the guidelines will be at the same time. If that's something Planning Commission wants to see then you would potentially defer your vote until that all is put together and brought back to you to review as well. But I don't know if, I can't speak to a regulatory requirement for that.

CHAIRMAN YONKE: I have a suggestion, maybe one of my Commissioners, as we make our recommendation, usually if we go against the Comp Plan on something we have to have some sort of statement to go along with that; maybe we approve or deny and then have a statement that goes with it to County Council that, you know, please address this concern of this architectural review board. Do you think either one of, Commissioner Grady, Commissioner Durant, Johnson, could make that statement in their motion? Follow me?

MR. GRADY: I could but I am not a, not a real estate developer so I feel like I'd be a bit out of my depth.

CHAIRMAN YONKE: Okay. Commissioner Johnson, as someone who goes to a lotta these review boards? Do you think you have just a couple of words? Let's say for instance if we said let's approve and with this approval we'd like whatever?

MR. JOHNSON: Council to take careful consideration of the guidelines that are provided to the architectural review board so that there's some consistency in how those are being implemented.

CHAIRMAN YONKE: That's a motion for approval?

MR. JOHNSON: That would be in support of a motion to approve Item 6.a., Overlay District, 6.a. and b., for the Olympia Neighborhood Character Overlay Map Amendment and Text Amendment, yes sir.

CHAIRMAN YONKE: Thank you. Do I have a second?

MR. GRADY: Second.

CHAIRMAN YONKE: Staff, did you catch all of that? That's a second from Commissioner Grady. Did you write down that lovely statement?

MR. JOHNSON: Thank you. 1 CHAIRMAN YONKE: I almost forget that we have Minutes and that all this gets 2 typed out. 3 MS. WILLIAMS: I paraphrased in my notes. 4 CHAIRMAN YONKE: Thank you. You got it? Thank you. Okay, we have a motion 5 for approval of the Overlay and the map, a. and b., and a second from Commissioner 6 Grady. So Staff, please take a vote. 7 MS. WILLIAMS: Yonke? 8 9 CHAIRMAN YONKE: Aye. MS. WILLIAMS: Frierson? 10 MS. FRIERSON: Aye. 11 MS. WILLIAMS: Johnson? 12 MR. JOHNSON: Aye. 13 MS. WILLIAMS: Duffy? 14 MR. DUFFY: Aye. 15 MS. WILLIAMS: Metts? 16 17 MR. METTS: Aye. MS. WILLIAMS: Durant? 18 19 MR. DURANT: Aye. 20 MS. WILLIAMS: Taylor? Siercks? MR. SIERCKS: Aye. 21 22 MS. WILLIAMS: Grady. 23 MR. GRADY: Aye.

[Approved: Yonke, Frierson, Johnson, Duffy, Metts, Durant, Siercks, Grady; Absent: Taylor]

MS. WILLIAMS: Motion approved.

CHAIRMAN YONKE: Thank you, Commissioners and thank you, Staff for all the hard work on that. And this goes as a recommendation of approval to County Council, just so the public can hear. They're still gonna have public input and the process continues. Thank you.

[Siercks out at 6:54pm]

CHAIRMAN YONKE: Alright. Let's all take a breath and we'll move on to number 7. Number 7. on our Agenda today is 2025 Land Development Code Updates. We have an a. and a b. so I'll flip this over to Staff so we take this apart correctly. And then I know we have names signed up to speak.

MR. PRICE: Yes, sir. Alright, the first item is, was an amendment to Table 26-4.2(b) and §26-4.2(d)(2)5, Manufactured Homes, of the Richland County Land Development Code. This came before you before you wanted this to be deferred during that time so it's back before you. So basically when we were doing the, when we were looking to adopt the current Land Development Code it was decided to go with the most, the equivalency of the current zoning, you know, which matches the new zoning designations of our Code. And so it was determined that the MH District which was Manufactured Housing, the most equivalent zoning designation under our new Code would be the R3. And a lot of that discussion was really based on the lot sizes. The lot sizes, the minimum lot size in the MH3 is basically the equivalent of what we have in our R3 at this time. But one of the things we didn't take into consideration were the land

uses, and so the MH District, of course, Manufactured Housing, you know, allowed manufactured housing but it also allowed for stick built homes also, as we like to term it. But, but it allowed for, like I stated it allowed for manufactured housing but when we adopted the Code the R3 District does not allow for manufactured housing. So you know, we were aware as we have some discussion regarding how to correct this, because what you have are certain areas of the County in which were primarily developed under the old MH designation that's primarily a manufactured housing community, subdivision, neighborhood, just however community, whichever you wanna use, but they're basically all manufactured homes. So we're trying to find a way to make this work, we looked at a couple of options and it was decided that to allow manufactured homes in the R3 provided that there are manufactured homes on lots that comprise 50% or more of the lots on the same side of the block as the lot in question. I mean, the thinking was if they're already 50% of the homes, the lots on that block are comprised of manufactured homes, the likelihood is that's what's going to be placed there, you know, not to offend or anything but typically you aren't gonna find a community of manufactured homes and someone builds a house next to it. So that's one of the reasons we went with that, with that option. So that's what you have before you today. You know, we did take into consideration and I believe you raised this, Commissioner Yonke, and that was something that during the adoption of the current Land Development Code we were initially going away from what was deemed singlefamily designations and within the R2, R3, R4 designations and so on, you would be able to do a variety of housing types from manufactured housing, duplexes, triplexes, those type uses. I know that was a bit, a good bit of pushback from the community

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regarding that, so it was decided by Planning Commission, ultimately adopted by 1 Council, to just go back to the single-family designations. So again, one of the things 2 that we ended up leaving out was what happened to the previous MH District. Some of the things that we could have actually done was create a new zoning designation. We 4 could've created a whole new MH district or whichever term you wanna use it, but then 5 that would've required us to go back through the whole process, we would've had to identify parcels, basically do a whole rezoning throughout the County. That was one of 7 the options that we had. So, but we found that this was probably the, based on what has 8 come before us, what we have seen, what we've discussed with people, that this is probably the best approach. But that's what you have before you now. 10

CHAIRMAN YONKE: Thank you, Staff. I'm gonna speak on that in the past cause I was part of the rewrite process. We were just taking into account what came before us from the public as we walked through that, as early as Covid and our Zoom meetings, the original time; then through coming back in here and taking it on the shelf like Mr. Jenson would like to say and going through the rewrite. So I know we looked at a lot of the equivalency table and looking at the Land Development Code that way. Staff, could you pull up the map, I see you have a tab there, so we can visualize. Is it called the Royal Pines neighborhood? That's kind of a good example.

MR. PRICE: Yes, sir.

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CHAIRMAN YONKE: Alright.

MR. PRICE: I'm sorry, one of the things that we did look at, and I apologize cause I don't have it here in front of us at this time, you know, I know there's some concern about, you know, having an area that happens to be zoned R3 and now

everybody's just gonna put a whole bunch of manufactured homes there, that may open it up. There aren't many areas in the County that are zoned R3 that haven't been developed. For example, Mr. Smith, he pulled up just the northwest part of the County of all of the parcels that were zoned R3 and they were all developed. So you, there's not a chance that someone could wait – and I know this is a little frightening for some people, again Commissioner Yonke, you went through this process and I think Ms. Frierson you were also a part of this also, where you know, somebody wakes up one morning and you know, your single-family community, you look outside and there's a use that you weren't expecting to be there. I don't think in this particular case that if someone is in an existing residential community of homes that, you know, as we term them stick built homes, that, to meet the criteria to establish a manufactured home, that that's not going to occur. Again, you have to have, at least 50% of the lots on the block have to be developed with manufactured homes. So in the case, if the property was zoned R3 and somebody was gonna put a manufactured home there, that means that that area is already comprised of manufactured homes so it wouldn't be something brand new introduced into an area.

CHAIRMAN YONKE: Correct, I appreciate that. Do you mind turning on the zoning layer just for a minute for the map? This area that Staff zoomed into is R3. And when we zoom in, that's a good example, there's about 10 lots between each street.

MR. PRICE: Yes, sir.

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CHAIRMAN YONKE: And when you look at it some that have manufactured homes already it's about 50%. So if someone came into an empty lot, which is near like

the middle of your map right now, and wanted to put a manufactured home there this would be a location where under special, what's it special requirement?

MR. PRICE: Yes, sir.

CHAIRMAN YONKE: That the Comprehensive Plan, well not the Comprehensive Plan, the zoning would recommend approval.

MR. PRICE: Yes, sir.

CHAIRMAN YONKE: Right? Thank you.

MR. PRICE: It would be a permitted use subject to special requirements.

CHAIRMAN YONKE: Exactly. No, I'm trying to walk it through for the Staff because I do wanna stand on what we did last month or the month before where we asked for deferment to give more time for public input. Any time we're looking at adjusting the Land Development Code I wanna make sure there's time for public input since I've been through all that.

MR. PRICE: Yes, sir.

CHAIRMAN YONKE: Thank you. See, now walk us through an example here if you can.

MR. PRICE: Okay, so I think – alright so what you have before you it's just, it's kind of like the classic example of what we're dealing with. So this is the Royal Pines subdivision, kinda help you out here. Alright, so the area in the green that you see here, this is the Royal Pines subdivision and over here is the Woodlands, so this is a good example. And this is the Woodlands, Woodlands Green subdivision next to it. They just happen to be zoned R4 so this wouldn't apply. But right now if someone came in and was, they had a parcel in the Royal Pines subdivision and they wanted to place a

manufactured home there, under our current Code as written we would deny that application because the Code clearly states, you know, in R3 manufactured homes are prohibited. So they would be forced to, if they were going to occupy that from a residential standpoint they would have to actually build a home, you know, construct a new home, as we like to say a stick built home, on that parcel. Again, typically not a practical use of land when the two residential uses are really not typically deemed to be compatible, especially in an area like this. But you know, we just kind of use this as an example.

CHAIRMAN YONKE: So if you had turned off the zoning and zoomed in you'd see there's some mixed uses of R3 here already. We have manufactured homes and stick built.

MR. PRICE: Yes, sir, so, I mean, basically everything here is R3 in this area. Now this is, what you have next, in this section, and let me put on the subdivision layer, this section of the Woodlands Glenn subdivision is also zoned R3, however, none of the lots here will qualify for a manufactured home, again 50% of the lots on the block would have to be comprised of manufactured homes, so we feel pretty safe that this ordinance doesn't just open it up for uses that some people would deem to be incompatible.

CHAIRMAN YONKE: Thank you, Staff. I like that example. Commissioners, any questions off this discussion? No? Okay. I'm ready to open it up to the public.

Commissioner Frierson?

MS. FRIERSON: Kim Murphy?

TESTIMONY OF KIM MURPHY:

MS. MURPHY: Good evening. I know you approved an amendment –

CHAIRMAN YONKE: Please start with your name and address.

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MS. MURPHY: Oh, this is, yeah okay. When does this go to Council, cause I don't know that the April one did, but Kim Murphy, 154 Old Laurel Lane, Chapin, South Carolina. If you could answer that question at some point that'd be great. First of all I'm opposed to using the block as the, as the guide, and I actually have three options that I think would be better since there is this quandary; is take back that legacy MH zoning, anything that was MH everyone knew was going to have either a stick built or a manufactured home. If that's too much work, but it seems like the easy way out, then if the lot was previously zoned MH allow for a mobile home. And then the least desirable is to expand it, instead of just one block and one side of the street it's the whole street on both sides or 50% of the subdivision. There was an issue a woman brought up at the April meeting that her subdivision, which was zoned MH and is now R3, the MH allowed for mobile homes and there are mobile homes, and stick built homes and there are a lotta vacant lots there, she wanted to place a mobile home on the lot but she can't now because of the orientation that's required in R3; you can't have a front facing, there's not room to have a front facing mobile home but when it's zoned MH it can be turned so that the end is facing the road. So I think that neither the parties who, property owners whose property was for stick built should suffer and neither should the families whose property was MH should suffer. I think there should be a better delineation between the two. I think there's, we had discussion with Geo that, you know, potentially there could, they could ask for a Variance to be able to allow for their home to be placed front facing, but I don't think, I don't think that's the way to go. I think that if it was once MH allow it to be MH, it resolves the orientation problem, it resolves allowing mobile homes. Was that
my time?

CHAIRMAN YONKE: It was.

MS. MURPHY: Okay, thank you.

CHAIRMAN YONKE: Thank you.

MS. FRIERSON: Yakima Smith.

TESTIMONY OF YAKIMA SMITH:

MS. SMITH: Hello Commissioners, my name is Yakima Smith. My address is 13 Maganza Court 29203. I'm talking in particular of the neighborhood of Hebron Ridge. I built the house out there, like five years ago, it may be 10 homes out there but the majority of the neighborhood is mobile homes. It's no mobile home that is uniform. It's only about 10 lots that are left out there. When I bought this property it was zoned for mobile home and to get that changed or taken right from up under me was very disappointment [sic]. And the lots are not big enough to, like for the front door to face the road so if it did get approved I would hope that that would not be a stipulation because the lots are not big at all. Yeah. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN YONKE: Thank you.

MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN YONKE: Yes, Commission Johnson.

MR. JOHNSON: Just before – the area that the speaker was referring to, that's currently R3?

1	MS. SMITH: Hebron Ridge, they changed it. I'm not sure, I know it's zoned
2	[inaudible] you can't put a mobile home there, but when I was buying the property it was
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4	CHAIRMAN YONKE: You would need to come back to the podium so we can
5	hear you. Thank you. And maybe we would direct that question to Staff.
6	MS. SMITH: It was always zoned mobile homes in the neighborhood, Hebron
7	Ridge, which is off of Dubard Boise, you guys can look up the map if you like. But it's
8	majority of trailers out there. I don't understand, like why stopping the last 10 lots for
9	putting a mobile home, I don't know what difference that would make. Or why they
LO	changed.
l1	MR. JOHNSON: Well Staff, help me, if, if her statement regarding the current
L2	zoning is correct, that's not applicable for what we're doing here, right?
L3	CHAIRMAN YONKE: Right. Give me a cross street. What was a street that Staff
L4	can –
L5	MS. SMITH: Maganzar, Peregrine. I live on Maganzar, Peregrine is behind
L6	Maganzar which I own two lots on that street.
L7	CHAIRMAN YONKE: Okay, thank you. Let's look at it on the map.
L8	MS. SMITH: Please.
19	CHAIRMAN YONKE: Cause this is what I requested when we began the
20	conversation, let's look at some examples. Any final thoughts in your two minutes?
21	Cause I wanna give you your two minutes.
22	MS. SMITH: I just hope we can reach a decision today. I've been waiting, like
23	seven months.

1 CHAIRMAN YONKE: Thank you. I'll ask you to go ahead and take a seat then.

MS. SMITH: Okay, thank you.

CHAIRMAN YONKE: I'm trying to be fair to everybody, appreciate you.

MS. SMITH: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN YONKE: Thank you. Which zoning is this, Staff?

MR. PRICE: R3.

CHAIRMAN YONKE: Yeah, that's what I was thinking. The zoning colors. Staff, go ahead and talk us through this. If someone came in and wanted to build a manufactured home here under this new special requirement, what would the guidance be?

MR. PRICE: It would be the same. We would look at what is, what we would deem to be a block and if there are at least 50% of the homes on that block that come, that are comprised of manufactured homes they would be able to place one there. If one is not there or if it doesn't meet that criteria then they wouldn't be able to put it, you know, I think parts of this area do have sections that are primarily single-family residential homes and others have the manufactured homes, so the criteria would still be the same. They would have to meet at least 50% on that, on a block.

CHAIRMAN YONKE: Thank you, Staff. Where the map is now I see two homes, I can't tell from the aerial if it's stick built or manufactured in that block, two, four, six, that's like 10 lots right there, so it's not developed yet. What would you recommend? Yeah, and if they request for someone to build a manufactured home in that block that we're pointed at, Egret and Heron? And don't make me pronounce this, Peregrine Court? Thank you, so in that block?

MR. PRICE: Yes, so what you're looking at, there's a chance that on one side that you may be able to put manufactured homes and on the other side you might not be able to.

MS. SMITH: It's on both sides.

MR. PRICE: I'm just, you know, you may run into those instances, but I mean, to be consistent with if this, if this ordinance is passed then that may be the case.

CHAIRMAN YONKE: If the ordinance is passed this doesn't come back to the Planning Commission if somebody wanted to build a manufactured home there cause it's gonna have a special requirement. And would that be a Board of Zoning Appeals or just no issue?

MR. PRICE: The only time it would go to the Board of Zoning Appeals, and I think that with, Ms. Murphy kind of raised a point if there was a bit of, an inability to meet the orientation requirements due to the configurations of the lot, then they could go to the Board of Zoning Appeals and potentially ask for a Variance from that provision. So that, that's one option. And then there may be some cases where if they don't meet the requirements for 50% of the lots being developed with manufactured homes on a block there may be another option, in some cases it may be to, or for a rezoning to a zoning designation that would allow manufactured homes.

MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRMAN YONKE: That's how it would come back to us. Thank you. Yes, Commissioner Johnson.

MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Price, when we had the conversation the last time on this subject I had a question that was on my mind and it's still on my mind and the first

speaker raised it so I'm just gonna go ahead and ask it. But I feel kinda like a 3rd grader asking this question, but why the distinction of, based on the side of the block as opposed to the block in itself? Help me understand what's the rationale or what's the approach thing on that side of the block?

MR. PRICE: So I think this is kind of a good example and you may find some maybe on one side, and you don't, this doesn't occur very often but you may actually have on the opposite side of the road, for example, it could be primarily stick built homes and on the other side it would just be manufactured homes. The reason why we talked about the block was to provide a level of consistency of what that section of an area is developed.

MR. JOHNSON: I understand at the block level but I'm saying, but when you split the difference between the left side versus the right side or north or south side of the block.

CHAIRMAN YONKE: Is that the same as saying the same side of the street.

MR. JOHNSON: Correct, I'm sorry, yes, same side of the street. Thank you, I misspoke, yeah same side of the street. I misspoke.

MR. PRICE: So, so, I'm sorry, Commissioner Johnson, with understand, you know, we try to come up with language and bring it before you, but this isn't something we're saying, hey take our language and either approve it or deny it. We would like to have good discussion and if there's a point that you, that you feel may be more appropriate for what we're proposing, we just ask that you bring that forward and then we may be happy to incorporate that into language going forward.

MR. JOHNSON: In my case if in fact, for example, (e)(1) said, manufactured homes are permitted where there are manufactured homes on lots that comprise 50% or more of the block as the lot in question.

CHAIRMAN YONKE: Commissioner Johnson, as you're stating, if some of these words were omitted that would work better for this text amendment is what we're suggesting?

MR. JOHNSON: Intuitively that's what, my thought process, but that's why I was trying to ask the question, what was the rationale, I'm trying to get understanding as to what the rationale for adding in the clause that says, on the same side of the block.

MR. PRICE: You mean as opposed to taking out the word 'block' essentially –

MR. JOHNSON: As opposed to taking out the, 'on the same side'.

MR. DURANT: Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN YONKE: Let's speak in the mics, Commissioners, and sidebar less.

Cause this is a good discussion. So Commissioner Johnson, did you speak everything you wanna say?

MR. JOHNSON: I'm just trying to make sure that I'm making sense. Cause, I mean, cause it depends on – and the determining factor depends on, it seems in some of these situations is if you're on this side of the street you might be able to and if you're on this side of the street you might not, and you could be in the same block. So I was just trying to, I'm not saying that what I, my language would be better than what the language is here, I'm just trying to understand why we added which side of the street we're on as the determinant.

CHAIRMAN YONKE: Yeah, I understand.

MR. JOHNSON: Well, Commissioner -

why is it not 50% of the entire block or 50% of the entire subdivision? Why did we not tighten up the language in that respect?

MR. PRICE: Again, this was our initial approach to it and again, whichever, if the Planning Commission can help offer an alternative to this language, again as a Staff we're being, we're more than receptive to that. And as stated previously, I know there was a lotta discussion that went on during the adoption of the Land Development Code about certain uses being allowed in certain designations, and so maybe we were just looking at ways to provide extra layers of protection. But if there's, you know, as I'm hearing from some, Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Duffy, maybe the language may be a little bit too restrictive in some way and that we should amend it. And again the Staff is very receptive to that.

CHAIRMAN YONKE: Anyone else before I try to read this the way that I hear that I'm, the way I'm picking it up? Okay. So this would be, someone would make a motion for deferment cause Staff would need to rewrite. So the public has a chance to hear it —

MR. PRICE: [Inaudible] just make this change – excuse me – we can easily make this change and take this to Council. It won't go to Council until July, but you know, we deem this to be more of an edit, not something that needs to come back and go back through a whole public, a public meeting process.

CHAIRMAN YONKE: Very touchy piece of the Land Development Code that we survived. Okay. So if it read, manufactured homes are permitted where they are manufactured homes on the lots that comprise 50% of the subdivision. Would that be sufficient for this special permit for R3?

CHAIRMAN YONKE: Anyone from the Commission? 1 MR. JOHNSON: - I think it said of the block or the subdivision. 2 3 CHAIRMAN YONKE: Of the block – MR. JOHNSON: Or of the subdivision. 4 CHAIRMAN YONKE: - or of the subdivision. 5 MR. JOHNSON: Correct. 6 MR. DUFFY: I think just to add a -7 CHAIRMAN YONKE: Commissioner Duffy, go ahead. 8 MR. DUFFY: I think I said the entire block or whatever just to make sure we're 9 clear on -10 MR. JOHNSON: Entire block. 11 CHAIRMAN YONKE: Okay Commissioner Duffy, you phrased that so well. 12 We're gonna have you state it, but first discussion from the Commission? We don't 13 14 wanna get pushed into anything. We would feel comfortable making a recommendation of approval if we edited the text, is that what I'm hearing so we could discuss that point? 15 I see head nods. Alright. Okay Commissioner Duffy, can you make that as a motion of 16 17 approval with, in those words, and make sure Staff picks up on it correctly. MR. DUFFY: So Mr. Chair, I would go ahead and make a motion for, to table 26-18 19 4.2(b) under the manufactured homes, point 1, manufactured homes are permitted 20 where there are manufactured homes on lots that comprise, should be 50% of the entire 21 block or street or 50% of the subdivision. I may have missed something there. 22 CHAIRMAN YONKE: Do we have a second on Commissioner Duffy's motion? MR. GRADY: Second. 23

CHAIRMAN YONKE: Second from Commissioner Grady. Staff, did you pick up 1 on that edit? 2 MR. PRICE: Yes, sir. 3 CHAIRMAN YONKE: Read it back to us and then take a vote. 4 MR. PRICE: Alright. Manufactured homes, the language as amended would 5 6 read, manufactured homes are permitted where there are manufactured homes on lots that comprise 50% of the entire block or subdivision. 7 CHAIRMAN YONKE: Motion with a second, so please, that's correct, go ahead 8 and take the vote. 9 MR. PRICE: Alright, those in favor of the motion for the approval of 7.a. which is 10 the, which is the amendment to Table 26-4.2(b) and §26-4.2(d)(2)5, Manufactured 11 Homes, those in favor, Grady? 12 MR. GRADY: Aye. 13 MR. PRICE: Siercks? Oh. Durant? 14 MR. DURANT: Aye. 15 MR. PRICE: Metts? 16 17 MR. METTS: Aye. MR. PRICE: Duffy? 18 MR. DUFFY: Aye. 19 20 MR. PRICE: Johnson? MR. JOHNSON: Aye. 21 MR. PRICE: Frierson? 22 23 MS. FRIERSON: Aye.

MR. PRICE: Yonke?

CHAIRMAN YONKE: Aye.

[Approved: Grady, Durant, Metts, Duffy, Johnson, Frierson, Yonke; Absent: Taylor, Siercks]

MR. PRICE: Alright, that motion passes.

CHAIRMAN YONKE: Okay, for members of the public that goes as a recommendation of approval with that edited text for County Council where they will have a public meeting, correct, what do they call it?

MR. PRICE: Public hearing.

CHAIRMAN YONKE: Public hearing.

MR. PRICE: Yes, and because it's a text amendment we give a 30 day notice so this won't appear at the June Zoning Public Hearing but it will go before Council at the July Zoning Public Hearing.

CHAIRMAN YONKE: Thank you, Staff. Thank you for helping us walk through that. We are still in Item 7., but now 7.b.

MR. PRICE: Yes. Appreciate the input from the Planning Commission. So our next item is, and hopefully this is a little simpler, but the next item is a proposed amendment to §26-4.2(d)(2)a.2, Dwellings, Townhouse. I will, I will give you kind of a simple version of this. If you have any questions please feel free to ask. Our current Code requires any parcel created in the R5, excuse me, in the R6 zoning designation, the minimum lot size is, the minimum lot width is 50'. And so while that may work for single-family homes or maybe even duplexes or triplexes, when you're doing townhomes essentially what that's also saying is that your townhome must be, the

structure itself must be 50' in width, which goes really against what a townhome is.

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Townhomes typically go between 18 to 24, 25' in width. So in a nutshell that provision of the Code that requires a minimum of 50' for each parcel, and remember you're doing a townhome you are creating individual parcels even though the units are attached, essentially it eliminates the ability to be able to do a townhome unless you do a rear alley that's associated with it. And also, we also included some additional provisions that if a rear alley was developed as part of the townhome development that it also amended the setbacks. Just to, just to let you know, this language isn't something that Staff just sat around and said, hey let's try to create some additional language for the townhomes, again when we adopted the current Land Development Code we only took out certain provisions of the existing townhome ordinance, or at least the townhome ordinance that was in place prior to, I guess the 2015 version, excuse me, the 2005 version of our Land Development Code. So we basically took some of the language that was missing as far as your setbacks, lot width, minimum lot area and also building footprint requirements, and just carried that over to our current Code. And those are outlined under, on page 43 under Proposed Amendment Overview, basically it tells you what we've, what the new regulations would be.

CHAIRMAN YONKE: Staff, you just took text that existed in the 2005 Code? That we're putting back in.

MR. PRICE: Yes, sir. Yes, sir. Yeah, the current Code didn't give a minimum lot area which we're introducing a minimum lot width. Again, well it did give a minimum lot width but it was 50', so what we were proposing is to have a minimum lot width that's specific for townhomes, and also introduce setbacks other than the traditional setbacks

that typically apply to more single-family type developments or other type residential 1 uses, and also, and also establish what a minimum building footprint, excuse me, a 2 3 maximum building footprint. CHAIRMAN YONKE: This has nothing to do with zero lot lines. I see 5'. 4 MR. PRICE: This has absolutely nothing to do with zero lot lines. 5 CHAIRMAN YONKE: Okay. Just for clarity. 6 MR. PRICE: Yes, sir. 7 CHAIRMAN YONKE: Okay. Thank you, Staff. Questions, Commissioners? 8 Hearing none, they're deep in thought. We do have, we had one sign up sheet for the 9 Land Development Code updates and I know someone wanted to speak again. So 10 Commissioner Frierson, would you read off the name again? And we'll, anyone else that 11 may have wanted to on this topic we'll give them two minutes. Kim Murphy wanted, she 12 wrote that she wanted to come down and have two minutes on this one. 13 14 MS. FRIERSON: Kim Murphy. CHAIRMAN YONKE: Thank you. State your name and address again, Ms. 15 Murphy. 16 17 **TESTIMONY OF KIM MURPHY:** MS. MURPHY: Thank you. 18 19 CHAIRMAN YONKE: Thank you. 20 MS. MURPHY: Kim Murphy, 154 Old Laurel Lane. I would ask that you defer this 21 like you did with the mobile home proposed amendment to give us a chance to 22 understand it. This was, I guess it was Friday that the packet was published so we 23 learned of it and there really wasn't a good explanation. We have some of an

1	explanation now which is helpful, now I can go back and do some homework. The other
2	thing is in the Agenda packet there were two other provisions related to R5 and R6, but
3	they weren't listed on the Agenda. So I don't quite understand why they were in the
4	packet. So on the Agenda you list one Code section but in the packet itself you have
5	two other sections with amendments on this with the, you know, the red and the
6	strikethrough and so I didn't quite, I couldn't understand what was the purpose of those.
7	CHAIRMAN YONKE: Any other comments, Ms. Murphy?
8	MS. MURPHY: No, but I'd love for you to defer it so I can get a better
9	understanding.
10	CHAIRMAN YONKE: Thank you. Thanks for coming out tonight. I notice on page
11	44 and 45 we have, I'll have Staff explain it but it's our Residential 5 district and
12	Residential 6 and this is where townhomes would fall into, correct?
13	MR. PRICE: Actually –
14	CHAIRMAN YONKE: So that's why you see §26-4.2 would be added to these
15	pages.
16	MR. PRICE: Yes.
17	CHAIRMAN YONKE: Right?
18	MR. PRICE: Yes, sir. So yes, sir so §26-3.3(h) and 26-3.3(i), that's, this is where
19	we included the provision for the townhome development standards.
20	CHAIRMAN YONKE: Questions, concerns, Commission? Anyone in, the public
21	in the audience here who hasn't signed up to speak on this wanted to? Okay. Not
22	seeing anyone. So the public part of this will be completed and now it's, Commission,
23	on the floor for discussion.

MR. DURANT: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRMAN YONKE: Yes, Commissioner Durant?

MR. DURANT: I have a question for Staff. In the edits for the townhouse dwelling, in part f. it says the building footprint of the principal structure shall not cover more than 50% of the lot area. What was the thought process that went into that number, 50% of the lot area?

MR. PRICE: Again, that was kind of a carryover from the previous Code. I would have to go back when we first adopted this. Kind of, we just kinda picked from other jurisdictions and how they applied their standards for townhomes. And essentially what it does is you still provide a certain area for, if the minimum lot area is 1500 and what that allows you to put a certain size townhome or structure, but at the same time it also leaves a yard in the rear and the front versus someone coming in and building directly to the setback lines.

MR. DURANT: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN YONKE: Thank you, Commissioner Durant. Thank you, Staff.

MR. PRICE: And again I want to make sure I point out that if the Planning

Commission were to take action on this there would be, this won't appear before

Council until July, the end of July, the fourth Tuesday. So there will be plenty of time for people to have a chance to look at this and review it.

CHAIRMAN YONKE: Thoughts Commission? Commissioner Johnson.

MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Chairman, if there's no objection from anyone I'll go ahead and move Agenda Item 7., Land Development Code Update action 7.b, §26-4.2(d) to a.2 Dwelling Townhouse as a recommendation to affirmatively approval for Council.

CHAIRMAN YONKE: Did you say deferment or approval? 1 MR. JOHNSON: Approval. 2 CHAIRMAN YONKE: Approval. Okay, we have a motion for approval, do we 3 have a second? 4 MR. METTS: Second. 5 CHAIRMAN YONKE: Okay, Commissioner Metts with a second. Alright Staff, 6 motion for approval with a second -7 MR. PRICE: Alright, we have a motion – 8 CHAIRMAN YONKE: for this text amendment. Please take a vote. 9 MR. PRICE: - motion of approval for Item 7.b. for townhome dwellings, those in 10 favor of the motion, Grady? 11 MR. GRADY: Aye. 12 MR. PRICE: Siercks? Oh, he's not here. Durant? 13 MR. DURANT: Aye. 14 MR. PRICE: Metts? 15 MR. METTS: Aye. 16 17 MR. PRICE: Duffy? MR. DUFFY: Aye. 18 MR. PRICE: Johnson? 19 20 MR. JOHNSON: Aye. MR. PRICE: Frierson? 21 22 MS. FRIERSON: Aye. 23 MR. PRICE: Yonke?

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CHAIRMAN YONKE: I see this as we're placing more information back in to the text so I vote ave.

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MR. PRICE: Alright, so that motion passes.

CHAIRMAN YONKE: Thank you, Staff. Thank you, Commissioners. That's our last action item for the night. But we go into number 8., which is Other Items. Commissioners, do you have any other items to talk about? Our time is, goes by fast up here on the Commission so if you ever have any topics we need to discuss this is a good time to talk about it. Okay, hearing none, Chairman's Report, number 9. Thank you, Commissioners, for all that you do with your time, effort as you review this information, go around the County and again we're volunteers but everyone's been up here for a while now and I do appreciate everything that you do. This will flip right into our Planning Director's Report. I see we have a date set for a Comp Plan meeting/training/retreat, whatever we're gonna call it as soon as next week. So please discuss and give us information.

MS. WILLIAMS: Yes, based off of the previously sent Doodle Poll June 12th, the afternoon, seemed to work best. It'll be at 1:00 so it's not a whole day, we're just doing the afternoon on June 12th. It'll be at Midlands Tech, Beltline Boulevard, in their conference room. So we have planned to have a deep dive into the updates to the Comprehensive Plan going over the various land use scenarios that were presented at the public meetings to get Planning Commission's feedback before we present a final

land use scenario, a/k/a the future land use map that will guide decisions related to 1 2 upcoming rezone requests. CHAIRMAN YONKE: Can you send out more information to the Commission as 3 this approaches so we know where to go and all of that stuff? 4 MS. WILLIAMS: Yes. Yes, we'll definitely do that for you. 5 CHAIRMAN YONKE: Reminders. Commissioners, any questions on that? We did 6 send like our scheduling preferences to them and I know this date has snuck up on us 7 so I hope everyone can attend, and we do need a quorum for it. 8 9 MS. WILLIAMS: There won't be a vote taken, it would be good to have a quorum, so you know, when we bring the land use map to you all for review and approval you 10 fully understand the methods behind it and what went into the updated land use map. 11 CHAIRMAN YONKE: Mr. Price, in the past with off sites you did, you did like a 12 quorum but I know it's a public meeting, it goes out to the – the meeting? 13 14 MR. PRICE: We still advertise but as Director Williams stated since you're not taking any action a quorum is not necessary. 15 16 CHAIRMAN YONKE: Please try to attend though, Commission. 17 MS. WILLIAMS: Thank you. MR. DURANT: Mr. Chair? 18 19 CHAIRMAN YONKE: Yes? 20 MR. DURANT: Should we eat lunch before we attend that? 21 CHAIRMAN YONKE: Good question. 22 MS. WILLIAMS: I am working on getting that approval for lunch as well. 23 CHAIRMAN YONKE: Okay. Please send that in the email.

MS. WILLIAMS: Once that is finalized tomorrow I will send the email out at the 1 end of the week. 2 CHAIRMAN YONKE: Thank you. Awesome. Does that complete our Planning 3 Director's Report? 4 MS. WILLIAMS: Yes. 5 CHAIRMAN YONKE: Yes, thank you. Usually the last page has, page 48 our 6 notes from County Council. Okay. Alright, unless we have any other business number 7 11 is Adjournment and that's a lot of, everyone's favorite item. Alright, we'll do a show of 8 9 hands as a vote, as a motion for adjournment. I see everyone. Staff, can you take a vote? So it's official. 10 MR. PRICE: Motion for adjournment, Yonke? 11 CHAIRMAN YONKE: Aye. 12 MR. PRICE: Frierson? 13 14 MS. FRIERSON: Aye. MR. PRICE: Johnson? 15 MR. JOHNSON: Aye. 16 17 MR. PRICE: Duffy? MR. DUFFY: Aye. 18 19 MR. PRICE: Metts? 20 MR. METTS: Aye. MR. PRICE: Durant? 21 22 MR. DURANT: Aye. 23 MR. PRICE: Grady?

54 MR. GRADY: Aye. 1 [Approved: Yonke, Frierson, Johnson, Duffy, Metts, Durant, Grady; Absent: Taylor, 2 Siercks] 3 MR. PRICE: That motion passes. 4 CHAIRMAN YONKE: Okay, we are adjourned. 5 6 [Meeting Adjourned: 7:45pm] 7