

**CITY OF TWIN CITY GEORGIA**  
**THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COMMISSIONERS**  
**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

**October 15, 2020**

**6:00 PM**

102 North College Street

Twin City, Georgia 30471

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**MINUTES**

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Donaldson

Mayor Matt Donaldson                      Present

Mayor Pro Tem Jule Bady Jr.              Present

Commissioner Jesse Brown                Present

Commissioner Charles Moody             Present

Commissioner Kenton Landon             Present

**INVOCATION:** Mayor Pro Tem Bady Jr.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** In unison

Mayor Donaldson read a brief statement to the audience on maintaining order and decorum.

Mayor Pro Tem Bady Jr. made the motion to approve the agenda. The motion was second by Commissioner Moody; The motion was approved unanimously.

### **Briefing from City legal staff**

City Zoning Attorney Brandon Bowen presented the purpose and criteria for the hearing.

### **Statement from rezoning applicant Chris Stanford**

Mr. Stanford stated the purpose of his request rezone to the property at 514 North Railroad Street from R-1 to R-2, for multipurpose dwelling use. Mr. Stanford stated that the property on 212 Queen Street where he has already started a program has been doing well with no major issues for almost a year now. This program provides transitional/supportive housing to persons who are being released from prison or who are participating in the court's accountability program. Mr. Stanford explained how he would like to continue helping these young men by expanding a second location on 514 North Railroad Street.

### **Public Comments**

#### **Those in Favor of the Rezoning**

Larry Head, a resident of the house, spoke in favor of the program, has been in the program for 8 months and is doing well with the help of this program.

Ronald Moore spoke in favor of the program. Not a citizen of Twin City.

Joshua Johnson, a resident of the house, spoke in favor of the program, stated, "without this program he would be reincarcerated".

Michael Glover, a resident of the house, spoke in favor of the program, stated, "this program has changed his life, and he is in the process of getting his legal ID".

Mr. Jerome Bell, spoke in favor of the program, asked to just give Chris Stanford a chance to prove himself to Twin City.

John E. Parker (Mayor Pro Tem of Swainsboro, GA) spoke in favor of the program, he stated Mr. Stanford is an upright citizen. Not a citizen of Twin City.

La Trail Sheffield, spoke in favor of the rezoning and program, she believes this a good program to bring into Twin City. Not a citizen of Twin City.

David Marshall, citizen of Twin City, spoke in favor of the rezoning. He believes this is a good program to bring into the City and give them a chance.

Enrique Lloyd, spoke in favor of the program. Chris is putting so much into this and giving second chances. This is a good program for the community and the guys entering the program. Not a citizen of Twin City.

Synetre Harper, spoke in favor of the program, everyone deserves second chances. Not a citizen of Twin City.

Johnathan Hampton, spoke in favor of the rezoning, he is very proud of Twin City and agrees this will be a very good program for the City. Not a citizen of Twin City.

Amos Handsom spoke in favor of the rezoning; in his many years he has seen plenty and is glad someone is offering to give these young men another chance. Not a citizen of Twin City.

### **Those Opposed to the Rezoning**

Nick Kraus, local, small business owner of Twin City, spoke not in favor of the rezoning. He does not feel this would be good for the City and does not see how this will help the City.

Randy Turner spoke not in favor of this program being rezoned due to the location of the property. A citizen of Twin City.

Gay Griffin, spoke not in favor of the rezoning, does not feel its in the best location for this program. A citizen of Twin City.

Randal Beach spoke not in favor or against the program, however he questioned the structuring and accountability of the location of the resident along with its codes and policies. A citizen of Twin City.

Mayor Donaldson allowed Mr. Stanford to make final remarks as. Mr. Stanford expressed this location would be temporary until he could find another location to expand the program.

### **Final deliberation from City Commission Members**

Mayor Donaldson had a few questions, that he addressed directly to Mr. Stanford. There were no other questions from the Commission.

### **Final Decision**

Motion to **approve** the rezoning application of Christopher Stanford for 514 North Railroad Street from R-1 to R-2. Motion was made by Commissioner Moody.

There was no second. The motion died on the floor from the lack of a second.

Motion to **deny** the rezoning application of Christopher Stanford for 514 North Railroad Street from R-1 to R-2. The motion was made by Commissioner Landon.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown. The motion was approved 4-1 with Donaldson, Bady, Brown, and Landon voting in favor. Commissioner Moody opposed.

### **Adjournment**

Commissioner Landon made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion; The motion was approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.



Approval by the Mayor

Mayor Matt W. Donaldson

Submitted By: City Clerk Eugenia A. Ducker

