

TOWN OF INDEPENDENCE
Special Called Council Meeting to discuss Zoning Variance
for 312 Hillcrest Drive
September 5, 2023
Upstairs at Independence Police Department
136 East Main
Independence, VA 24348

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Ronald Sexton, Vice Mayor Jim Meier, Jason Cassell, Buddy Halsey, Joan Collins and Kit Marshall.

COUNCIL ABSENT: Mark Miller.

TOWN STAFF PRESENT: Kim Farmer, Town Clerk and Town Attorney Roger Brooks.

CITIZENS & GUESTS: None.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Ronald Sexton called the meeting to order this 5th day of September 2023. Mayor Sexton stated that the meeting was called to discuss a zoning variance for 312 Hillcrest Avenue. Mayor Sexton stated there was a quorum present.

Vice Mayor Jim Meier stated that the Board of Zoning Appeals held a public hearing on August 30th. The board approved the zoning variance application stating that all requirements were met. Vice Mayor Meier stated the request was to build a wood structure (carport) with a roof. Vice Mayor Meier stated that the adjoining neighbors had no issues with the structure being built.

COUNCILMAN JASON CASSELL made a motion to use accept the approve the zoning variance approval from the Board of Zoning Appeals for the property located at 317 Hillcrest Avenue.

COUNILMAN BUDDY HALSEY seconded; motion carried with all ayes.

COUNCILMAN JASON CASSELL made a motion for Council to go into closed session citing VAFOIA Section 2.2-3711, to discuss personnel asking the Town Attorney Roger Brooks, and Town Clerk Kim Farmer to stay. COUNCILMAN BUDDY HALSEY seconded; motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Jason Cassell made a motion for Council to go into open session citing VAFOIA Section 2.2-3712 that only matters in closed session were convened for and permitted under was discussed. Mayor Sexton asked for a roll call vote:

Jim Meier-I So Certify
Jason Cassell-I So Certify
Joan Collins-I So Certify

Buddy Halsey-I So Certify
Kit Marshall-I So Certify

With no other action taken Mayor Ronald Sexton closed the Special called meeting.