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MEMORANDUM

TO: GLYNN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

FROM: WILL WORLEY, SENIOR ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY *WW*

RE: SPECIAL PLANNING COMMISSION SUBCOMMITTEE TO REVIEW
PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE UPDATE

BACKGROUND

On April 21, 2022, Board of Commissioners discussed and approved a process to review the Envision Glynn Zoning Ordinance update. Part of that process was for the Planning Commissions to appoint members to a special Planning Commission subcommittee. The subcommittee would review the proposed ordinance, solicit public input, and prepare recommendations to be considered by the Planning Commissions.

The Planning Commissions met and chose the following members for the subcommittee: (Mainland) Neal Boatright, Missy Neu, and Bill Edgy; (Island) Robert Ussery, Bryce Brock, and Michael Torras. The Planning Commissions have proposed adding two individuals that are not Planning Commission members to the subcommittee. They are George Ragsdale and Gary Nevill.

These individuals, and MPC Chair Sherrye Gibbs, met on May 9th to discuss meeting procedures, a proposed timeline, and other organizational matters. The group decided on a weekly meeting, every Monday, until the end of August. The meetings would be held from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Room 224 of the Pate Building. The meetings could be extended past 6 p.m. by vote of the subcommittee. The group proposed reviewing each article in the updated ordinance and voting upon edits to the text. Five affirmative votes would be necessary for any substantive edit to be approved.

Under the proposal, public comment would be held at the end of meetings if time allowed. Some meetings would be devoted entirely to public comment. In addition, subject matter experts would be invited to attend certain meetings to provide input on specific topics.

On May 17th, the Board of Commissioners discussed the membership and procedures proposed for the subcommittee. The Board expressed some reservations about the proposed

meeting procedures especially the opportunities for public input and for subject matter expert input. Additionally, the Board expressed a desire to have one of its members be a member of the subcommittee. The Board directed staff to bring this matter to its May 19th meeting for further action.

Pursuant to the Board's direction, the following is presented for the Board's consideration:

Consider allowing the Planning Commissions to appoint two non-members to the special zoning ordinance review Planning Commission subcommittee approved on April 21, 2022. In addition to those members chosen by the Planning Commission, the Board of Commissioners will appoint one County Commissioner as a member of the subcommittee. The subcommittee shall have an organizational meeting on May 23, 2022, to refine and finalize its procedures, timeline, and plan for public input. The subcommittee shall submit its procedures, timeline, and plan for public input to the Board of Commissioners for consideration at its meeting on June 2, 2022.

RECOMMENDED MOTION

I move that the Board of Commissioners:

- a) Authorize the Planning Commissions to appoint two non-members to the special zoning ordinance review Planning Commission subcommittee approved on April 21, 2022;
- b) Appoint Commissioner Walter Rafolski to the special zoning ordinance review Planning Commission subcommittee;
- c) Direct the subcommittee to have an organizational meeting on May 23, 2022, to refine and finalize its procedures, timeline, and plan for public input; and
- d) Direct the subcommittee to submit its procedures, timeline, and plan for public input to the Board of Commissioners for consideration at its meeting on June 2, 2022.

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