

MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC HEARING - BUILDING HEIGHTS
JUNE 18, 2007
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Chairman Leatherman convened the public hearing on the proposed Building Height Ordinance and repeal of the moratorium on high rise construction at 5 p.m. as noticed. All Board Members, the County Manager, Deputy Clerk, County Attorney, County Finance Director, members of the news media and interested citizens were present. Chairman Leatherman welcomed everyone and opened the floor for public comments.

Sue Waldroop stated she and her husband were both fifth generation Maconians and supported adoption of the Building Height Ordinance at forty-eight feet or less.

Elaine Whitehurst stated she agreed with every word Ms. Waldroop said except she wasn't born here but chose here and loves it. She said she was speaking on behalf of many friends who support making an ordinance out of the moratorium.

Edwin Poole, Mirror Lake resident, stated he echoed the comments of Ms. Waldroop and Ms. Whitehurst. He explained he had been a volunteer fireman and it is hard to fight fires in high rise buildings.

Gary Wein, Executive Director of Highlands Cashiers Land Trust, expressed support of the moratorium and ordinance stating he would like height limits less than forty-eight feet but appreciated the work by everyone on the ordinance. He also expressed concerns about public safety issues.

Bob Wright, homeowner in Cold Springs expressed appreciation for the hearing, and voiced concerns about public safety issues related to high rise developments and urged passage of the ordinance as is or less.

Rick Segal stated he would like to reiterate comments made in support of the ordinance and encouraged passage of the ordinance.

Ginny Harris stated she appreciated the moratorium and urged passing of the ordinance,

Mary Berry reiterated what other speakers had said in support of the ordinance.

Karen Hawk stated she would also like to reiterate what had been said in support of the ordinance in support of passage.

Chairman Leatherman thanked everyone for the comments and stated the regular meeting would convene at 6 p.m. and consideration of the ordinance was on the agenda.

There were no further comments and the hearing was adjourned.

Sam K. Greenwood, County Manager
Clerk to the Board

Charles D. Leatherman
Board Chairman

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