

**MOUNT AIRY, NORTH CAROLINA**  
**CLOSED SESSION**  
**November 18, 2021**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Ron Niland, Commissioners Jon Cawley, Tom Koch, Marie Wood, Steve Yokeley, and Joe Zalescik

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Darren Lewis, Hugh Campbell, Lizzie Morrison, Gene Rees, and Bryan Grote

**CLOSED SESSION:**

**a) Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(4) Economic Development**

Mayor Niland opened the meeting and turned it over to Lizzie. Lizzie gave a detailed power point presentation highlighting the potential development that includes a hotel and conference center. Lee and Judy Mills contacted Gene Rees about building town homes along Franklin Street to compliment the development occurring on the Spencer's site. Estimated home price would be \$250,000 - \$325,000. This area would need to be rezoned to R6 to meet City zoning requirements. Lizzie spoke about the benefits of downtown living.

Parking was a huge topic that would needed with the additional development in this area and it would only compliment the downtown area. Many options were discussed even the possibility of a parking deck. Many locations were spoken about, but Charlie Vaughn though the affordability and look of a parking deck in Mount Airy was not feasible.

The Commissioners felt like no decision should be made on the property that Lee and Judy would like to develop until things evolved with the hotel and conference center. Gene was going to speak with Lee and Judy and tell them at this time, the Commissioners were not ready to commit to this project.

The excitement for the hotel and conference center was unanimous among everyone. Lizzie spoke about the addition of a Visitors Center that would include the Chamber, TDA and MAD office.

**OPEN SESSION:**

**On motion by Commissioner Koch and passed unanimously, the board entered back into open session.**

**These minutes are sealed until the transaction consummates or terminates.**

Approved and adopted this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2022.