PUBLIC HEARING
April 6, 1981

A joint Public Hearing of the Elkton Town Council and the Elkton Planning Commission was held Monday, April 6, 1981 at 7:00 P.M. in the council chambers with the Mayor Maurice W. Lough presiding. The following council members were present: V. L. Cook Jr., S. P. H. Flick, L. C. Life, C. A. Schumacher and R. L. Snow. The following Planning Commission members were present: G. W. Berry, B. W. Gooden, Timothy Hulings, G. K. Monger, S. G. O'Byrne, C. W. Shaffer and R. N. Tench. Norma Leap, Clerk and Jim McIntyre, Chief of Police were also present.

Mayor Lough stated that the public hearing was for the purpose of allowing the citizens the opportunity to express their views on the following proposals being considered:

1. To amend Section 6, subparagraph 9 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow the placement of certain free standing signs in B1 Business Districts.

2. To rezone from A1 Residence to A2 Residence, the property as shown in Section 13IB2 on the Rockingham County land map as acerage Parcel 16, consisting of 4.507 acres, and found in Deed Book , page 51, owned by D. R. and Marie D. Flory, formerly known as the Tannery Property, located on the southside of Rockingham Street, near the intersection of Rockingham Street, North Street, and State Routes 759 and 623.

Mayor Lough presented the following list of rules which would be observed during this public hearing, and all future public hearings, if there were no objections by council or the planning commission. There were no objections.

RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS

Note: The rules of procedure are not intended to be restrictive but to ensure all an equal opportunity to speak without hindrance.

1. Anyone wishing to speak should so indicate by raising his hand and after recognition by the chair, should advance to the position set aside for that purpose.

2. The speaker shall announce his name and address and whether he is speaking for himself or for a group. If the speaker has a petition it should be presented to the chair at this time.

3. Speakers shall be limited to ten minutes with the chair reserving the right to extend that time if the situation warrants it, or the right of curtailing that time limit if the speaker strays from the subject or becomes repetitious.

4. The speaker will not be interrupted except for a point of order. The exception will be if a member raises his hand to ask a question of clarification of a statement made by the speaker.

5. All requests to question shall be addressed to the chair.

6. A speaker shall not speak more than once until everyone else has had a chance to speak and then only if he has something new to add to the subject.

7. Prior to discussion from the floor, the subject to be discussed shall be announced by the chair and afterward no other subject shall be introduced until the discussion is ended.

8. It is to be understood that this is a HEARING only and that no decisions or committments will be made by any member of the governing body. We are here to listen only, and only in the rarest circumstances will questions be asked.

There were no views presented regarding the amendment of Section 6,

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subparagraph 9 of the zoning ordinance to allow the placement of certain free standing signs in B1 Business Districts.

Mr. Vern Michael of Michael Brothers presented a film on the property on Rockingham Street which he would like rezoned from A1 Residence to A2 Residence so he could build apartments. The film showed the property as it is now and reviewed the plans of the apartments.

Mr. Chris Davis presented a petition signed by forty-one residents and property owners in the Town of Elkton, Virginia, stating their strong opposition to any rezoning of the real estate situate on the southern side of Rockingham Street and owned by D. R. Flory.

The following residents spoke in opposition to rezoning the property on Rockingham Street: Mr. Chris Davis, Mr. Frederick M. Davis, Mr. Lynwood Flory, Mr. Carl Brill, Mrs. Mary Ware Greene, Mr. Bill Eye, speaking for his mother Mrs. Arbutus Eye, Mrs. Venda Huffman, Mr. Richard Davis and Mr. Ditman Flory. The reasons given were devaluation of their property, increase in traffic, sewer lines in the area would not be adequate thus costing the town money to enlarge the sewer lines, setting a precedent and difficulty in selling their homes in the future.

Mr. Ditman Flory stated that he has made an offer to the land owner to purchase the land and develop it. The land would be divided into lots for single residence.

The Public Hearing adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

MAYOR: M W Lough
Maurice W. Lough, Mayor

RECORDER: Norma R. Leap
Norma R. Leap, Clerk