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**PROCEEDINGS**

**Lordstown Village Council Special Meeting**

**(WHEREAS, the special meeting before the Lordstown Village Council commenced on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, and proceedings were as follows:)**

**(Transcribed From Audio Recording.)**

MAYOR HILL: I'd like to call the special Council meeting to order. Bill, if I could have roll call, please.

MR. BLANK: Mayor Hill?

MAYOR HILL: Present.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?

MR. BOND: Here.

MR. BLANK: Mrs. Jones?

MRS. JONES: Present.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?

MR. LIMING: Present.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Radtka?

MR. RADTKA: Present.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Reider?

MR. REIDER: Present.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?

MR. SHEELY: Present.

MR. BLANK: Clerk Blank, present.  
Vito Abruzzino?

ATTY. ABRUZZINO: Present.

MAYOR HILL: I'll entertain a motion for adoption of the agenda.

MR. BOND: I'd like to make a motion to modify the agenda.

MAYOR HILL: Your motion, Bob?

MR. BOND: I'd like to see public remarks on it. I think people on both sides of this issue have a right to present their feelings because we've had a letter of recommendation from the Planning Commission, now it's coming to Council to accept the rezone or reject it. And I think we have an obligation to listen to what people have to say. Every other special meeting that I can remember we always had public remarks.

MAYOR HILL: As I recall correctly, Bob, at a lot of these special meetings, you don't show up, but that's okay. If you want to have that, there is going to be a public hearing—if you want to amend the agenda, that's fine. I have no problem with that.

MRS. JONES: I'll second that motion.

MAYOR HILL: Second of the motion by Jones. Comments?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
Roll call, please.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?

MR. SHEELY: No.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Reider?

MR. REIDER: No.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Radtka?

MR. RADTKA: No.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?

MR. LIMING: No.

MR. BLANK: Mrs. Jones?

MRS. JONES: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?

MR. BOND: Yes.

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**(VOTE: 2, AYE; 4, NAY; 0, ABSTAINED.)**

MAYOR HILL: 4, nays; 2, ayes. Motion doesn't carry. I'll entertain a motion for the adoption of the agenda as submitted.

MR. REIDER: So moved, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR HILL: Moved by Reider. Second?

MR. LIMING: Second.

MAYOR HILL: Second by Liming. Comments?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MAYOR HILL: Opposed?

MR. BOND: No.

MRS. JONES: No.

**(VOTE: 4, AYE; 2, NAY; 0, ABSTAINED.)**

MAYOR HILL: 4:2. Adoption of the agenda carries.  
Mayor's remarks. The purpose of this meeting is, as everybody knows, we've had some tension out here for the TJX HomeGoods Warehouse Distribution Center. In order to meet the timelines, including giving people a chance if they want to file a referendum on this—the referendum could possibly be filed after the third reading of Council. In order to let that happen for the November Council meeting, we are having this meeting. This meeting is to read this letter only. It's not to stifle the public. There will be, I believe, a letter of publication in the Thursday newspaper. We have to give a 30-day notice to all the people in town to let them know what is being proposed. Then within 20 days, we have to notify all the adjoining and abutting property owners—and they will be notified. A meeting will then be held in June, first, second and third reading. We do have timelines we have to consider, such as, everything has to be taken care of 90 days before the election. We have to allow the Board of Elections ten days to be able to certify if there is a referendum and a 30-day period after Council votes on this. This would be the period where the referendum, if it comes forward, is submitted. Then after that, it goes to the Clerk's office and they have to verify it with the Board of Elections. So that is the purpose of this special meeting. Like I said, there will be a chance for anybody to speak. There will be a public hearing before first reading of the legislation. It will go a full three readings in 30 days with no emergency.  
If you follow some of the Facebook Follies, you see people saying we're trying to stifle, not letting anybody speak. That's not true. Everybody can speak at any public hearing. This here is just to get our 30-day notification going. As you can see, not everybody up here is in agreement, but that is the purpose of this meeting. It's not to stifle any public comments. They can come to any Council meeting. There will be three open meetings for that plus a public hearing. That's it for the Mayor's comments. Are there any Council comments?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

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Hearing none, the purpose of the special meeting. Lordstown Village Council will conduct a special Council meeting on May 15, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. to read a recommendation letter from the Planning Commission to consider the following seven parcels for zone change from R-1 Residential to I-1 Industrial: Parcel No. 45-117512, 45-117511, 45-027550, 45-048950, 45-904644, 45-003359, 45-003357. Now, Mr. Abruzzino will read the letter, which has been submitted to the Planning Commission to Village Council.

ATTY. ABRUZZINO:

This letter is from the Lordstown Planning and Zoning Office, dated May 14, 2018, to Mayor Arno Hill and Members of Village Council, 1455 Salt Springs Road, Lordstown, OH 44481.

"Dear Mayor Hill and Members of Village Council, The Planning Commission unanimously voted to recommend that Lordstown Village Council Approve the following zone change requests:

A zone change from R-1 Residential to I-1 Industrial for 121.003 acres of real property owned by Harvey and Dolly Lutz, being Parcel Number 45-117512. (Case 01-2018).

A zone change from R-1 Residential to I-1 Industrial for 52.5 acres of real property owned by DBR of Ohio, LLC, being Parcel Number 45-117511. (Case 02-2018).

A zone change from R-1 Residential to I-1 Industrial for 2.4558 acres of real property owned by HomeGoods, Inc., situated at 2527 Hallock Young Road, Lordstown, Ohio, Parcel Number 45-027550. (Case 03-2018).

A zone change from R-1 Residential to I-1 Industrial for 3.674 acres of real property owned by HomeGoods, Inc., situated at 2547 Hallock Young Road, Lordstown, Ohio, Parcel Number 45-048950. (Case 04-2018).

A zone change from R-1 Residential to I-1 Industrial for 3 acres of real property owned by Ronald E. And Cynthia S. Radtka situated at 3640 Ellsworth Bailey Road, Lordstown, Ohio, Parcel Number 45-904644. (Case 05-2018).

A zone change from R-1 Residential to I-1 Industrial for 104.46 acres of real property owned by DBR of Ohio, LLC, being Parcel Number 45-003359. (Case 06-2018).

A zone change from R-1 Residential to I-1 Industrial for 13.13 acres (per Auditor's website) of real property owned by DBR of Ohio, LLC, being Parcel Number 45-003357. (Case 07-2018).

Sincerely, Denise L. Dugan, Assistant Planning & Zoning Administrator."

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MAYOR HILL: Thank you very much, Vito. I'd like to thank everybody for coming this evening. I realize that this is a controversial issue. We are following the proper procedures. There will be no action taken other than the newspaper article advertisement, which should be in Thursday's paper. I believe there will be a special meeting on Saturday, June 16, at 11:00 a.m. That's when the next action will be taken. There won't be any action taken on this at any of the next Council meetings. You're all welcome to come. Appreciate everybody coming this evening. Is there a motion to adjourn?

MR. REIDER: So moved, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR HILL: Moved by Mr. Reider. Is there a second?

MR. SHEELY: Second.

MAYOR HILL: Second by Sheely. Comments?

(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MAYOR HILL: Opposed?

(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

**(VOTE: 6, AYE; 0, NAY; 0, ABSTAINED.)**

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

**(WHEREAS, THE SPECIAL MEETING BEFORE THE VILLAGE OF LORDSTOWN COUNCIL ADJOURNED.)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_ Clerk

STATE OF OHIO )

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COUNTY OF TRUMBULL )

I, Sharon K. Vigorito, a Notary Public, within and for the State of Ohio, do certify that the foregoing special meeting before the Lordstown Village Council was written from audio recording and by me transcribed. I further certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate transcript to the best of my abilities.

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Sharon K. Vigorito, Notary Public  
My commission Expires May 9, 2022