

Chairperson Hilts opened the public hearing. Mr. Jeff Vallee, developer, stated that all the technical comments and concerns mentioned at the Planning Commission meeting are issues he deals with on every project and that if there were technical issues with this tract of land he would not have invested in this project. He stated that he has had experts in every technical field review the proposed subdivision and that it can be developed as proposed in compliance with the City's ordinance.

Mr. Grant asked what Mr. Vallee would do if property he developed flooded after it was developed. Mr. Vallee stated that his responsibility is to develop the project within the confines of City ordinances, with the intention of those ordinances to protect public safety.

Mr. Washington asked if the property owners lived in the City of Slidell. He stated that the property owners were not here to hear the residents' concerns and that was an issue for him.

Marvin Roe stated that, if he were a developer, he would evaluate property before developing it and that data exists for the pre- and post-condition of the property.

Mayor Cromer reiterated that if the City were to annex the property that it be zoned A-1.

Dexter Malley stated that he lives on three acres across the bayou from the property and that this property does and will flood and he is not sure how they will mitigate the flood risk.

Chance Cruz stated that Bedico Creek was developed by out-of-town developers and now there are \$500,000 homes that are flooding because the proper drainage wasn't put in. He said that we need people to come from the outside to develop but with the right intentions.

Donna McDonald, Secretary of the Bayou Liberty Association, said she was speaking on behalf of the Association with the President's permission. She stated that, whatever happens with this property, high density development is not appropriate and they are opposed to it.

Chairperson Hilts closed the public hearing and asked for staff's recommendation. Director Guilbeau stated that staff recommends approval of A-8.

Mr. Grant made a motion to recommend A-1 zoning contingent on if the Council decides to approve the annexation, which was seconded by Mr. Reardon and passed by a vote of 7 YAYS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTAIN.

5. Other Business

- a. Chairperson of the Planning and Zoning Commissions for 2022. Mr. Rogers nominated Mary Lou Hilts, with a second from Mr. Grant. There were no other nominations. Election passed by a vote of 7 YAYS, 0 NAYS, and 0 ABSTAIN.
- b. Vice Chairperson of the Planning and Zoning Commissions for 2022. Mr. Rogers nominated Richard Reardon, with a second from Mr. Grant. There were no other nominations. Election passed by a vote of 7 YAYS, 0 NAYS, and 0 ABSTAIN.

6. General and Public Comments. There were none.

7. **Adjournment.** Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m. on motion by Ms. Green, second by Mr. Reardon, and a vote of 7 YAYS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTAIN.

