

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Harrisonburg City Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon as the agenda permits, in the City Council Chamber located at 409 South Main Street, to consider the following:

Rezoning – 137 West Water Street (M-1 to B-1)

Public hearing to consider a request from 137 Water, LLC, with representative Barry Kelley to rezone a parcel containing 2,460 +/- square feet from the M-1, General Industrial District to the B-1, Central Business District. The property is located at 137 West Water Street and is identified as tax map parcel 25-C-7. The Comprehensive Plan designates this area as Mixed Use Development Areas. This designation includes both existing and proposed new mixed use areas. These areas are intended to combine residential and non-residential uses in planned neighborhoods where the different uses are finely mixed instead of separated. These areas are prime candidates for “live-work” and traditional neighborhood developments. Live-work developments combine residential and office/service uses allowing people to both live and work in the same area, which could be combined in the same building or on the same street. The gross residential density in areas outside downtown should not exceed an average of 15 units per acre, though all types of residential units are permitted: single family detached, single family attached and apartments. Apartments are permitted only if single family detached and/or attached units are also provided and together cover a greater percentage of the project site. Residential densities in downtown may be higher than an average of 15 units per acre, and commercial uses would be expected to have an intensity equivalent to a Floor Area Ratio of at least 0.4, although the City does not measure commercial intensity in that way. The Zoning Ordinance states that the M-1, General Industrial District is intended primarily for manufacturing, processing, storage, and distribution activities, which are not properly associated with, nor compatible with, residential and institutional development. No minimum lot size restrictions exist in the M-1, General Industrial District. The B-1, Central Business District is intended as an urban and regional center for the conduct of commercial, financial, professional and governmental activities to which the public requires direct and frequent access. No minimum lot size or setback restrictions exist in the B-1, Central Business District.

To view copies of the case documents, contact the Community Development Department, 409 South Main Street, Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm.

All persons interested will have an opportunity to express their views at this public hearing.

Any individual requiring auxiliary aids, including signers, in connection with the public hearing shall notify the City Manager at least five (5) days prior to the date of the meeting.