

**LENOIR CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2025
6:00 P.M.**

- PRESENT:** Mayor Joe Gibbons presiding. Councilmembers present were Mayor Pro-Tem David Stevens, Jonathan Beal, Ike Perkins, Todd Perdue, Ralph Prestwood, Kimmie Rogers, Crissy Thomas, City Manager Scott Hildebran, City Clerk Shirley Cannon and City Attorney Timothy Rohr.
- CITY STAFF:** In attendance was Finance Director Donna Bean, Fire Chief Norman Staines, Police Chief Brent Phelps, Police Major Andy Wilson, Planning Director Hannah Williams, Parks & Recreation Director Phil Harper, Public Services & Public Works Director Jon Hogan, Public Services Public Utilities Director Jeff Church, Economic Development Main Street Director Brenda Floyd, and Public Information/Communication Director Joshua Harris.
- ABSENT:** Parks & Recreation Director Phil Harper.
- Joel Whitford, McGill Associates was also in attendance.

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Moment of Silence & Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Mayor Gibbons asked everyone to keep the family of Andy Day in their thoughts and prayers as Mr. Day passed away on June 14. Mr. Day retired from the Town of Hudson with 30 years of service and served 7 of those years as Chief of Police. Upon retirement, he also worked at CCC& TI as the Director of Basic Law Enforcement for 7 years. Mr. Day served the community and citizens well and will be greatly missed by everyone.

Mayor Gibbons welcomed Major Andy Wilson who has been promoted to Chief of Police effective August 1, 2025. Mayor Gibbons thanked Major Wilson for the great job he is doing and stated Chief Brent Phelps will be missed.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION;
CHRISTOPHER ROBINSON:**

- C. On behalf of City Council, Mayor Gibbons read and presented a resolution to Lieutenant Christopher Robinson in honor and recognition of his retirement from the Lenoir Police Department effective June 1, 2025.

Mayor Gibbons stated Lieutenant Robinson was a great asset to the City and commended him for all of his accomplishments. He stated he was honored and proud to serve with him.

Chief Phelps stated Lieutenant Robinson was a good representative of the department and a hard worker. Chief Phelps said he always gives 100% and is a "Cop's Cop" which suits him

well.

Additionally, Chief Phelps said the City of Lenoir was fortunate to have him. Chief Phelps shared that Lieutenant Robinson came in last week and assisted the Cadets as they were preparing for their exams because he wants each one to succeed. He remarked that Lieutenant Robinson has a strong dedication to the police profession and the City of Lenoir and congratulated him upon his retirement.

Lieutenant Robinson thanked Mayor Gibbons, City Manager Hildebran and City Council and stated it was an honor to serve with the Lenoir Police Department. He remarked they were a family and a brotherhood. Lieutenant Robinson said he recognized the importance of support from your local government and thanked City Council for everything they have done and continue to do for their profession.

II. MATTERS SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS

REZONING; 824 LOWER CREEK DRIVE:

- A. A public hearing was held to consider a rezoning request as submitted by Marty Waters, Applicant, Kestrel Holdings, LLC for property located at 824 Lower Creek Drive NE to be Rezoned from (CZR-15) Conditional Zoning to (B-1) Neighborhood Business as submitted. The Planning Board is in approval of the proposed rezoning based on the following consistency statement:

All decisions of the Planning Board and City Council should be based on consistency of the proposal with the comprehensive plan and any other officially adopted plan that is applicable. The comprehensive plan's future land use map identifies this parcel as "existing medium density residential" in yellow, flanked by "existing non-residential" and "existing high residential density" zones to the south and west and existing medium residential density" to the north and east. The proposed rezoning is consistent with the goals and policy concepts of the Comprehensive Plan, as this would establish and reinforce the presence of either non-residential, lower intensity uses or residential uses should the applicant decide to pursue that route.

Mayor Gibbons opened the public hearing to receive public comments.

Director Williams stated the applicant is requesting a zoning change from CZ/R-15 to B-1 in order to renovate or replace the current Farm Bureau building for future office space, restaurant space, or pursue an opportunity to create multi-family housing. The subject property has a legacy conditional zoning designation and only allows the permitted uses in R-15 and the office use that was established in 1980 and reapproved via special use district in 2007. The property is not considered a legacy conditional zoning district because special use districts are no longer constitutional in the state of North Carolina. The applicant is currently in the due diligence period to acquire the property from Caldwell County Farm Bureau.

Terri Jackson, 817 Hill Farm Street addressed City Council and stated she lives directly behind the Farm Bureau building. Ms. Jackson asked what type of business would locate there.

Director Williams stated that Kestrel Holdings, LLC manages several properties and rents out to tenants. She clarified they were seeking flexibility away from office use. Next, Director Williams read a list of businesses that are permitted in the B-1 zone.

Ms. Jackson asked for a copy of the list of businesses with Director Williams sharing it is available in the agenda packet that is posted on the City's website or she could get one for her.

There being no further public comments, Mayor Gibbons closed the public hearing and asked Council for action.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Beal, City Council voted 7 to 0 to adopt the rezoning request to be Rezoned from (CZR-15) Conditional Zoning to B-1 Neighborhood Business for property located at 824 Lower Creek Drive NE as submitted by Marty Waters, Applicant, and as based on the Consistency Statement listed above.

**SPECIAL USE PERMIT;
345 FINLEY AVENUE:**

- B. A quasi-judicial public hearing was held to receive public comments regarding a Special Use Permit for city owned property located at 345 Finley Avenue, NCPIN#284098724 to install a second water tower with improved water pressure and the three (3) conditions listed below and on page 7 of the Staff Report.
 - 1. Any new lighting for the water tower use shall be fully cutoff and shielded so as to eliminate and minimize light spill-over onto adjacent residential properties.
 - 2. Valid permits and inspections must be obtained for this use, including and any other federal, state, or local regulations that applies.
 - 3. The applicant must obtain zoning from the Lenoir Planning Department within two years of the issuance of the Special Use Permit (SUP). All proposed changes must adhere to Sec. 819(5-2) North Main Overlay District) of the Lenoir Zoning Ordinance.

Planning Director Williams stated the Planning Board is in approval of the proposed Special Use Permit based on the following consistency statement and the findings of fact (1 through 8) as listed on page 6 of the Staff Report. Director Williams read the 8 findings of fact as information.

All decisions of the Planning Board and City Council should be based on consistency of the proposal with the comprehensive plan and any other officially adopted plan that is applicable. The comprehensive plan acknowledges and encourages utility infrastructure improvements as necessary "depending on the nature of that growth and development." This project falls in line with necessary improvements to infrastructure in conjunction with Lenoir's growth and change.

City Attorney Rohr explained that sworn testimony is given in a quasi-judicial public hearing and recommended that Director Williams submit the Staff Report as evidence and approval is subject to the proposed conditions.

Planning Director Hannah Williams was sworn in by the City Clerk.

Director Williams stated that Public Service Public Utilities Director Jeff Church is in the audience as well as Joel Whitford, PA, McGill Associates if there was any questions.

Director Williams reported the applicant (City of Lenoir) intends to construct a second water tower at 345 Finley Avenue to improve water pressure for nearby Lenoir residents. While this is a City initiated project, public utility projects such as this one require a special use permit in residential neighborhoods. This project is a necessary improvement and establishes a crucial goal towards improving water services in the City of Lenoir.

There being no further public participation, Mayor Gibbons asked Council for action.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Perkins, City Council voted 7 to 0 to adopt the Special Use Permit for city owned property located at 345 Finley Avenue, NCPIN#284098724 to install a second water tower with improved water pressure subject to the three (3) conditions listed above and on page 7 of the Staff Report to be submitted into the record and as based on the Consistency Statement listed above.

III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Minutes: Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of Tuesday, June 3, 2025 as submitted.
- B. Minutes: Approval of the minutes of the Committee off the Whole meeting of Tuesday, May 27, 2025 as submitted.
- C. Closed Session Minutes: Approval of the closed session minutes of Tuesday, May 27, 2025 as reviewed by the City Council, City Manager and City Attorney.
- D. Budget Amendment: Request for amendments to be made to the annual Budget Ordinance for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2025 as follows:
 - 1. Approve the reallocation of general fund expenditures for such obligations as needed repairs for various equipment and buildings during the fiscal year as well as professional services for various projects.
 - 2. Approve the reallocation of enterprise fund expenditures such as equipment and contracted services.
 - 3. Approve the funding for Main Street expenditures.
- E. Resolution: Approval of the resolution presented to Lieutenant Christopher Robinson in honor and recognition of 27 years of service to the Police Department, City of Lenoir and its citizens. (A copy of the resolution is hereby incorporated into these minutes as information.)

Upon a motion by Councilmember Perdue, City Council voted 7 to 0 to adopt the above listed items (A through E) on the Consent Agenda as listed above and as recommended.

IV. REQUESTS AND PETITIONS OF CITIZENS

V. REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

VI. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

- A. Items of Information

PLANNING

BOARD: 1. The Planning Board met on Monday, June 23, 2025 at the City/County Chambers.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

- 2. The Committee of the Whole will meet on Thursday, June 24, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. at City Hall, Third Floor Conference Room.

FOOTHILLS REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY:

- 3. The Foothills Regional Airport Authority will meet on Wednesday, June 25, 2025 at noon at the airport facility.

JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION:

4. The City of Lenoir is hosting a Juneteenth Celebration at the downtown Lenoir Stage on Thursday, June 19, 2025 from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The event is free to the public.

SUMMER CONCERT

- SERIES:** 5. AL G & Friends will be playing Soul, R & B, and Funk at Friday Night Live on Friday, June 20, 2025 on the downtown stage area from 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

NEON NIGHT

- RIDE:** 6. The fourth annual Neon Night Ride will be on Friday, June 27, 2025 Lenoir Rotary Soccer Complex. The event begins at 8:30 p.m.

ANNUAL FIREWORKS DISPLAY:

7. The annual Fireworks Display will be held on Saturday, July 5, 2025 beginning at 9:30 p.m. at Optimist Park.

MEETING SCHEDULE:

8. City Council will not meet on Tuesday, July 1 due to the holiday week. The next City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 15 at 6:00 p.m. at the City/County Chambers.

NC BLACKBERRY FESTIVAL:

9. The North Carolina Blackberry Festival will be on Friday, July 11 and Saturday, July 12 in downtown Lenoir. The festival is open from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Friday and from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Saturday.

B. Items for Council Action

VII. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

VIII. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MAYOR

ANNUAL BOARD

APPOINTMENTS/RE-APPOINTMENTS:

- A. Annual Board Appointments/Re-Appointments: Mayor Gibbons will present the following individuals for appointment/re-appointment to the City's Authorities/Boards/Commissions.

Caldwell Railroad Commission

David Stevens (2027)

Todd Perdue (2027)

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Melissa Hong (2027)

Rebecca Hites (2027)

Upon a motion by Councilmember Prestwood, City Council voted 7 to 0 to approve the above listed Board Appointments as listed above and as presented by Mayor Gibbons.

IX. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF COUNCILMEMBERS

X. ADJOURNMENT

A. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

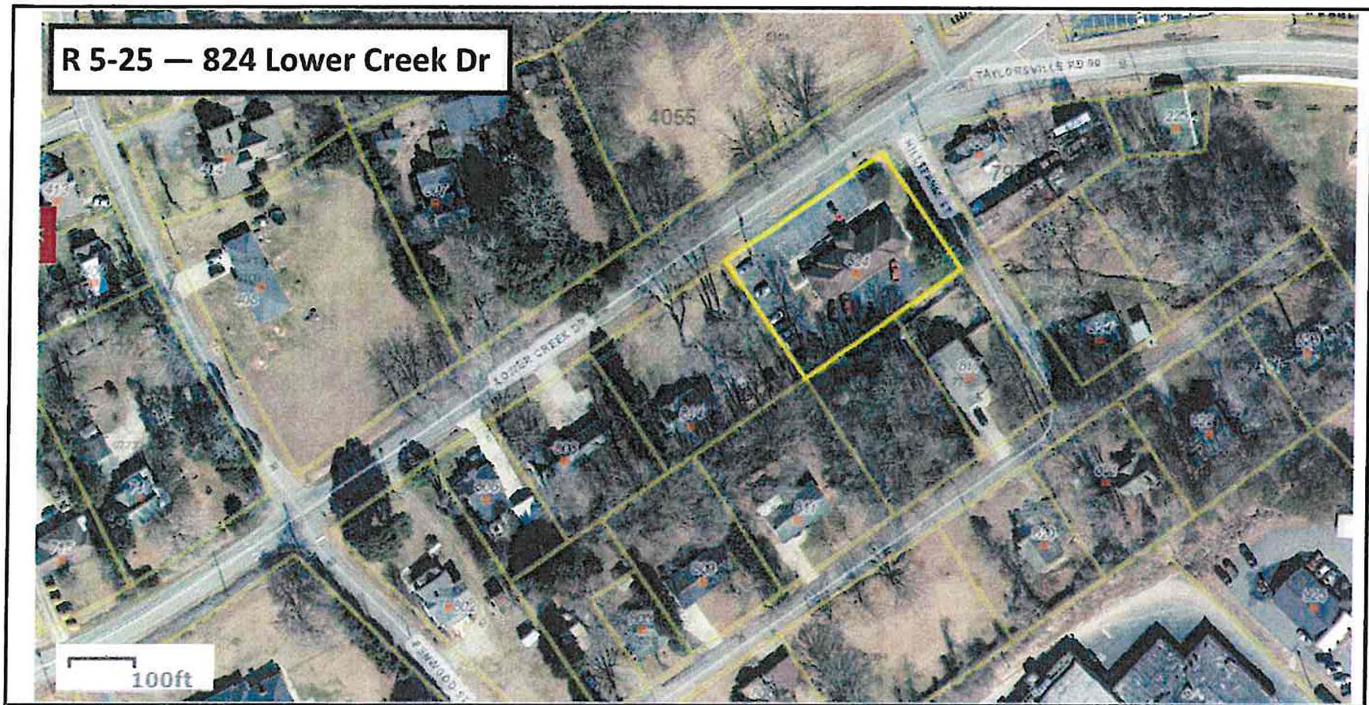
Shirley M. Cannon, City Clerk

Joseph L. Gibbons, Mayor



Staff Report Zoning Amendment CASE NUMBER R #5-25

LOCATION MAP/AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH



SUMMARY

Owner

Caldwell County Farm Bureau
(Matthew Bowman)

Applicant

Kestrel Holdings LLC
(Marty Waters)

Location

824 Lower Creek Dr NE

NC PIN

2850706818

Project Planners

Hannah Williams, AICP, CZO
Matt Duchan, CZO

Description of Request:

The applicant is requesting to rezone the subject property (.6 AC) from CZ-L/R-15 (legacy conditional zoning with R-15 base zoning) to B-1 (neighborhood business) to consider several different development options on the property.

Staff Recommendation:

Approval of the request, based on the consistency statement on page 8.

Planning Board Recommendation:

Approval of the request, based on the consistency statement on page 8.

Public Comment:

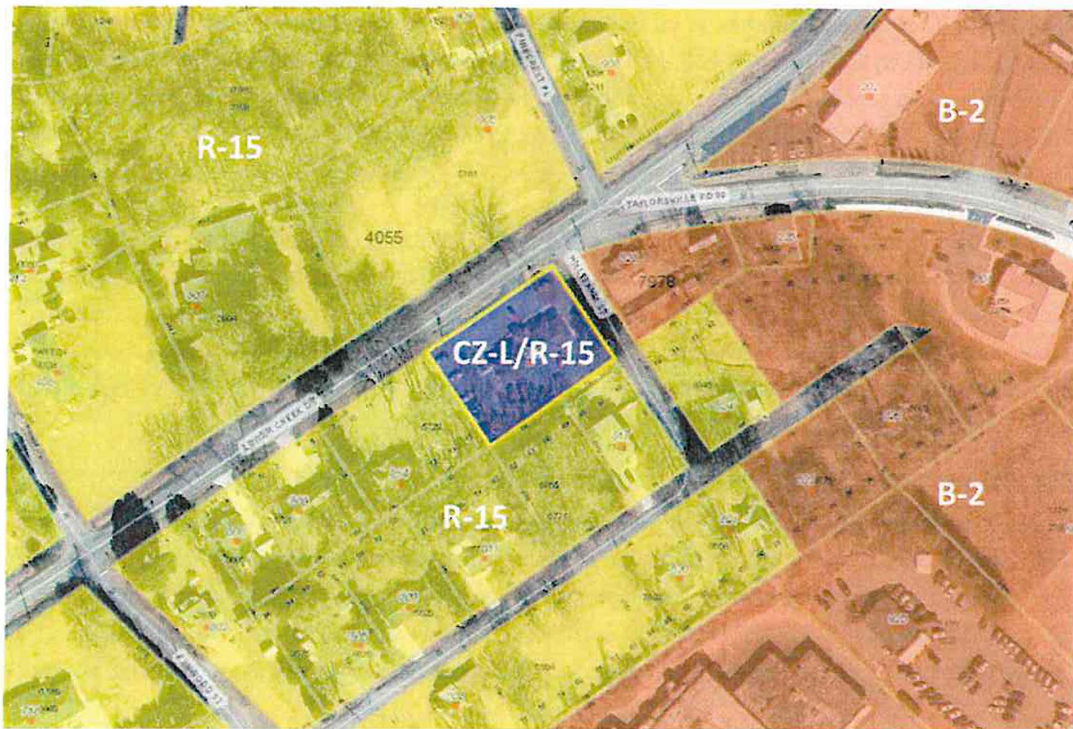
Planning Board Meeting: May 19, 2025.
Notice of the meeting was mailed to the

owners of all adjacent parcels (identified on map above) May 9, 2025.

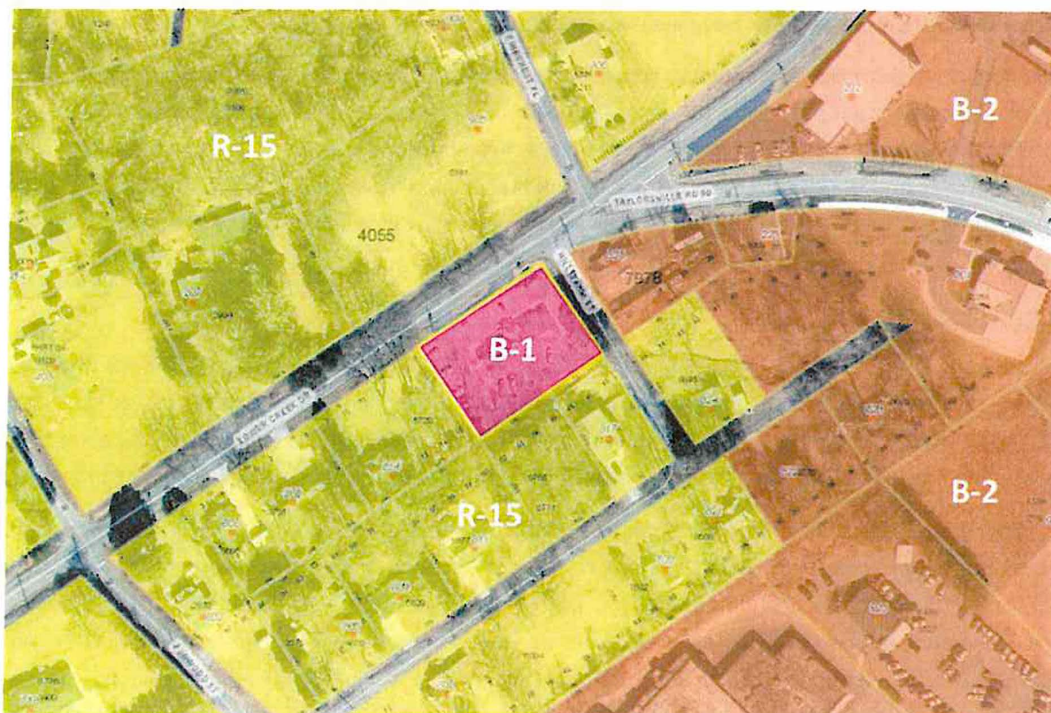
City Council (Public Hearing): Scheduled for June 17, 2025.

EXISTING AND PROPOSED ZONING MAPS

Existing Zoning: CZ-L/R-15



Proposed Zoning: B-1



BACKGROUND AND STAFF ANALYSIS

Zoning Map Amendments

The City of Lenoir Zoning Ordinance establishes an official zoning map/atlas for the City of Lenoir. The zoning map may be amended from time to time by the City Council when public necessity, convenience, general welfare, or good zoning practice justifies the amendment. The zoning map cannot be changed until the Planning Board reviews the request and makes a report to City Council on the proposed change and the City Council holds a public hearing to consider the request.

Reason for Request

The applicant is requesting a zoning change from CZ/R-15 to B-1 in order renovate or replace the current Farm Bureau building for future office space, restaurant space, or pursue an opportunity to create multi-family housing. The subject property has a legacy conditional zoning designation and only allows for permitted uses in R-15 and the office use that was established in 1980 and re-approved via special use district in 2007. The property is now considered a legacy conditional zoning district because special use districts are no longer constitutional in the state of North Carolina. The applicant is currently in the due diligence period to acquire the property from Caldwell County Farm Bureau.

Intent of the Zoning Districts

CZ-L or SUD (Legacy Conditional Zoning District or Special Use Districts) were intended for use in situations where conventional zoning standards were inadequate to facilitate a particular desirable development. A special use district would permit specific use(s) to be allowed and override base zoning. Special use districts were applied as overlay districts and all uses within an SUD were considered "special uses." As soon as the legislative SUD overlay was approved (usually within the same meeting), a quasi-judicial "special use permit" could be approved for whatever use the applicant was requesting that wasn't allowed under the conventional zone.

R - 15 Residential (Single-family) District is intended to accommodate low density single-family residences and compatible land uses. R-15 is normally serviced by public water and sewer facilities. Any uses which would adversely affect or interfere with the residential character and development of these areas are excluded.

B - 1 (Neighborhood Business) District is intended to serve the needs of the surrounding residential neighborhoods by providing convenience goods and services which cater to the everyday needs of the residents. These areas are usually located on small parcels within established neighborhoods, allowing structures built as neighborhood businesses prior to the establishment of zoning to continue to be improved and re-used to suit the changing needs of the neighborhood. It is the intent of this district to protect the integrity of the surrounding residential neighborhoods; and therefore the B-1 district should not normally be extended or new areas established.

Subject and Surrounding Properties

The subject property at the intersection of Hillsfarm Street and Lower Creek Drive approaching Taylorsville Road is .52 acres and can be accessed via Taylorsville Road from Wilkesboro Boulevard where it becomes Lower Creek Drive, or from the West coming from Powell Road. This property is the current location of Caldwell Farm Bureau, but will be vacant in the coming months as Farm Bureau changes location. In 2007, this property was approved to operate as the office for Caldwell Farm Bureau through SUD 8-07.

There is ample parking in the front, side, and rear totaling around 30 parking spaces, with the rear spaces accessible from Hillsfarm Street. The subject property is located adjacent to several residences including those along Pinecrest Place, Pennwood Street, and Hillsfarm Street. East of the fork between Taylorsville Road and Lower Creek Drive is Wildwood Hospitality, a specialized furniture repair company. The area immediately surrounding the subject property is zoned R-15, while to the south is the Wilkesboro Boulevard commercial corridor, where the vast majority of properties are zoned B-2. Beginning at the intersection of Tremont Park Drive and Lower Creek Drive, many properties are zoned R-9 (medium-density residential) and four properties at the corner of Woodhaven Street and Lower Creek Drive are zoned B-1.

BACKGROUND AND STAFF ANALYSIS (CONTINUED)

Special Use Districts Pre-2019

In August 2007, the subject property was approved for a Special Use District (SUD 8-07, now known as Legacy Conditional Zoning District, or, CZ-L) when then-owner Jim Arnette applied to bring Caldwell Farm Bureau into compliance in an R-15 zoning district. Arnette originally requested a traditional rezoning to B-1 from R-15, but upon recommendation by the Planning Board, applied for a Special Use District instead. Planning staff had issued a building permit for the current office space in 1980 during which time the property was allegedly zoned for general business. Staff was unable to locate a record confirming that so planning staff and Jim Arnette pursued a compliant zoning designation.

In the present day, conditional zoning districts have superseded special use districts, wherein conditional zoning is a legislative decision that involves creating a new zoning designation to reflect plans and conditions set forth by the applicant and oftentimes suggested by planning staff. More specifically, North Carolina did away with special use/conditional use districts in 2019 through Chapter 160D in the North Carolina General Statutes (NCGS). The standard practice was to use a conventional district but make all its permitted uses special uses in a parallel SUD/CUD (UNC SOG, 2023). Special use districts essentially allowed for property owners to create a blank slate when, if reasonable, their requested use(s) would be approved and run with the land, and *only those uses*. On the other hand, Conditional zoning as we know it today, is an all-encompassing strategy to establish base zoning as well as set conditions (in addition to permitted uses such as parking, lighting, landscaping, density, etc.) that would run with the land in perpetuity, memorialized through a custom zoning ordinance and concept plan.

Zoning Analysis

The applicant is pursuing a rezone back to B-1 (neighborhood business) to have a wider array of development options after he has acquired the property from Caldwell County Farm Bureau. B-1 permits several residential options, as well as daycare centers, boutique/artisan manufacturing, neighborhood business retail, business and personal services, and studios and specialty schools by-right. The Lower Creek area is far less suitable for B-2 (general business) given the surrounding neighborhood context directly adjacent to the site as well as west of the site along and off of Lower Creek Drive. More intense uses allowed in B-2 such as full-service restaurants, light manufacturing, storage facilities, and automotive services would create too much traffic and noise to reasonably suit the neighborhoods adjacent. A B-1 neighborhood business zoning designation bridges the gap between residential neighborhoods and more intensive uses along high-traffic corridors.

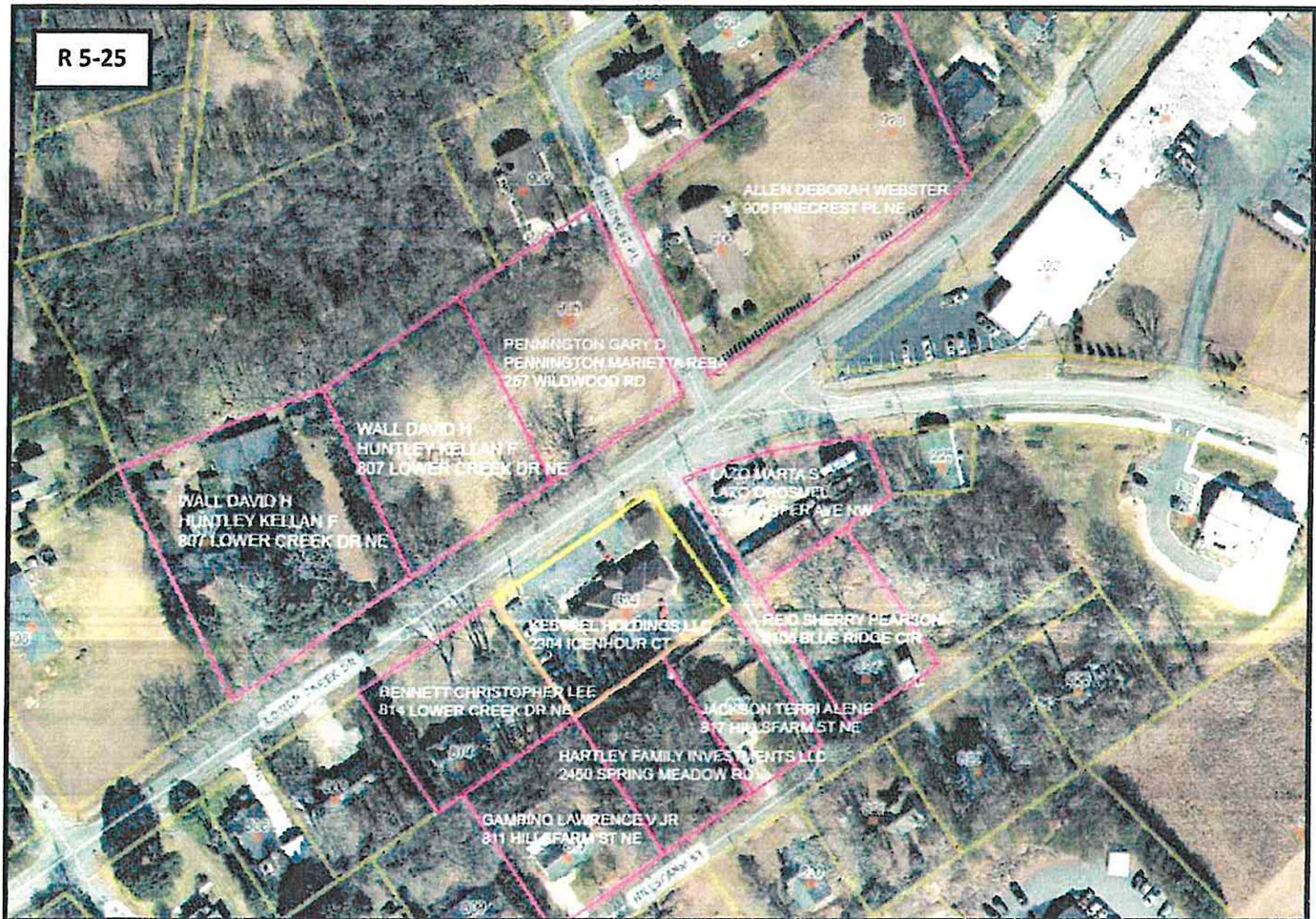
Consistency with the Comprehensive Plan

All decisions of the Planning Board and City Council should be based on consistency of the proposal with the comprehensive plan and any other officially adopted plan that is applicable. The comprehensive plan's future land use map identifies this parcel as "existing medium density residential" in yellow, flanked by "existing non-residential" and "existing high residential density" zones to the south and west and "existing medium residential density" to the north and east. Staff finds the proposed rezoning to be consistent with the goals and policy concepts of the Comprehensive Plan, as this would establish and reinforce the presence of either non-residential, lower intensity uses or residential uses should the applicant decide to pursue that route.

Next Steps

Following Planning Board, the rezoning request will be brought before a City Council public hearing and voted on. Pending approval, the applicant will then submit a zoning permit application along with civil and architectural plans as applicable, which will be reviewed by City of Lenoir planning staff.

AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS (SURROUNDING AREA & PROPERTY OWNERS)



Name	Address	City	State	Zip
Marta & Orosmel Lazo	1308 Harper Ave NW	Lenoir	NC	28645
Sherry Pearson Reid	2105 Blue Ridge Cir	Lenoir	NC	28645
Terri Alene Jackson	817 Hillsfarm St NE	Lenoir	NC	28645
Hartley Family Investments LLC	2450 Spring Meadow Rd	Lenoir	NC	28645
Lawrence V. Gambino Jr.	811 Hillsfarm St NE	Lenoir	NC	28645
Christopher Lee Bennett	814 Lower Creek Dr NE	Lenoir	NC	28645
David Hamilton Wall & Kellan F Huntley	807 Lower Creek Dr NE	Lenoir	NC	28645
Gary & Marietta Pennington	257 Wildwood Rd	Lenoir	NC	28645
Deborah Webster Allen	906 Pinecrest Pl NE	Lenoir	NC	28645
Kestrel Holdings LLC (Marty Waters)	2304 Icenhour Ct	Lenoir	NC	28645

Comparison of Allowable Uses

Sec. 600 of the Lenoir Zoning Ordinance establishes a chart of permitted and special uses for each zoning district. The R-15 zoning district allows for residential uses and the office use approved in 2007. The B-1 zoning district allows for many residential and commercial uses.

Comparison of Zoning Districts

	CZ-L/R-15	B-1
Development Standards	Min Lot Size– 15,000 sq. ft. for non-residential uses; 20,000 sq. ft. for residential uses Setbacks Front: 40' Side Yard: 15' Street Side Yard: 25' Rear Yard: 35'	Min Lot Size - 0 Setbacks Front: 10' Side Yard: 10' Abutting side Street: 10' Rear Yard: 10', 30' abutting residential
Summary of Permitted Uses	Accessory Cottage or Apartment Dwelling, single-family Group Care Facility (1-6 non-related residents) Office/Clinics (SUD 8-07) Special Uses: Bed & Breakfast Communication Towers Cultural and Community Facilities Manufactured Home Parks (existing)	Accessory Cottage or Apartment Bed & Breakfast Day Care Centers Dwelling, Single/Two-Family/Multi-family/Group Eating and Drinking (with or w/o drive through) Manufacturing & Processing (Artisan & Light) Retail (Neighborhood Business) Services (Business & Personal) Studios & Specialty Schools Special Uses: Attached Dwellings (townhomes) Communication Towers Cultural and Community Facilities Eating and Drinking (without drive-through) Flea Markets Group Housing (1-6 non-related residents, no care provided) Planned Residential Development

PROPERTY PHOTOS (824 LOWER CREEK DRIVE)



Front of property facing east on Lower Creek Drive towards Taylorsville Rd. fork



Front of site along Lower Creek Drive (sign behind truck indicating Farm Bureau is moving to Wilkesboro Blvd.



Front of property facing west on Lower Creek Drive in the direction of Lower Creek Elementary and Lower Creek Baptist Church



Rear of property with entry along Hillsfarm Street.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION AND CONSISTENCY STATEMENT

Staff recommends that the Planning Board recommend approval of the request, based on the following consistency statement, and call for a Public Hearing for City Council to consider the request on June 17, 2025:

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PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATION

Planning Board recommends approval of the request, based on above consistency statement.



RESOLUTION

In Recognition of Dedicated Service



WHEREAS, on the 12th of December, in the year 2002, Christopher Alan Robinson was appointed Patrol Officer II for the City of Lenoir Police Department by Chief Jack Warlick and has admirably and with great distinction, served the citizens of Lenoir during the tenures of four Police Chiefs;

THAT, prior to being hired by the City of Lenoir, Chris held a position as Corporal in the Special Police Division at Catawba Memorial Hospital, where he was assigned as Training Officer and Bike Patrol Supervisor. He also worked for Granite Falls Police Department for nearly three years;

THAT, due to his diligent performance and exemplary leadership skills, Chris served on the department's Traffic Team for nearly five years before being promoted to Platoon Sergeant in 2009. He transferred to Investigations and Supervised the Narcotics Division in 2014 before being promoted to Lieutenant in 2015, where he served in a number of capacities including Road Patrol, Logistics and Training Coordinator;

THAT, Lieutenant Robinson has been invaluable as a Recruiter, Mentor to new officers and served on many Oral Assessment Boards at other agencies. He has been a member of our Special Response Team and served as Field Training Officer, Advanced Traffic Crash Reconstructionist, Child Passenger Safety Seat Senior Technician, Safe Kids Secretary, Fraternal Order of Police President and Crisis Intervention Team. He has been instrumental in developing and instructing classes in Basic Law Enforcement, Citizens Police Academy, Driving, General and State Mandated In-Service;

THAT, while working for Lenoir, Chris received the Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate from the NC Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission, completed First Line Supervision, FBI Command College and Police Law Institute and served on a number of Committees;

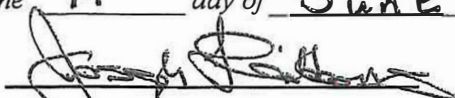
THAT, Lieutenant Robinson has played an active, vital role in the community and shown his willingness to go above and beyond what is expected for the department, city, and community. He has received a number of accolades and awards throughout his career to include the City of Lenoir Golden Rule for excellent Customer Service, Officer of the Year, Certificate of Merit, and completed the FBI-Law Enforcement Executive Development Association Trilogy Program;

THAT, society and law enforcement has undergone many changes and challenges over the last 27 years, and Chris has stayed abreast through those changing trends to remain an effective leader, role model and mentor to all whom he meets;

THAT, Chris has humbly served the citizens of the City of Lenoir and Caldwell County and will be retiring on June 1, 2025 with 27 years of creditable service in the North Carolina Local Government Retirement System.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by authority of the Mayor and City Manager, and on behalf of the City Council, that Lieutenant Christopher Alan Robinson been an exemplary employee and is himself the epitome of the professional Law Enforcement Officer. His contributions to the safety and well-being of the citizens of Lenoir and officers of the Lenoir Police Department will be held in high esteem and in remembrance by this governing body, as well as all persons impacted by his accomplishments, generosity, and compassion for those in need;

THIS, the 17th day of June, 2025.


Joseph L. Gibbons, Mayor


Scott E. Hildebran, City Manager