



# City of Marietta

205 Lawrence Street  
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## Meeting Minutes

### CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

*R. Steve Tumlin, Mayor*  
*Cheryl Richardson, Ward 1*  
*Grif Chalfant, Ward 2*  
*Johnny Walker, Ward 3*  
*G. A. (Andy) Morris, Ward 4*  
*Reggie Copeland, Ward 5*  
*Michelle Cooper Kelly, Ward 6*  
*Joseph R. Goldstein, Ward 7*

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Thursday, October 10, 2019

4:30 PM

Council Chamber

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**Presiding:** R. Steve Tumlin, Mayor

**Present:** Cheryl Richardson, Grif Chalfant, Johnny Walker, Andy Morris, Reggie Copeland, Michelle Cooper Kelly and Joseph R. Goldstein

**Also Present:**

*William F. Bruton, Jr. City Manager*

*Douglas R. Haynie, City Attorney*

*Stephanie Guy, City Clerk*

#### CALL TO ORDER:

*Mayor R. Steve Tumlin called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.*

#### BUSINESS:

##### 20190919 MUST Ministries Appeal

Conducting appeal hearing based upon the request by MUST Ministries which is appealing the denial of a variance request which was denied by the Board of Zoning Appeals on September 30, 2019. The appeal will be heard as set forth in Marietta City Code Section 720.08.

*City Attorney Doug Haynie opened the public hearing and called forward those wishing to speak. Mr. Haynie explained the appeals process regarding the decision of the Board of Zoning Appeals, according to Code Section 720.08.*

*MUST Chairman Don Hausfeld, along with CEO Ike Reighard, presented information regarding the variance request to allow a homeless shelter within 750 feet of residentially zoned property. Mr. Hausfeld explained that MUST Ministries has acquired the subject properties with hopes of relocating the existing shelter from the current Elizabeth Inn location (Cobb Parkway North and the Canton Road Connector) and providing a community, administrative, and employment services building. The applicant's ideal configuration of the campus would place the new shelter in the northern portion of the acquired property.*

*Despite having approval to build on 1260 Cobb Parkway North, the applicant is requesting a variance to locate the shelter on the portion of 1297 Bells Ferry Road that is located within 750 feet of a residentially zoned property. According to the Marietta Zoning Ordinance, shelters for the homeless must be at least one acre in size and "such use shall be located at least 750 feet from residentially zoned property."*

*Those speaking in opposition of the variance request:  
Dudley Field, Joy Johnson, Rebekah Helbley, Loretta Roberts, Craig Lewis, Stacey Rush, Todd D., Carol Brown, Carolyn Rae and Bill Sims*

*Seeing no one else wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed.*

*Discussion was held by Council.*

*Motion to reverse the decision of the Board of Zoning and approve the variance request by MUST Ministries to build the 2-story structure, with the following stipulations:*

- 1. The applicant shall provide security 7 days a week along the area outlined in blue on the site plan*
- 2. The applicant shall have a fulltime Certified Peer Specialist on site*
- 3. The applicant shall arrange for trash pickup on a regular basis*

**The motion was made by Council member Copeland, seconded by Council member Richardson, that this matter be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Vote: 7 – 0 – 0**

**Approved as Stipulated**

**20190920**

**Executive Session**

Executive Session to discuss legal, personnel, and/or real estate matters.

**Not Held**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

*The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.*

**Date Approved: November 13, 2019**

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**R. Steve Tumlin, Mayor Tumlin**

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Stephanie Guy, City Clerk**