October 15, 2024 Planning Commission Regular Meeting

RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF ZMA 2023-01 WARRENTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH/HERO'S BRIDGE PURSUANT TO SECTION 11-3.9 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF WARRENTON (GPINS 6984-16-5101 PORTION APPROXIMATELY 5.22 ACRES OF THE APPROXIMATELY 6.31 ACRE PARCEL, 6984-16-7013, 6984-15-1823 AND 6984-15-1930)

WHEREAS, Warrenton, VA (Hereinafter "the Town") is a municipal corporation located within the County of Fauquier; and

WHEREAS, the Trustees of Warrenton United Methodist Church, and the Applicants, Warrenton United Methodist Church and Hero's Bridge, seek a Zoning Map Amendment of approximately 9.8640 acres from R-10 (Residential) and RO (Residential Office) to R-PUD (Residential Planned Unit Development) located on and adjacent to the existing church located at 341 Church Street in the Town of Warrenton and hereinafter referred to as the "Property"; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant has applied for a Zoning Map Amendment to develop 22-twofamily residential dwellings for a total of 44 units to provide affordable housing to ages 65 and older; and

WHEREAS, the Application includes a Small Office/Community Center to be constructed; and

WHEREAS, The Applicant is requesting deviations from Zoning Ordinance requirements under the Virginia Supreme Court's ruling in *Rowland vs. Town of Warrenton* that "the General Assembly intended for these statutes to grant localities the authority to permit deviations from the requirements of a zoning ordinance by accepting voluntary proffers as part of a rezoning application"; and

WHEREAS, the Owner and Applicant have submitted executed voluntary proffers dated September 20, 2024, and a Concept Development Plan dated September 19, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held two public work sessions on ZMA 2023-01 on July 16, 2024 and August 27, 2024; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to §11-3 of the Zoning Ordinance upon petition of the Applicant for approval of a zoning amendment, the Planning Commission upon advertisement and notice properly given pursuant to §15.2-2204 of the Virginia Code held a Public Hearing on September 17, 2024 and October 15, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission considered for approval of the zoning amendment based on voluntary proffers and Virginia State Code Section 15.2-2285; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission finds that the Application meets the criteria for approval found in Section 11-3.9.12 in the Town of Warrenton Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission, in consideration of all of the foregoing, is of the opinion that the application for ZMA 2023-01 is to be recommended for approval to the Town Council subject to the Concept Development Plan and voluntary proffers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Warrenton Planning Commission on this 15th day of October 2024, recommends that Town Council approve ZMA 2023-01, subject to the voluntary proffers dated September 20, 2024, Concept Development Plan dated September 19, 2024, by Rinker Design Associates, and elevations prepared by Design Concepts Architecture + Interiors dated March 16, 2023.

<u>Votes:</u> Ayes: Nays: Absent from Vote: Absent from Meeting:

ATTEST:

Darine Barbour, Planning Commission Secretary