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OF
THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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ZONING COMMISSION

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PUBLIC MEETING

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MONDAY

APRIL 19, 2021

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 IN THE MATTER OF: :
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 Office of Zoning - : Case No.
 Text Amendment to Subtitles : 20-26A
 Y & Z for Continued :
 Administrative Approvals of :
 Validity Period of Approvals :
 During Covid-19 Pandemic :
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Monday,
April 19, 2021

Video Teleconference

The Public Meeting of Case No. 20-26A, by the District of Columbia Zoning Commission convened at at 3:45 p.m. EDT, Anthony J. Hood, Chairperson, presiding.

ZONING COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

- ANTHONY J. HOOD, Chairperson
- ROBERT MILLER, Vice-Chair
- PETER SHAPIRO, Board Member
- MICHAEL TURNBULL, Board Member
- PETER G. MAY, Board Member

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OFFICE OF ZONING STAFF PRESENT:

SHARON SCHELLIN, Secretary
PAUL YOUNG, Zoning Data Specialist

D.C. OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT:

UNIDENTIFIED

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Special Public Meeting held on April 19, 2021

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Case No. 20-26A - Application of Office of Zoning - Text
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(3:45 p.m.)

CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. We are convening and broadcasting this special public meeting in Zoning Commission Case No. 20-26A dealing with Regulation 705.9 which will be explained by Ms. Schellin.

My name is -- again, today's date is April the 19th, 2021. My name is Anthony Hood. Joining me are Vice Chair Miller, Commissioner Shapiro, Commissioner Turnbull, soon to join us Commissioner May. Also we have Ms. Sharon Schellin from the Office of Zoning Staff as well as Mr. Paul Young who will be handling all of our virtual operations and also our Attorney General as well. They will announce themselves at the appropriate time, if needed. And I would ask all others to do that at the appropriate time, if needed. Typically, in our meetings we do not ask anyone to speak.

Topics of today's meeting agenda are available on the Office of Zoning's website. Again, this is a special public meeting. This meeting is advised -- please be advised that this proceeding is being recorded by a court reporter and is webcast live, Webex and YouTube Live and the video will be available on the Office of Zoning's website after the meeting. Again, we do not take any public testimony at our meeting unless the Commissioner requests someone to come forward to speak.

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3 202-727-5471 for Webex login or call-in instructions.

4 At this time, does the staff have any preliminary
5 matters?

6 MS. SCHELLIN: No, sir.

7 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. So with that, I will turn it
8 over to you, Ms. Schellin, to explain to us what we have in front
9 of us tonight for this special public meeting.

10 MS. SCHELLIN: Okay. So the case before you is 20-26A.
11 It is just another extension we're asking for to Subtitles Y and Z
12 to continue the administrative time extensions due to COVID-19.
13 We have heard from the public that there are still issues with --
14 because of the COVID-19 in obtaining the loans to move forward.
15 It isn't just because of, you know, people are getting vaccinated
16 and they're starting to move back to the workforce, but loans are
17 an issue and because of that, timing with some of the extensions
18 is an issue.

19 And so what we're recommending is taking emergency
20 action, authorization of the immediate publication of a proposed
21 ruling making and a 30-day notice period for the public hearing
22 notice. And what we're recommending is to go ahead and just
23 finish out the year, make this extension for any orders that will
24 expire between, I believe the other one expires April 27th which

1 is before your next meeting. That's why we asked for this special
2 public meeting. So April 27th to the end of the year, December
3 31, 2021. That they would be --

4 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Thank you.

5 MS. SCHELLIN: -- able to apply for these administrative
6 extensions, otherwise they would go through the normal process.
7 If they want a two-year extension, they would go through the
8 normal process.

9 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Thank you, Ms. Schellin.

10 Commissioners, you heard the report from Ms. Schellin,
11 the secretary. Are there any questions?

12 Commissioner May, any questions?

13 COMMISSIONER MAY: (No audible response.)

14 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Commissioner Shapiro, any questions?

15 COMMISSIONER SHAPIRO: (No audible response.)

16 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Commissioner Turnbull, any questions?

17 COMMISSIONER TURNBULL: (No audible response.)

18 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: And Vice Chair Miller, any questions?

19 VICE CHAIR MILLER: (No audible response.)

20 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. So I think it's pretty
21 straight forward, especially during this time. A lot of things
22 are very unpredictable as we all know. So with that, would
23 somebody like to make a motion for us to approve? I think the
24 date was December 31st, to the end of the year. I think that

1 warrants our approval, so somebody please make a motion.

2 COMMISSIONER TURNBULL: Mr. Chair?

3 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Yes?

4 COMMISSIONER TURNBULL: I would move that we approve
5 Zoning Case No. 20-26A, Text Amendment to Subtitles Y and Z for
6 administrative approvals of validity period of approvals during
7 the COVID-19 pandemic as stated by Ms. Schellin.

8 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Second.

9 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. It's been moved and properly
10 seconded. Any further questions?

11 COMMISSIONER MAY: Yeah, should we roll in the --

12 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Commissioner May?

13 COMMISSIONER MAY: -- the immediate publication and the
14 shortened comment period as well?

15 MS. SCHELLIN: And the (indiscernible)?

16 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Same goes for -- and the emergency
17 because --

18 COMMISSIONER MAY: And emergency, yes.

19 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Does the maker of the motion accept
20 those amendments to your motion?

21 COMMISSIONER TURNBULL: Yeah, I would --

22 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: All right.

23 COMMISSIONER TURNBULL: I would add those.

24 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Does the seconder accept as

1 well?

2 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Yes.

3 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. So we will move what's --
4 those amendments adding emergency meeting publications to Mr.
5 Turnbull's -- Commissioner Turnbull's motion. Any further
6 discussion?

7 (No response.)

8 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Ms. Schelling, could you do the roll
9 call vote, please?

10 MS. SCHELLIN: Commissioner Turnbull?

11 COMMISSIONER TURNBULL: Yes.

12 MS. SCHELLIN: Commissioner Miller?

13 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Yes.

14 MS. SCHELLIN: Commissioner Hood?

15 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Yes.

16 MS. SCHELLIN: Commissioner May?

17 COMMISSIONER MAY: Yes.

18 MS. SCHELLIN: Commissioner Shapiro?

19 COMMISSIONER SHAPIRO: Yes.

20 MS. SCHELLIN: Thank you. 5 to 0 to 0 to approve set
21 down of Case 20-26A, the emergency, the immediate publication of
22 the proposed rule-making and a 30-day notice period for the public
23 hearing notice.

24 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Ms. Schellin, do we have

1 anything else before us for this special public meeting?

2 MS. SCHELLIN: No, sir.

3 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: So we do have -- I know this is not
4 on the agenda, but we do have -- since we're public, I'm just
5 going to say we do have another hearing tomorrow at 4:00 p.m. I'm
6 hoping to finish that hearing. If not, we need to start -- I'll
7 think about a date when we're available sooner than later or we do
8 have a date? We didn't get a date for that one, a second date
9 from tomorrow night, did we Ms. Schellin?

10 MS. SCHELLIN: We did not. I think everyone was hopeful
11 that tomorrow will be it.

12 VICE CHAIR MILLER: That's the American University case?

13 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Well, I'm --

14 MS. SCHELLIN: Yes.

15 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Yes. So I would still suggest we
16 think about -- I was thinking about the very next day, but I know
17 that somebody might have BZA, but I'm hoping to finish tomorrow
18 night though.

19 Okay. So with that, I just want us to think about it.
20 So without further ado, we will close this special public meeting
21 and get ready for our next public meeting which is coming -- I
22 mean, public hearing which is coming up shortly.

23 MS. SCHELLIN: Thank you.

24 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: With that, this special public

1 meeting is adjourned.

2 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went off the record at
3 3:52 p.m.)

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