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Oakwood growing up and out



OAKWOOD - Oakwood City Council agreed to hear from several businesses looking to rezone as well as votes "yes" to increase height restrictions.

Oakwood city council Monday agreed to hear motions from two businesses and a church looking to rezone.

City planner Larry Sparks asked the council on behalf of Wayne Clark and associates to consider annexing 5 of their parcel businesses into the city so that they could develop a mixed retail commercial project.

Sparks also asked that Blackshear Place Baptist Church be rezoned from county highway business to Oakwood highway business in order to expand their parking lot to accommodate churchgoers.

Walden Capital Group asked to be moved from the planned commercial development to multiple family residential in order to develop an apartment complex.

All applications were approved for their first readings.

Oakwood City Council Monday said yes to increase the maximum height restrictions for commercial highway businesses.

This increase will allow developers such as hotel chains to build larger scaled structures. The council believes this was a good move for the area.

City planner Larry Sparks says, “the approval should take care of the request from developers looking to build on commercial property.

The approval Monday at the public hearing was the final reading on the issue