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2 Our first public hearing
3 item,
4 requests a Use Permit for an
5 entertainment establishment in a restaurant for
6 on George Washington Highway in the
7 on approximately acres
8 of land located at George Washington Highway in
9 the General Mixed-Use, GMU, zoning district. The
10 Future Land Use Map of the Build One Portsmouth
11 Comprehensive Plan designates this property as a
12 mixed-use corridor. The property is owned by
13 Associates and is identified as

14 Will the applicant or the representative
15 for this application please come forward and present
16 your application at this time.

17 MR. : Good afternoon, Chairman
18 Williams, members of the Planning Commission. My
19 name is I'm an attorney here on
20 behalf of

21 I would like to make a few comments
22 regarding this application and the staff report.
23 We've reviewed the staff report, and the applicant
24 is in complete agreement and is happy to abide by
25 all conditions the Planning staff has recommended.
26 This property is currently an unused space
27 in that will be called

28 The property is
29 and improved for this use. Of course, it's awaiting
30 all approvals before they open for business.

31 As the staff report pointed out, they will
32 offer a full-service restaurant. And the purpose of
33 the Use Permit is to request the ability to provide
34 entertainment. That will include both live
35 entertainment, a disk jockey, and karaoke
36 performances.

37 Obviously, an establishment like this,
38 safety is the first priority of the applicant. And
39 they have an extensive security plan, which will
40 include surveillance cameras both inside and out of
41 the facility, outside the rear side and front,
42 including the visibility of the parking lot. They
43 intend to have a complete security team. Mentioned
44 in the application was six off-duty police officers.
45 In addition to that, they plan to hire 12 additional
46 security guards. So on any night of entertainment,
47 they plan to have a complete security staff of
48 18 people. They would have them deployed inside the

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1 building and outside in the parking lot. And that
2 will include after closing, they would have security
in the parking lot.

3 There will only be one point of access to
4 the property through the front, and that will be
controlled by the security team. And there will be
5 both a metal detector and an individual wandering of
anyone going into the facility.

6 Also, that would include the noise
protection devices that are mentioned in the staff
report as the conditions. So no noise would come
outside of the building.

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8 I've spoken with the chair of
the I sent him the complete
package and discussed it with him in detail. I
9 offered to go to the meeting.
They don't meet in the summer, and Mr. told me
10 that would not be necessary, and he provided me no
further comment in regard.

11 I don't see anyone else here. So I assume
they have no opposition to the proposal.

12 I have with me the principals of the
company. They're all present here. Either I or
13 they can answer any questions you have. Thank you.

14 CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Thank you,
Mr.

15 Commissioners, any questions of
Mr. ?

16 COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes. You said they
would have off-duty police officers. Have the
17 police officers confirmed they're going to be
assisting with security?

18 MR. What they'll do is they'll
hire individuals as they're available. If one of
19 these gentlemen wants to come up and provide further
detail on that. Typically, the Portsmouth Police
20 Department officers make it known that they're
available, and employers such as this will get in
21 touch with those folks. It's usually done by word
of mouth.

22 MR. I have spoken to several of
the officers.

23 CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Please state your name
and address for us, please.

24 MR.

25 CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Thank you, sir.