## **HCPS New High School Site**



1. 15.2-2232 Review – Receive Planning
Commission's findings that the public facility is
in substantial accord with the Comprehensive
Plan.

2. Rezoning from R-5C to B-2.





#### 15.2-2232 Review

 Review is required whenever a project is proposed to construct, establish, or authorize a public facility not shown on the comprehensive plan.

• The location, character and extent of the public facility must be approved as being substantially in accord with the adopted comprehensive plan.

 Planning Commission shall communicate findings to City Council.

## **Planning Commission's Findings**

PC determined (6-0) that the general or approximate location, character, and extent of the site is substantially in accord with the City's adopted Comprehensive Plan, which designates the site as Governmental/Quasi-Governmental.

The above findings are not without the Planning Commission's reservations associated with the trade-offs and costs. The Commission is concerned with the lack of pedestrian and bicycle facilities, limiting pedestrian and bicycle access to the school. The Commission hopes that future school planning can achieve the Comprehensive Plan's Objective 7.2 "[t]o carefully plan the location of new and updated Harrisonburg City Public School facilities to enhance, connect to, and be part of the surrounding community," and specifically Strategy 7.2.2 "[t]o design new schools to fit into surrounding neighborhoods or in areas designated for future residential development. Consideration should be given to making schools accessible by pedestrians and bicyclists, well-landscaped, with lighting not to intrude into the surrounding neighborhood, and to not be dominated by parking lots."

# Rezoning – Existing Proffers



### Rezoning

Request to rezone from R-5C to B-2.

- Rezoning would remove all proffers associated with R-5C zoning approved in 2010.
- B-2 matches existing Commercial land use designations as shown in Comprehensive Plan's Land Use Guide.
- Educational use is allowed by right in B-2.
- B-2 provides more flexibility with setback and height regulations.

### Recommendation

Staff and Planning Commission (6-0) recommends approving the rezoning request from R-5C to B-2.