

**ROCKY MOUNT TOWN COUNCIL  
RECONVENED COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 24, 2010**

The February 24, 2010 reconvened Council meeting of the Rocky Mount Town Council was held in the Rocky Mount Municipal Building located at 345 Donald Avenue, Rocky Mount, Virginia at 4:00 p.m. with Mayor Steven C. Angle presiding. The following members of Council were present:

Vice Mayor Posey W. Dillon and Council Members Jerry W. Greer, Sr., Roger M. Seale, Robert W. Strickler and Gregory B. Walker

Let the record show that Council Member John H. Lester was absent.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Angle.

For the record, the following were being present: All members of Town Council as noted, Town Manager C. James Ervin, Assistant Town Manager/Community Development Director Matthew C. Hankins, and Town Clerk Patricia H. Keatts.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Prior to the meeting, Council had received the agenda for review and consideration of approval.

- Motion was made by Council Member Strickler to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Council Member Walker and carried unanimously by those present.

**FURTHER DISCUSSION REGARDING SPECIAL USE REQUEST OF FLORA FUNERAL SERVICE, INC.**

Let the record show that this meeting was a reconvened meeting of the February 8, 2010 regular monthly Council meeting due to Council wanting to discuss further the special use permit request of Flora Funeral Service, Inc. to add a crematory to an existing building located at their facilities at 665 South Main Street, Rocky Mount, Virginia, known as Franklin County Tax Map and Parcel Number 2100029900 that was considered during a public hearing of February 8, 2010 that was held by Council.

Let the record further show that immediately following the approval of the agenda, those present traveled to Oakey's North Chapel Funeral Home & Crematory located at 6732 Peters Creek Road, Roanoke, Virginia to observe how their crematory facilities operated in relations to being located in a residential section.

Once Council arrived at Oakey's North Chapel Funeral Home & Crematory, they were met by representatives of the funeral home, along with Mr. Lee Flora of Flora Funeral Service, Inc.

Several issues raised by Mr. & Mrs. Gabe Stalnaker and Council during the February 8, 2010 regular Council meeting public hearing were observed by Council at the site, and addressed by the representatives of the funeral home, being:

- There was minimal noise level of air intake blower from 60' feet away.
- Very little steam could be seen coming from the outside stack, even though there were low hanging clouds during inclement weather that was taking place.
- There was no ash coming from the stack.
- There was no odor emitting from the crematory outside stack or from the inside cremation chamber room where the actual cremation was taken place.
- A chamber that was not in operation at the time was opened and the process was explained to those present, and no odor could be detected.
- The cremation process in a chamber was explained.
- The funeral home has been conducting cremations since the crematory was built in 1997, and since that time, there has been only one time the process had been halted due to no electricity, and that lasted only about three hours.
- Since operation started in 1997, only one complaint from the neighboring residents has occurred, and that was from someone who had observed seeing "smoke" coming from the stack, and that is when the funeral home first fired up the stacks for the first time, and at that time, no cremation was taking place, only a trial run of firing up the chambers was being conducted.

After meeting with the representatives of the funeral home, Council asked Mr. Flora several questions, with Mr. Flora confirming the following:

- The garage he is proposing to install the cremation process in is not insulated, and he was not considering insulating it, but will do so if it is a requirement from the Town. Discussed Town requiring Mr. Flora to add insulation after crematory is built to minimize noise, if necessary.
- Confirmed that there was not enough room for any setbacks.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

After those present traveled back to the Rocky Mount Municipal Building in Rocky Mount, Virginia, at 6:04 p.m. motion was made by Council Member Strickler to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Greer and carried unanimously.

Let the record show that no action was taken by Council at this time.

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Steven C. Angle, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Patricia H. Keatts/Town Clerk

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