

**TOWN OF ROCKY MOUNT
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 2, 2016
6:00 p.m.**

The Planning Commission of the Town of Rocky Mount, Virginia met in the Council Chambers of the Rocky Mount Municipal Building, located at 345 Donald Avenue, Rocky Mount, Virginia, at 6:00 p.m. on February 2, 2016, for its regular monthly meeting with Madame Chair Janet Stockton presiding.

Commission Members Present:

- Janet Stockton, Chair
- John Speidel, Vice Chairman
- MEMBER Bud Blanchard
- MEMBER Ina Clements
- MEMBER Derwin Hall
- MEMBER John Tiggle

Commission Members Absent:

- MEMBER Jerry Greer

Staff Members Present:

- Assistant Town Manager, Matt Hankins
- Town Planner, Josh Gibson
- Planning Commission Clerk Jessica H. Heckman

Appointment of Planning Commission Clerk

Matt Hankins recommended Jessica H. Heckman be appointed as Clerk for the Planning Commission.

Motion: To appoint Jessica H. Heckman as Planning Commission Clerk

Motion By: Vice Chairman John Speidel

Second: Member Bud Blanchard

Action: Approved by a unanimous vote of members present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions or Corrections: Removal of Public Hearing (postponed)

Motion: To approve the agenda with removal of Public hearing

Motion By: Commission Member John Tiggle

Second: Vice Chairman John Speidel

Action: Approved by a unanimous vote of members present

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Let the record show that prior to the meeting, Planning Commission received the following draft minutes for review and consideration of approval: **January 5, 2016 - regular meeting minutes.**

Additions or Corrections: None

Motion: To approve the minutes as presented

Motion By: Commission Member Ina Clements

Second: John Speidel

Action: Approved by a unanimous vote of members present

PUBLIC HEARING

Postponed

OLD BUSINESS

Review of Comprehensive Plan produced by Hill Studio:

Town Planner Josh Gibson presented two posters prepared by Hill Studio and advised Commission bound copies of the plan would be provided at a later date.

Vice Chair John Speidel asked if Hill Studio had met their obligation, Matt Hankins advised the commission they have met their contract and have been paid in full. Reminded commission that there will be a revision later in the year or early next year in order to stay current.

NEW BUSINESS

None

COMMISSION CONCERNS AND STAFF UPDATES:

Matt Hankins addressed a previous concern noted by Member Clements relative to Channel 13 displaying old information. He advised the commission that Jessica Heckman is working toward updating.

No other concerns noted.

Staff Remarks:

Matt Hankins gave a brief update on Murphy Oil, which will begin construction soon.

Josh Gibson informed the commission that the Public Hearing for the Special Use Permit for the Franklin County Tower on Grassy Hill has been continued to allow the County to work with the neighboring property owners.

Matt Hankins gave an update on the Century Link Tower. Century Link and Ntelos have not reached an agreement at this time due to a price change.

Matt Hankins informed the commission we are still working to get scheduled for the appeal of the Board of Zoning Appeals decision on the tower for Blue Ridge Towers on the Cornerstone Property.

Member Derwin Hall questioned if there was an update on the VDOT funding for the plans in front of the Hub. Mr. Hankins replied that we are not likely to get funding this year. Josh Gibson gave a brief explanation of why the project is not likely to be funded.

Matt Hankins informed the commission of traffic lights being upgraded at the intersection of Grassy Hill and North Main. The new traffic light will utilize a camera system that monitors the entire intersection, tracking each vehicle as it goes through. He noted it will still be safe and will allow traffic to flow better. If the lights work as expected, funding from VDOT will be utilized to install the system at other intersections in town.

Ina Clements questioned work being performed at the Holiday Inn. Matt and Josh explained it was remaining work on the Route 40 East sidewalk project. They also gave an update on the Scuffling Hill project.

Chairman Stockton hearing no further comments entertained a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn By: Vice Chair John Speidel

Second: Commission Member Ina Clements

Action: Approved by a unanimous vote of members present

Time of Adjournment: 6:30

Janet Stockton, Chairman

ATTEST:

Jessica H. Heckman, Clerk

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