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## PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2016

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ROCKY MOUNT MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
345 DONALD AVENUE, ROCKY MOUNT, VIRGINIA

### Call to Order and Welcome

- I. Roll Call of Members Present
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Review and Consideration of Minutes
  - July 5, 2016 - Regular Meeting Minutes
- IV. New Business
  - a. Pigg River Power Dam Removal Update
- V. Commissioner Concerns
- VI. Staff Updates
- VII. Adjournment

Thank you for attending tonight's Planning Commission meeting and/or Public Hearing. The Planning Commission appreciates and welcomes public participation in its meetings.  
If you have a cell phone, please silence it during the meeting.  
If you have need for special accommodation during the meeting, please notify the clerk. The Town has assistive listening devices available for those who are hard of hearing.  
If you wish to speak during a public hearing, please sign in on the appropriate sheet located at the front table. There will be one sheet for each public hearing.

**TOWN OF ROCKY MOUNT  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
July 5, 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 July 5, 2016, for its regular monthly meeting with Madame Chair Janet Stockton presiding.

Commission Members Present:

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

Staff Members Present:

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Additions or Corrections: None

Motion: To approve as presented

Motion By: Member John Tiggle

Second: Vice Chair 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: **May 4, 2016 - regular meeting minutes.**

Additions or Corrections: None

Motion: To approve the minutes as presented

Motion By: Member Jerry Greer

Second: Vice Chair John Speidel

Action: Approved by unanimous vote of members present

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Public Art**

Josh Gibson proposed a contest for murals on a small number of storm drains in order to encourage interest in town through public art. He recommended starting in the Arts and Culture district and expanding if successful. He noted this idea was appealing to staff because it is simple, interesting and an expensive way to incorporate some public art elements around town. An open discussion ensued relative to public art.

Motion: To recommend to Streets and Sidewalks Committee of Town Council to support the idea of Storm Drain Murals

Motion By: Member Ina Clements

Second: Vice Chair John Speidel

Action: Approved by a unanimous vote of members present

### **Transportation Planning**

Josh Gibson explained to Commission that in light of the new Smart Scale (HB2), the 6 year plan funding mechanism through VDOT, the Town needs to start making more deliberate transportation planning decisions moving forward. He explained the Smart Scale funding will be difficult for Rocky Mount to obtain. He presented to Commission potential projects and asked Commission to help determine how they should be prioritized. An open discussion ensued relative to potential projects.

### **Staff Updates:**

Matt Hankins updated the board on the following:

- The Whole Bean Coffee Shop opening this fall
- Wood Grains Furniture moved to Cox Fashions location
- Potential gluten free bakery in former Joyful Light space next to Haywoods
- Working on Cox property, deadline extended to end of December
- ModUKraf closure, company interested in purchase; bankruptcy may hinder
- Murphy Oil nearing completion, will be new traffic pattern which will improve traffic flow significantly
- Cecil Mason retirement, there will be 2 new position created in his absence: Public Works Director, Public Works Superintendent. Matt Hankins will be acting as Interim Public Works Director
- Industrial Work-session in early fall

**Commission Concerns**

Jerry Greer expressed concerns regarding the Cox Property and suggested seeking out small business owners to potentially use the Cox Property.

With no further business, Madame Chair Janet Stockton entertained a motion to adjourn.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to Adjourn By: Member Jerry Greer

Second: Ina Clements

Action: Approved by a unanimous vote of members present

Time of Adjournment: 7:06 p.m.

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Janet Stockton, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Jessica H. Heckman, Clerk

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