

TOWN OF ROCKY MOUNT
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 6, 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 September 6, 2016, for its regular monthly meeting with Madame Chair Janet Stockton presiding.

Commission Members Present:

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

Commission Members Not Present:

- Member Ina Clements

Staff Members Present:

- Assistant Town Manager Matthew Hankins
- Town Planner Josh Gibson
- Planning Commission Clerk Jessica H. Heckman
- Town Attorney John Boitnott

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions or Corrections: None

Motion: To approve as presented

Motion By: Member Derwin Hall

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: **August 2, 2016 - regular meeting minutes.**

Additions or Corrections: None

Motion: To approve the minutes as presented

Motion By: Member John Tiggie

Second: Member Jerry Greer

Action: Approved by unanimous vote of members present

NEW BUSINESS

Mixed Use District

Josh Gibson presented the idea for a mixed use district that is largely commercial in nature and possibly other elements such as park land, public space, residential use, or light industrial use. Benefits of a mixed use district include mixed uses on a single property, allows for efficient and economical use of vacant or redevelopment land, can promote imaginative and innovative design, incorporation of open space, allows much more flexibility. He stated this classification would be available for rezoning initiated by the landowner. An open discussion ensued relative to potential for a mixed use district. The consensus of the Commission was that they would like to see this proposed mixed use district move forward.

OLD BUSINESS

Transportation Planning

Mr. Gibson reminded the board of the need to plan for transportation projects. He advised that the Town would be applying for HB2 money/Smart Scale with the Angle Bridge intersection again. He suggested we invest by starting some of the work to help increase our scores for HB2. He also suggested we look for other sources of funding for safety projects. Mr. Gibson suggested that the commission help identify projects and prioritize them. An open discussion ensued relative to potential projects.

Commission Concerns

None at this time.

Staff Updates:

Matt Hankins advised the Commission of his trip to Kansas City to accept another award for the Harvester Performance Center. He stated the town would be adding a trophy case to house the many awards the Town and Harvester have received. He also updated the Commission on the Harvester's profitability.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn By: Member Jerry Greer

Second: Vice Chair John Speidel

Action: Approved by a unanimous vote of members present

Time of Adjournment: 6:47 p.m.

Janet Stockton, Chairman

ATTEST:

Jessica H. Heckman, Clerk

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