

**TOWN OF ROCKY MOUNT
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 2, 2019
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 April 2, 2019, for its regular monthly meeting with Madame Chair Janet Stockton presiding.

Commission Members Present:

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

Staff Members Present:

- Assistant Town Manager Matthew Hankins
- Town Planner Jessica Heckman
- Finance Director Linda Woody
- Planning Commission Clerk Cherie Compton

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions or Corrections: None

Motion: To approve agenda as presented

Motion By: Member Ina Clements

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:

March 5, 2019- Regular Meeting Minutes

Additions or Corrections: None

Motion: To approve minutes as presented

Motion By: Member John Tiggle

Second: Member Bud Blanchard

Action: Approved by unanimous vote of members present

Public Hearings

5 Year Capital Improvement Plan

Matthew Hankins presented the Capital Improvement Plan and asked the Commission if they had any questions. He discussed various expenses that have been removed and some that will be funded. He asked if members had anything they felt should be added or removed and if they had any questions for Finance Director Linda Woody. An open discussion ensued. Let the record show there were no comments from the public.

Motion: Recommend Town Council approve the Capital Improvement Plan as presented by staff.

Motion By: Vice Chairman John Speidel

Second: Member Ina Clements

Action: Approved by unanimous vote of members present

Commissioner Concerns

Planning Commission member Bud Blanchard asked about the damage to the Artisan Center on Franklin Street. Matthew Hankins gave an update that a permit has been issued and the contractor was having a hard time matching bricks. Ina Clements asked for an update on Mr. Bain's progress. Matthew updated that there has been no further plans submitted from him. Members asked for an update on inoperable vehicles discussions. Town Planner Jessica Heckman went over the process that is followed and that after Town Council's meeting and public hearing the discussion was sent to committee. Planning Commission Derwin Hall asked about the Stepping Stones serving take out to citizens and surrounding businesses. Jessica Heckman informed Planning Commission that a letter has already been to address the situation.

Staff Updates:

Matthew Hankins updated the commission on O'Reilly Auto Parts, the industrial expansion on Weaver Street, meeting with realtor for commercial property across from Walgreens, First Responders Memorial, opening of Farmers Market and asked for feedback in regards to bringing grocery stores to the area.

Jessica Heckman gave an update on Love Works progress, Celeste Park, Twin Creeks ribbon cutting and the feedback that came from a post in regards to Public Art throughout Town.

With no further discussion, a motion was made to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn By: Member Ina Clements

Second: Member John Tiggle

Action: Approved by a unanimous vote of members present

Time of Adjournment: 6:45 p.m.

Janet Stockton, Chairman

ATTEST:

Cherie Q. Compton, Clerk