

**TOWN OF ROCKY MOUNT  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
February 4, 2020  
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 4, 2020, 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 Bud Blanchard
- Member John Tiggle
- Member Derwin Hall
- Member Jerry Greer

Staff Members Present:

- Town Planner, Jessica H. Heckman
- Planning Commission Clerk, Cherie Compton
- Matthew Hankins, Assistant Town Manager

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Additions or Corrections: There were no corrections

Motion: To approve the agenda

Motion By: Commission 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:

**January 7, 2020- Regular Meeting Minutes**

Additions or Corrections: None

Motion: To approve minutes as presented

Motion By: Commission Member John Tiggle

Second: Commission Member Ina Clements

Action: Approved by unanimous vote of members present

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Town Planner Jessica Heckman presented information regarding on street parking on Old Fort Road. Public Works and Public Safety both have noted large vehicles and emergency vehicles not having enough room to maneuver easily with both sides of the street having cars parked on it. Many residents have complained about school buses and delivery trucks not having room to come through or vehicles to pass. Commission members asked about how many parking spaces each house had in there driveways/garages. Vice Chairman John Speidel asked if on street parking had been considered for one side of the street. Jessica Heckman stated that would not be a good fit since neighbors were already complaining about others parking in front of their houses. Member Derwin Hall was not in favor of no on street parking and asked the question about lawn service companies parking to mow if parking was not allowed. Matthew Hankins suggested that it is a rising problem now and as the development grows it will continue to get worse and needed to be looked about sooner rather than later.

An open discussion between staff and commission members ensued.

Motion: To recommend Town Council consider banning on street parking on Old Fort Road

Motion By: Commission Member Jerry Greer

Second: Commission Member Bud Blanchard

Ayes: Speidel, Blanchard, Greer, Clements, Tiggle

Nays: Hall

Action: Motion approved by a 5-1 vote of members present

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Town Planner Jessica Heckman spoke in regards to the Small Business Open House, suggesting a tentative date set for April 14, 2020 possibly at the Harvester. She asked Planning Commission members to think about who they want included and to present ideas at the following meeting

### **COMMISSIONER CONCERNS**

Commission Member Ina Clements asked staff to check into the old car lot located at the end of Franklin Heights, specifically their purpose and if the vehicles need to be included in the inoperable car list. Ina also asked about possibly installing or upgrading lights throughout town to make lighting brighter.

## STAFF UPDATES

Mrs. Heckman and Matthew Hankins provided updates on Wayfinding, Murals, Movies at the Market, GIS training with the County, new staff member coming on board, Davis Heating & Air, new Animal Shelter, and the Angle Bridge project.

An open discussion ensued.

## BUSINESS FOR UPCOMING MONTHS

- Lighting on Floyd Ave

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

## ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn By: Commission Member Ina Clements

Second: Commsission Member Jerry Greer

Action: Approved by a unanimous vote of members present

Time of Adjournment: 6:47 p.m.

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Janet Stockton, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Cherie Q. Compton, Clerk