

TOWN OF ABINGDON
PLANNING COMMISSION
CALLED MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2016 – 5:30 P.M.

A called meeting of the Abingdon Planning Commission was held Thursday, August 11, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held in the Municipal Building, Arthur Campbell Room.

Mr. Wayne Austin, Chairman, called the meeting back to order from the recessed meeting on July 25, 2016. Mr. Mathew Johnson called the roll.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

- Mr. Wayne Austin, Chairman
- Mr. Kenneth Shuman, Vice-Chairman
- Mr. Gregory W. Kelly, Secretary
- Councilman Rick Humphreys
- Ms. Janice Reeves
- Ms. Maggie Costello
- Mr. Chris Burcher

Comprising a quorum of the Commission

Members Absent:

None

Administrative Staff:

- Mr. Matthew Johnson, Director of Planning
- Mr. Sean Taylor, Assistant Town Planner
- Mrs. Deborah Icenhour, Town Attorney

Visitors:

Mr. Stephen Spangler

- (2) Approval of minutes: Regular meeting, July 25, 2016.

Mr. Shuman moved to accept the minutes, as presented. Second by Councilmember Humphreys. All in favor. None opposed. Mr. Austin abstained due to his absence from the July 25, 2016, regular meeting. Motion carried.

- (3) DISCUSSION REGARDING: Request for Comprehensive Signage Plan (CSP): **Marathon Realty Corp., owners**, PO BOX 518, Abingdon, VA 24212; **Stephen Spangler, representative**. Proposed comprehensive signage plan to govern property within the 10 lot subdivision, property located near 440 Green Spring Rd, commonly known as the "Meadows" development project, zoned B-2 (General Business). **Including all or portions of Tax Map Numbers 105-A-39, 021-1-5B, & 021-1-5. NO ACTION TO BE TAKEN – DISCUSSION ONLY**

Mr. Spangler presented a PowerPoint showing the proposed signage and presented proposed comprehensive signage plan language to the Commission for discussion.

The Commission had quite a bit of discussion about the pylon sign. Most of the discussion centered on the height of the proposed sign. The consensus of the Commission was that they felt that a 54-foot sign would be too large. Comments from some Commissioners indicated that a more preferable height would be in the 42-foot range. After viewing examples of other developments around the Commonwealth, the Commission reached a consensus that they felt that a maximum sign height of 48 feet would be appropriate. Additionally, the Commission made some suggestions that the pyramidal cap at the top of the sign be redesigned to be flat and that the development name and address information be placed in the stone base of the sign.

The Commission additionally discussed the monument sign height for outparcels located within the development. Staff had previously recommended a maximum of 8 feet high and 8 feet wide. Mr. Spangler indicated that he had some tenants that would prefer a maximum of 15 feet high. The Commission felt that would be too large and a consensus was reached to permit monument signs up to a maximum of 10 feet high and 8 feet wide on parcels less than 5 acres in size. The larger Food City lot (greater than 5 acres in size) would be permitted to have monument signs with a maximum of 15 feet in height and 10 feet wide.

As it was agreed that no action would be taken at this meeting, the Commission thanked Mr. Spangler for his time and moved to the next item on the agenda.

(4) Updates from Staff

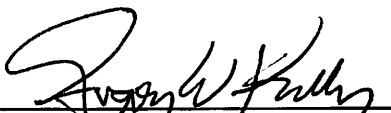
- a. Possible joint meeting with Washington County Planning Commission to hear a presentation from the Bristol MPO regarding the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan.

Mr. Johnson indicated that the Bristol MPO would be hearing comments on the 2040 LRTP and desired to make a presentation to a joint meeting of the Abingdon Planning Commission and the Washington County Planning Commission. A tentative date of September 12, 2016 was agreed upon by the Commission. Mr. Johnson will work with Washington County on the details and will report back to the Commission.

(5) Updates from Commissioners

None

There being no further business, Mrs. Reeves moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Mrs. Costello.
All in favor, the meeting recessed at 6:20 p.m.


Mr. Gregory W. Kelly, Secretary


Wayne Austin, Chairman