

TOWN OF ABINGDON
PLANNING COMMISSION
CALLED MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 2016 – 5:30 P.M.

A called meeting of the Abingdon Planning Commission was held Monday, September 12, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held in the Municipal Building, Council Chambers.

Mr. Wayne Austin, Chairman, called the meeting to order. Mr. Mathew Johnson called the roll.

ROLL CALL

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

Comprising a quorum of the Commission

Members Absent: Mrs. Jan Reeves

Administrative Staff: Mr. Matthew Johnson, Director of Planning
Ms. Cecile Rosenbaum, Asst. Town Manager
Mrs. Deborah Icenhour, Town Attorney
Mr. John Dew, Director of Public Services

Visitors: Mr. Donny Necessary, VDOT
Mr. Rex Montgomery, Bristol Area MPO
Mr. Wayne Craig, Councilmember
Mr. Bob Howard, Councilmember
Mr. Richard Macbeth
Mr. Phil McCall, Washington Co. Board of Supervisors

(2) Approval of minutes: Regular meeting, August 22, 2016.

Mr. Shuman moved to accept the minutes, as presented. Second by Mr. Burcher. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

(3) Public Hearings - None

- (4) Special presentation of the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan by the Bristol Area MPO – **Rex Montgomery, Bristol Area MPO and Donny Necessary, VDOT (No action to be taken).**

Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Necessary presented a brief overview of the Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) role in regional transportation, the need for updating the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan and the timeframe for public comments. Mr. Necessary gave a more in-depth presentation on "Smart Scale" (previously known as HB 2), which is VDOT's mechanism for scoring and funding potential transportation projects. Following the presentation, the presenters fielded several questions from the audience. Most questions concerned construction and development at Exits 14 & 19, and the relationship to land use and traffic concerns. In addition, some questions arose concerning the future of the French Moore Blvd. extension and improvements to Empire Drive in Washington County. Following audience questions and comments, the presenters concluded their presentation and thanked the Commission for allowing them to attend.

- (5) Public Comment.

None

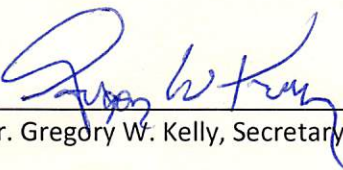
- (6) Updates from Staff

Mr. Johnson indicated that the American Planning Association (APA) had received the membership request for the Planning Commissioners and that members of the Commission should be seeing correspondence via email or US Mail in the near future.

- (6) Updates from Commissioners

None

There being no further business, Mr. Shuman moved to adjourn at 6:09pm. Second by Mrs. Costello. All in favor, the meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.


 Mr. Gregory W. Kelly, Secretary


 Wayne Austin, Chairman