

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Marion Planning Commission held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on September 12, 2022 at 5:15 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Wolfe.

VISITORS: Melissa Clair.

PRESENT: Chairman Cameron Wolfe, Vice Chairperson Kimberly Austin, Bob Ramsey, Jim Barker, and Alice Freeman Planning Commissions Members; Town Manager/Zoning Administrator Bill Rush and Deputy Clerk Paula Null.

ABSENT: Trey White and Ben Reedy.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM: As the meeting was called to order with 5 voting members present, the Commission has a quorum.

MINUTES: Upon motion of Mrs. Freeman, seconded by Mr. Ramsey and a vote of 5 AYES and 0 NOES, minutes of the meeting June 13, 2022 were approved as written. Messrs Wolfe, Austin, Freeman, Ramsey, and Barker voted affirmatively.

AMEND AGENDA: Upon motion of Alice Freeman, seconded by Bob Ramsey and a vote of 5 AYES and 0 NOES, the agenda was amended by removing the election of officers.

REVISION/RECODIFICATION: In the revision of current zoning ordinances the mission and plan of action is to strengthen blight reduction ordinances, reorganize special use permit guidelines, mixed use, planned unit development, condominium, sub rental and alternative housing guidelines. Mr. Rush states the current zoning codes are not clear and we need to look at what we have and decide what is needed or go through Council for permits. Mr. Wolfe states that setbacks and overhangs need to have clarification.

Mrs. Austin left the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: The Economic Development section needs extensive updates. Ken Heath will be working on those. Mr. Wolfe suggested there needs to be updated wording to increase vocational training and grants. He also stated Mt. Roger CSB will be providing the vocational training. It was discussed that skilled games will most likely become legal and what ordinances need to be considered. Mr. Rush recommended there be a limit to the number of games at each location. Drones were also addressed as far as can they be restricted and do we want to restrict them. Several other issues were listed as well such as, online businesses, billboards in town/window utilization, keeping non-domestic animals inside town limits, loitering/camping in public places, parking campers on vacant lots, open air burning inside town limits, commercial vehicles parking on VDOT right of ways overnight, parking of trailers, boats or anything of that nature on VDOT right of ways overnight and add language about maximum of certain amount of hours parked legally on a right of way in residential districts. It was suggested we also look at kennels, and better define residential rentals including "by the bedroom". Also, revisit the amount of time a burnt out/unstable structure can stand before it is demolished. Mr. Jim Barker suggested we designate someone to proof read the final draft of the Comprehensive Plan.

Upon motion of Alice Freeman, seconded by Bob Ramsey and a vote of 4 AYES and 0 NOES, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary