

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LURAY PLANNING COMMISSION
APRIL 14, 2010**

The Luray Planning Commission met on Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in regular session. The meeting was held in the Luray Town Council Chambers at 45 East Main Street, Luray, Virginia at which time there were present the following:

Commissioners Present:

Tom Potts
Clifton Campbell – Fire Call - Stepped Out @ 7:03 P.M.
Larry Hakel
John Meaney
Mary Menefee

Absent: Peyton Baughan
Sam McNeely

Others Present:

Bryan Chrisman, Assistant Town Manager
Ligon Webb, Town Planner
Jason Spitler, Town Attorney

Chairman Tom Potts called the meeting to order and everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Commissioner Hakel and seconded by Commissioner Menefee that the minutes of March 17, 2010 be accepted as presented. The vote was as follows: YEA: Commissioners Hakel, Potts, Meaney, and Menefee. **APPROVED: 4-0**

PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

Mr. Webb stated we have three ordinance amendments. He read each of the amendments.

Commissioner Potts opened the Public Hearing to the public. There being no public comments, the Public Hearing was closed.

Commissioner Hakel made a motion that the three ordinance amendments be included as outlined and recommended to Town Council. Commissioner Menefee asked are we doing a special use permit in the industrial district. Mr. Webb stated everything in the industrial district is handled by special use permit. Commissioner Menefee seconded the motion and the vote was as follows: YEA: Commissioners Hakel, Potts, Meaney and Menefee. **APPROVED 4-0**

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Mr. Webb stated Town Council agreed to go over the sign ordinance amendments and he has been cutting and copying the whole sign ordinance, and added in the few changes we made on the sign regulation standards. He spent most of yesterday and a good part of today taking out unnecessary language. When it comes to the Commission in May there will be a lot of different amendments but the final result is it will be a more understandable and easier to read ordinance. He thinks Council will be happy with the changes the Commission made. He thinks what the Commission sees in May and the Council sees in June will make our sign ordinance much more user friendly.

Commissioner Potts stated you are going to have to pay a lot of attention to the amendments to the zoning ordinance itself. All those things that didn't make any sense before, we have to go through and delete, with the explanation it is for clarity and that sort of thing. There are all sorts of places where it didn't make any sense and there were no references; we need to make sure we clean all that up.

Commissioner Hakel stated at one time you indicated you had received some signals from the County that they might adopt a very similar one. Mr. Webb stated they advertised something; he never looked at it. Mr. Chrisman stated they did a good bit of reorganization of theirs and they had a rough draft on the books, not officially adopted, but some of the things are similar and some are kind of unique.

Within the current ordinance, (like Ligon and the Chairman are talking about) there are references to other parts of the Code and so all those have to be cleaned up and there are some places in the Code right now that reference places that don't even exist, so those need to be deleted.

Mr. Chrisman stated something else you may want to consider is we had talked one time about a liaison group between the Town and County Planning Commissions regarding zoning issues as they apply. You could do the same thing for signs. Maybe work with the County through the liaison group that could come to some sort of compromise where the County would have a special little thing around the town where they may consider the Town's sign ordinance in addition to their own before they approve signs.

Commissioner Meaney asked if you would classify that as a responsibility that the Town has as opposed to something nice to do. Mr. Chrisman stated he would think that from the Planning Commission's perspective this would be something very worthwhile to attempt; at least the Town should extend the offer to the County to meet with them.

Mr. Webb stated he will come back with a sign ordinance in May.

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There being no further business for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Menefee and seconded by Commissioner Hakel to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 7:17 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan T. Chrisman
Assistant Town Manager

ATTEST:
