

PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES

The Winchester Planning Commission held its regular meeting on Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Rouss City Hall, 15 North Cameron Street, Winchester, Virginia.

PRESENT: Chairman Adams, Vice-Chairman Shore, Commissioners McKannan, Slaughter and Wiley (5)
ABSENT: Commissioner Talley (1)
EX-OFICIO: City Manager O'Connor
FREDERICK CO LIAISON: Commissioner Mohn
STAFF: Youmans, Diem, Moore and Walsh
VISTORS: None

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Adams called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice-Chairman Shore moved to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2011 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wiley.

Motion passed 5-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

A revised packet was presented that included the following:
Added item 3A – Resolution to Initiate TA-11-06
A complete set of the draft Chapters of the Comprehensive Plan were provided.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

REPORT OF FREDERICK COUNTY LIAISON

Commissioner Mohn stated that the Frederick County Planning Commission held its annual retreat the past Saturday. The primary topics were the land use and its relationship with fiscal goals and updates to the Comprehensive Plan, which is tentatively scheduled for public hearing in April. The final draft can be found on the county website for review.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – New Business

- A. **TA-11-06** AN ORDINANCED TO AMEND ARTICLES 1, 3, 4, 5, 5.1, 6, 7, 8, 9 AND 16.1 OF THE WINCHESTER ZONING ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO THE DEFINITIONS OF ACCESSORY STRUCTURE, DOMESTIC EMPLOYEE AND FAMILY, AND CERTAIN CONDITIONAL USE PERMITTING PROVISIONS RELATED THERETO

Mr. Diem stated that revisions have been made to the proposed amendment since it was advertised for public hearing, including amendments to additional sections of the Ordinance. As such, he requested that the item be tabled so that it can be re-advertised with the revisions.

Commissioner Wiley moved to table TA-11-06 until next month. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Slaughter.

Motion passed 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution to initiate: TA-11-66 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 13-1 OF THE WINCHESTER ZONING ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO COMMERCIAL USES AND DENSITY PROVISIONS FOR PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENTS

Mr. Diem gave a brief overview of the amendment for consideration. If initiated, the item will be scheduled for public hearing next month.

Vice-Chairman Shore moved to initiate TA-11-66. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wiley.

Motion passed 5-0.

B. Comprehensive Plan Discussion

Mr. Youmans presented the complete draft of the Comprehensive Plan. He explained that the format has changed from previous years to make it more user-friendly.

He reviewed important aspects of each chapter such as embedded links, maps, etc. Suggestions from the Commission included incorporating efforts to eliminate overhead power lines through redevelopment and making more of an effort to get citizen input.

Chairman Adams asked that a public hearing be scheduled tentatively for April in order to give other Boards and Commissions an opportunity to review it beforehand.

ADJOURN

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45PM.

Nate Adams, III, Chairman