

Radford Planning Commission
Monday, July 20, 2020
Municipal Building

Members Present: Mr. Collier, Mr. Gillespie, Ms. Hamden, Mrs. Huntington, Mr. Watson, Mr. Howard
Absent – Dr. Pearce
Others Present: Melissa Skelton, City Staff

Mr. Howard called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. A quorum was present.

Mr. Gillespie made a motion to approve Ryan Watson to join the meeting via call, Mr. Collier seconded the motion.

Voting Yes: Mr. Collier, Mr. Gillespie, Ms. Hamden, Mrs. Huntington, Mr. Watson, Mr. Howard

Ms. Skelton called Mr. Watson and asked his reasoning for not being in person, he shared his wife was sick and is locate Christiansburg, VA

Approval of Minutes:
February 19, 2020

Minutes were recommended for approval by Ms. Hamden, seconded by Mr. Collier with corrections to the date.

Voting Yes: Mr. Collier, Mr. Gillespie, Ms. Hamden, Mrs. Huntington, Mr. Watson, Mr. Howard

Voting No: None
Abstain: None

Public Address: No public comments provided.

OLD BUSINESS

SUBJECT: Urban Agriculture

SUMMARY: The Planning Commission has been reviewing an ordinance to implement Urban Agriculture.

Mrs. Huntington stated she had a couple questions regarding the ordinance, first one was how we came to the number of chickens?

Staff responded that when reviewing other locality ordinances this was the standard number. But we are open to having other suggestions

Mrs. Huntington asked about the chickens roaming.

Staff responding that this would be outside of property boundaries.

Staff offered to do additional research regarding the number of chickens per lot size.

Mr. Watson asked if there has been any outreach to the community, regarding the number of chickens that they own to get a better idea regarding the number of chickens.

The Planning Commissioners agreed to talk with people they know regarding how many they have and what would be better.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **SUBJECT:** Election of Officers

SUMMARY: Each year according to the By-Laws, the Planning Commission is to elect officers for the next year.

Staff shared with the Commissioners that Dr. Pearce had agreed to continue as Secretary if the planning commission so agrees.

ACTION: A motion was made by Mr. Gillespie, seconded by Ms. Hamden to keep the officers in place. They are as follows:

Tracy Howard – Chair
Ryan Watson – Vice-Chair
Annie Pearce – Secretary

Voting Yes: Mr. Collier - YES
Mr. Gillespie- YES
Ms. Hamden- YES
Mrs. Huntington- YES
Mr. Watson- YES
Mr. Howard- YES

Voting No: None

Abstain:

2. SUBJECT: Consider approval of 2020-21 Calendar

The calendar is generally meetings on the third Monday of the month except January and February, where those Mondays are holidays. The revised calendar moves meetings to the third Wednesday of the months of January and February.

ACTION: A motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Collier to approve the FY 2020-21 as revised, update October 19, 2020.

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Voting Yes: Mr. Collier, Mr. Gillespie, Ms. Hamden, Mrs. Huntington, Mr. Watson, Mr. Howard

Voting No: None

Abstain:

STAFF REPORT-

Ms. Skelton updated the commission on the joint public hearings that were planning on being held on August 10, 2020.

COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Collier – Ditto what Mr. Gillespie said. He asked about the Housing Study, staff provided

Mr. Gillespie – Good to be back and hopefully move forward with all the projects

Ms. Hamden – Asked if we heard anything regarding what hotel chain.

Staff shared that to date, we have not,

She also asked if a traffic study will be required. Staff shared that one will be asked for during the site plan process.

Mrs. Huntington – Asked recommendation regarding what she should be doing to help her get more familiarized with the Planning Commission.

Mr. Watson – No Comment.

Mr. Howard – Welcomed Ms. Huntington, and thankful for his reappointment on the commission

A motion was made by Mr. Collier to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 pm, seconded by Mr. Gillespie.

Voting Yes: Mr. Collier, Mr. Gillespie, Ms. Hamden, Mrs. Huntington, Mr. Watson, Mr. Howard

Voting No:

Abstain:

Submitted by: M. Skelton, Staff

Date: 20 July 2020