

**TOWN OF ROCKY MOUNT
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**August 5, 2025
6:00 P.M.**

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The Planning Commission of the Town of Rocky Mount, Virginia met in the Council Chambers of the Rocky Mount Municipal Building, located at 345 Donald Avenue, Rocky Mount, Virginia, at 6:00 p.m. on August 5, 2025, for its regular monthly meeting with Chair Janet Stockton presiding.

Commission Members Present:

- Chair Janet Stockton
- Vice Chair Bud Blanchard
- Bill Ball
- Will Waller
- John Tiggle
- Ina Clements
- Bobby Thompson

Commission Members Absent:

- None

Staff Members Present:

- Planning & Zoning Administrator Jessica Angle
- Planning Commission Secretary Cherie Compton
- Town Attorney John Boitnott

HEARING OF CITIZENS

None at this time

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions or Corrections: To strike section 5.1 from agenda until another meeting

Motion: To approve the agenda with changes noted

Motion By: Member Bobby Thompson

Second: Vice Chair Bud Blanchard

Action: Approved by a unanimous vote of members present

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Let the record show that prior to the meeting, the Planning Commission received the following draft minutes for review and consideration of approval:

March 4, 2025 - Regular Meeting Minutes

Additions or Corrections: None

Motion: To approve minutes as presented

Motion By: Member Will Waller

Second: Member Ina Clements

Action: Approved by unanimous vote of members present

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Franklin County requests a rezoning of approximately 21 acres located at 260 Weaver Street, Rocky Mount, Virginia, Franklin County Tax Map and Parcel Numbers 2040038403 & a portion of 2040038400, from Industrial (M1) to Commercial Office General (C2). Planning & Zoning Administrator Jessica Angle presented the staff report. Franklin County Administrator Chris Whitlow, Spectrum Design Engineer Michael Rakes, Superintendent of School Kevin Siers, and County Legal Counsel Jim Guynn presented an overview of the proposal and answered questions from the members. County staff also presented members with proffers before the meeting began. An open discussion ensued.

Eric Sichau, CEO Roanoke Regional Chamber of Commerce, spoke in favor of the request.

Hearing no further discussion, Stockton asked for a motion.

Motion: To recommend Council deny the rezone request for Franklin County Tax Map and Parcel Numbers 2040038403 & a portion of 2040038400, from Industrial (M1) to Commercial Office General (C2) and instead consider a text amendment adding the proposed uses as special exception in M1 district

Motion By: Vice Chair Bud Blanchard

Second: Member Bill Ball

Chair Janet Stockton asked for a Roll Call Vote

Ayes: (3): Chair Janet Stockton, Vice Chair Bud Blanchard, and Member Bill Ball

Nayes: (4): Member Will Waller, Member John Tiggler, Member Ina Clements, and Member Bobby Thompson

Action: Motion failed 3-4. Chair Janet Stockton asked if there were any other motions

Motion: To approve rezone request for Franklin County Tax Map and Parcel Numbers 2040038403 & a portion of 2040038400, from Industrial (M1) to Commercial Office General (C2) with proffers as presented.

Motion By: Member Will Waller

Second: Member John Tiggle

Chair Janet Stockton asked for a Roll Call Vote

Ayes: (5): Vice Chair Bud Blanchard, Member Will Waller, Member John Tiggle, Member Ina Clements, Member Bobby Thompson

Nays: (2): Chair Janet Stockton, Member Bill Ball

Action: Motion passed with a vote 5-2

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

None at this time

OLD BUSINESS

None at this time

NEW BUSINESS

None at this time

Hearing no further comments, Chair Stockton asked for a motion to adjourn.

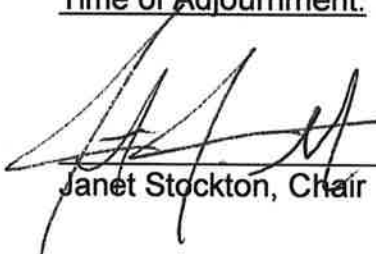
ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn By: Member Ina Clements

Second: Member Bobby Thompson^{ewc}

Action: Approved by a unanimous vote of members present

Time of Adjournment: 7:15 p.m.



Janet Stockton, Chair

ATTEST:



Cherie Compton, Secretary

