

**TOWN OF ROCKY MOUNT
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 7, 2025
6:00 P.M.**

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 October 7, 2025, for its regular monthly meeting with Chair Bud Blanchard presiding.

Commission Members Present:

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

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: None

Motion: To approve the agenda as presented

Motion By: Member Janet Stockton

Second: Member Ina Clements

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:

September 2, 2025 - Regular Meeting Minutes

Additions or Corrections: None

Motion: To approve minutes as presented

Motion By: Member John Tiggle

Second: Member Janet Stockton

Action: Approved by unanimous vote of members present

PUBLIC HEARINGS

County of Franklin is requesting a special exception permit under Article 6-3 to allow Education Facility, Primary or Secondary; Education Facility, College, University, Business or Trade; and Public use on property located at 260 Weaver Street, Rocky Mount, VA, 24151, Franklin County Tax Map and Parcel Number 2040038403. Planning & Zoning Administrator Jessica Angle presented the members with the staff report. Steve Sandy Deputy County Administrator for Franklin County, Spectrum Design Engineer Michael Rakes, Superintendent of School Kevin Siers, and County Legal Counsel Chris Dadak presented an overview of the proposal and answered questions from the members.

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

Chair Bud Blanchard read aloud an email that was received after the meeting packet was published. An open discussion ensued.

Town of Rocky Mount Mayor, Holland Perdue spoke on behalf of Town Council. He requested that Planning Commission recommend approving the request presented.

Hearing no further discussion, Chair Blachard asked for a motion.

Motion: Recommend Town Council approve the request for a special exception permit to allow Education Facility, Primary or Secondary; Education Facility, College, University, Business or Trade; and Public use on property located at 260 Weaver Street, Rocky Mount, VA, 24151, Franklin County Tax Map and Parcel Number 2040038403, subject to the conditions recommended by staff.

Motion By: Member Janet Stockton

Second: Member John Tiggle

Action: Approved by unanimous vote of members present

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

None at this time

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OLD BUSINESS

None at this time

NEW BUSINESS

2026 Meeting Calendar

Mrs. Angle presented the proposed Planning Commission meeting dates for 2026 for the Commission to review.

Motion: To approve Planning Commission dates with the correction of moving the August meeting to August 5 due to National Night Out.

Motion By: Member John Tiggle

Second: Member Janet Stockton

Action: Approved by unanimous vote of members present

Zoning Map Discussion

Mrs. Angle asked members about considering rezoning of residential properties within Central Business District that are legal nonconforming properties and are limited to how they can expand or modify their homes. First step would be to have property owners come in for discussion on how the zoning change would affect their property. Planning would hold work sessions to discuss the properties. An open discussion ensued; members agreed to moving forward with this process.

REPORT OF PLANNING & ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Zoning Administrator Jessica Angle presented several Planning & Zoning updates.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn By: Vice Chair Bobby Thompson

Second: Member John Tiggle

Action: Approved by a unanimous vote of members present

Time of Adjournment: 6:38 p.m.



Bud Blanchard, Chair

ATTEST:



Cherie Compton, Secretary

