

Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Florence County Planning Commission
Tuesday, September 23, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.
County Complex, Room 604
180 N. Irby St., Florence, South Carolina 29501

The Florence County Planning Department staff posted the agenda for the meeting on the information boards at the main entrance and the back entrance of the County Complex and on the information board in the lobby of the Planning and Building Inspection Departments office.

The following are summary minutes. The official minutes of this meeting are recorded and can be provided on a CD by request through the Freedom of Information Act.

The agenda was also mailed to the media.

I. Call to Order:

Chairman Hobbs called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. Attendance:

Commissioners Present: David Hobbs, Chairman
Jody Lane, Vice-Chairman
Linda Borgman
Mark Fountain
Ted Greene
Doris Lockhart
Jeffrey Tanner

Commissioners Absent: Cecil Cunha
Cheryl Floyd
Roger Kirby

Staff Present: Jonathan B. Graham, III, Planning Director
Derrick Singletary, Planner II
Angela C. Thomas, Secretary

Public Attendance: See sign-in sheet on file with the Florence County Planning Department.

III. Review and Motion of Minutes

- **Meeting of August 26, 2014**

Motion to approve – Vice-Chairman Lane/Second – Comm. Tanner/Unanimously approved.

IV. Public Hearings

Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment:

PC#2014-06 Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment requested by the Governing Council to change the Land Use Map designation for properties bounded by I-95, W. Lucas St., N. Cashua Dr. and W. Sumter St., Florence, SC to CGP, Commercial Growth and Preservation and IGP, Industrial Growth & Preservation.

Mr. Jonathan Graham presented the staff report to the Commission. Staff recommends approval of the request.

(Copy available at the Florence County Planning Department)

Chairman Hobbs asked if there was anyone that would like to speak in favor of this request.

There was no response.

Chairman Hobbs asked if there was anyone that would like to speak in opposition of this request.

Ms. Vermell Goodman came forward and stated that she was representing the Briarcliff/Fairfield Community. Ms. Goodman asked that their neighborhood be zoned to R-3A.

Motion to approve – Vice-Chairman Lane/Second – Comm. Fountain/Unanimously approved.

Map Amendment:

PC#2014-07 Map Amendment requested by the Governing Council to amend the zoning district designation for properties bounded by I-95, W. Lucas St., N. Cashua Dr. and W. Sumter St., Florence, SC from Unzoned to the following zoning designations of B-3, General Commercial District, B-5, Office and Light Industrial District, and RU-1, Rural Community District.

Mr. Jonathan Graham presented the staff report to the Commission. Staff recommends approval of the request.

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There was brief discussion and questions by the Commission.

Chairman Hobbs asked if there was anyone that would like to speak in favor of this request.

There was no response.

Chairman Hobbs asked if there was anyone that would like to speak in opposition of this request.

There was no response.

In regards to the neighborhood for which Ms. Goodman requested be zoned to R-3A, Chairman Hobbs asked for people in the audience from the neighborhood to raise their hands.

There was more discussion and questions by the Commission.

Motion to approve with the amendment of R-3A to the neighborhood – Vice-Chairman Lane/Second – Comm. Lockhart/Unanimously approved.

The following are the amendments to the request:

From B-3, General Commercial District to R-3A, Single-Family Residential District:
Tax Map Number 01211, Block 01, Parcels 008, 009, 011-024, 076, 077, 117 & 118

Text Amendment:

PC#2014-08 Text amendment request to the Florence County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 30 - Zoning Ordinance, Sec. 30-264. – Responsibility of administrative official and Sec. 30-293. – Board of zoning appeals.

Mr. Jonathan Graham presented the staff report to the Commission. Staff recommends approval of the request.

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Motion to approve – Vice-Chairman Lane/Second – Comm. Tanner/Unanimously approved.

V. Requests for Plat/Plan Approval:

None

VI. Other Business:

None

VII. Director's Report:

Mr. Graham's comments were as follows:

- **Summary Plats**
- **Building Reports**

As we do every month, we have attached our summary plat activity as well as our building reports; staff is available to answer any questions.

VIII. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn – Vice-Chairman Lane/Second – Comm. Lockhart/Unanimously approved/
Chairman Hobbs declared the meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Angela C. Thomas
Secretary

Approved by:

Jonathan B. Graham, III
Planning Director

*These minutes reflect only actions taken and do not represent a true verbatim transcript of the meeting.