Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Florence County Planning Commission
Tuesday, September 22, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.
County Complex, Room 803
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 or DVD 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: Linda Borgman
Allie Brooks
Cheryl Floyd
Mark Fountain
David Hobbs
Jody Lane

Commissioners Absent: Karon Epps
Ted Greene
Doris Lockhart
Jeffrey Tanner

Staff Present: Jonathan B. Graham, III, Planning Director
Jennie Sherry, Planning Manager
Angela C. Thomas, Secretary

Public Attendance: See sign-in sheet on file with the Florence County Planning Department.
Chairman Hobbs stated that he was resigning, due to him moving out of Florence County.

III. Election of Officers

- Chairman

Chairman Hobbs administered the nomination and votes for a replacement for Chairman.

Motion – Comm. Floyd nominated Comm. Lane/Second – Comm. Fountain. No other nominations were made. The vote carried unanimously 5 to 0 to appoint Comm. Lane as Chairman. Comm. Lane did not vote.

- Vice-Chairman

Newly elected Chairman Lane administered the nomination and votes for Vice-Chairman.

Motion – Comm. Hobbs nominated Comm. Floyd/Second – Comm. Brooks. No other nominations were made. The vote carried unanimously 5 to 0 to appoint Comm. Floyd as Vice-Chairman. Comm. Floyd did not vote.

IV. Review and Motion of Minutes

- Meeting of August 25, 2015

Motion to approve as presented – Vice-Chairman Floyd/Second – Comm. Hobbs/Unanimously approved 6 to 0.

V. Public Hearings

Text Amendments:

PC#2015-13 Request For Text Amendments To The Florence County Code Of Ordinances, Chapter 28.6, LAND DEVELOPMENT AND SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE, ARTICLE III. – PROCEDURES FOR SUBDIVISION PLAT APPROVAL, Section 28.6-32, Filing Fees; ARTICLE VI. – SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENTS AND GUARANTEES, Section 28.6-100, Setup, Extensions, And Reduction Of Guarantee And Chapter 30, ZONING ORDINANCE, ARTICLE III. – CONDITIONAL USE REGULATIONS, Section 30-105, Sexually Oriented Business, (d) Fees; ARTICLE VIII. – ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT, Section 30-266, Filing Applications; Fees; And ARTICLE IX. – APPLICATIONS FOR
Mr. Jonathan Graham presented the staff report to the Commission. Staff recommends approval of the request.
(Copy of staff report available at the Florence County Planning Department)

Motion to approve as presented – Comm. Brooks/Second – Vice-Chairman Floyd/Unanimously approved 6 to 0.

PC#2015-16 Request For Text Amendment To The FLORENCE COUNTY CODE, CHAPTER 28.6, LAND DEVELOPMENT AND SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE, ARTICLE V. - MINIMUM LAND PLANNING STANDARDS AND REQUIRED IMPROVEMENTS FOR SUBDIVISIONS AND OTHER LAND DEVELOPMENTS, Section 28.6-63, Lots, (h) Flag Lots: And (i), For The Purpose Of Amending Flag Lot Regulations.

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(Copy of staff report available at the Florence County Planning Department)

Motion to approve – Vice-Chairman Floyd/Second – Comm. Brooks/Unanimously approved 6 to 0.

VI. Other Business:

None

VII. Director’s Report:

Mr. Graham’s comments were as follows:

- Summary Plats

- Building Reports

We have provided the summary plat report and the building report; in regards to summary plats we have seen roughly, a 16 to 17% increase since 2013; since last year, we are up almost 30% in construction spending.

Also, we do have the mandatory continuing education coming up; we will be sending out notices so you can place it on your calendar.
Chairman Lane thanked Comm. Hobbs for his service.

VIII. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn – Vice-Chairman Floyd/Second – Comm. Hobbs/Chairman Lane declared the meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

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Angela C. Thomas
Secretary

Approved by:

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Jonathan B. Graham, III
Planning Director

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