

The Planning Commission of the City of Waynesboro, Virginia, held a regular meeting on the 18th day of September, 2018, at 7:00 P.M., in Council Chambers, Charles T. Yancey Municipal Building, 503 West Main Street, Waynesboro, Virginia:

PRESENT: Commission Members

Andrew Kelly, Chair  
Shannon Boyle, Vice Chair  
Patrick McNicholas  
Stephen Arey  
Michael Gibson  
Noelle Owen  
Bobby Henderson

City Planner &  
Clerk of the Commission: Luke Juday

1. CALL TO ORDER. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Meeting was called to order by Vice Chair McNicholas who asked Mr. Arey to lead the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD May 22, 2018: Minutes were approved with a 7-0 vote with corrections: Motion to approve the minutes by Mr. Arey and second by Ms. Boyle
3. CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD- LIMITED TO 4 MINUTES PER SPEAKER, FOR ISSUES NOT LISTED AS AN AGENDA ITEM: None.
4. Election of chair and vice chair
  - a. Motion to approve Mr. Kelly as Chair. Motion by Mr. Arey and second by Mr. Henderson. The vote was 7-0.
  - b. Motion to approve Ms. Boyle as Vice Chair. Motion by Mr. McNicholas and second by Mr. Arey. The vote was 7-0.
5. Transportation plan
  - a. Mr. Juday briefly described the transportation plan. The Comprehensive Plan was passed in March without a transportation section, which is required by VA Code. This transportation supplement fulfills this requirement.
  - b. Mr. Juday asked the Planning Commissioners to read through and give comments within the next month.
  - c. The plan is divided into sections, including traffic volume and congestion, road projects, access management projects, greenways, bicycles, etc.
  - d. A question was asked about if the Martins extension is included in the plan. A. Yes
  - e. A question was raised about whether or not dedicated U-turn lanes will be included in the Main street access management project. A. Yes, there will be median breaks in the road, and U-turns will be included. This plan is still in the idea phase, and is a long-term stated priority of the City.
  - f. A comment was made that the median projects will reduce the amount of road the City needs to maintain.

- g. A question was asked about access in Stanton. A. Stanton has less access since they completed their access management projects, but these projects create aesthetically appealing entrance corridors as well as improved safety for pedestrians and motorists.
- h. The East Main street accessibility project is still in the idea phase. There is a possibility of creating a public process. The ultimate goal is to connect Downtown to the Crozet tunnel.
- i. The Kirby/4<sup>th</sup> street connector project is in the design and engineering phase. This project will create a second access point for 130 homes in that neighborhood. The next step is the public outreach initiative. Mr. Gibson has lived in this area for a while, and stated the second access point is necessary for safety reasons, and that people would love another access point.
- j. A question was asked about where the City has the right-of-way to widen the road to create another lane? A. Yes, there is enough right-of-way to complete this project.
- k. There is a possibility of an increase of thru-traffic. Mr. Gibson responded the people already drive through the neighborhood if they are lost.
- l. The Northern Connector is not a priority at the moment but will become more important as Waynesboro expands.
- m. A question was raised about a potential roundabout at the intersection of 13<sup>th</sup> and Rosser Ave. A. The signal study indicates that a stoplight is not warranted, and two stop signs were installed. This is no longer a City priority, and will wait for state funds to complete the project. The intersection of Hopeman Parkway and Solutions Way also is not a high priority for a roundabout.
- n. A question was asked about a potential roundabout at the Northern connector extension intersection. A. VDOT requires roundabout study's be conducted because they are safer and cheaper. They reduce fatalities by 80%.
- o. A question was asked about a potential roundabout at the intersection of Rosser and Main. A. The signals do work, but that intersection would probably score well for SmartScale applications.
- p. A question was asked regarding the cost of buying properties. A. Properties would need to be acquired.
- q. In general, the Planning Commission is pro roundabouts.
- r. The sidewalk, bike and transit sections of the transportation plan were discussed.
- s. The sidewalk section has a list that prioritizes projects.
- t. A question was asked about when the sidewalk plan will be implemented. A. The table is more of a prioritization rather than a list of projects. The City would like to build capacity through a dedicated sidewalk crew.
- u. There was a question about how much sidewalk has been built. A. It depends on how much of the budget is set aside for sidewalks each year.
- v. A comment was made about how much sidewalks improve the City, and the long-term benefits. This is a long-term project that the City needs to be dedicated to, and overtime, we will be able to see the change.
- w. A comment was made that sidewalks are expensive. They require specialized machinery, concrete, specialized signs, and time. He has experience with installing sidewalks, and asks if it may be cheaper to contract the work out.
- x. There was a question about whether or not crosswalks will be installed across at Rosser and LuDewit in which VDOT owns half of, and the City owns the other half. A. There are plans to install crosswalks at the apartment complex.

- y. The Bike plan was approved in 2012.
  - z. 1.5 miles of the greenway has been built. Phase 3 and 4 are in the process of being completed. The Crozet extension is still in the idea phase, but the City is in talks with Nelson County.
  - aa. The Transit system is Bright, which is run through the CSPDC. There is project to connect Stanton to Charlottesville with a stop in Waynesboro.
  - bb. Next steps for the transportation plan are comments from the Planning Commission and a public open house.
6. OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONERS' CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATION:
- a. Welcome to the Planning Commission Mr. Bobby Henderson- Council Liaison, Mr. Michael Gibson, and Ms. Noelle Owen
  - b. Mr. Juday described the Annual Report, and will organize a Planning Commission tour of Waynesboro (Sunset park, sewage treatment plant, Crozet tunnel, etc.), as well as provide information about upcoming planning commission classes