

Planning Commission



Minutes of the Thursday, December 19, 2019 Study Session

Members of the Planning Commission

Briton Williams

Chair

Leonard Carter, Jr.

Timothy V. Key

Larry Watts

Bob Clark

JoAnn McKie

Dr. Christine Crawford

1. Call to Order

The study session of December 19, 2019, having been duly publicized, was called to order by Chairman Briton Williams at 6:10 p.m. Members present were Chairman Briton Williams, Commissioners JoAnn McKie, Larry Watts, Leonard Carter, Jr., Bob Clark, and Dr. Christine Crawford. Commissioner Timothy Key was absent. Also in attendance was Libby Hodges, Director of Planning and Development, Rachelle Moody, Interim City Administrator, members of the press and public.

Chairman Williams presented a book to each of the Commissioners called "Strong Towns" by author Charles Marohn. He stated he hopes the Commissioners will take this book positively.

2. Rules of Procedure with Article 18 Review

Mrs. Hodges stated a lot of what is listed in the Rules of Procedure is also in the Code and is not needed in both places. Mrs. Hodges stated she also added information on how the meeting should function because those are details the Code does not have. She said she included guidance on officers being limited to three consecutive terms. An additional text amendment would be needed to provide term limits for Commissioners.

The Planning Commission discussed the Rules of Procedure and Article 18 and recommended edits to the draft copy provided in the study package. The Commission asked staff to draft revised rules based on the information presented and to draft a text change to add term limits for Commissioners for the January Planning Commission meeting.

3. Discussion of Agenda Items, as needed

The Planning Commission discussed items with questions on the agenda and they were addressed by staff.

The following additional items were discussed and addressed by staff:

- Article 12 – parking for police and fire vehicles
- Affordable housing within the City

4. Staff announcements and Updates

Staff announced:

- The new Sign Regulation Changes were passed and are now in force.
- Monday, January 27, 2020 there will be a joint Council/Commission workshop. She asked that the Commissioners plan to attend the meeting.
- City projects submitted to ARTS of which they have an 80/20 funding match. The 2020 city budget included the 20% match. Projects have been submitted to ARTS for approval of the remaining amount. This includes a Georgia Avenue study and Unified Transportation Plan for the City.
- The Martintown Road study is in progress and AECOM is the consultant for this project

5. Adjourn – With no objection, Commissioner Williams adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Libby Hodges, AICP, Director
Department of Planning and Development
Secretary to the Planning Commission