

MINUTES
CALLED MEETING
JANUARY 16, 2018

A called meeting of the Council for the City of Covington was held on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 333 W. Locust Street, Covington, Virginia.

The purpose of the meeting was to hold a joint Public Hearing with the Covington Planning Commission regarding amending the current Comprehensive Plan to designate an Urban Development Area.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Thomas H. Sibold, Jr. with all members present as follows: Mayor Sibold, Vice Mayor David S. Crosier, Councilwoman Mary Ann Beirne, Councilman Raymond C. Hunter and Councilman S. Allan Tucker.

Planning Commission members present: Chairman Tad Robertson, Vice Chairman Jerry Morgan, Robert Scruggs, Wayne Lamb, Carolyn O'Conner, Brandon Parker and Wes Walker.

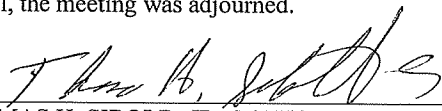
Brain Hill, a regional planner representing the Roanoke Valley, Alleghany Regional Commission, presented information regarding amending the current Comprehensive Plan to designate an Urban Development Area. This is an area targeted for growth, development and redevelopment over a 20 year period. Principles of traditional neighborhoods must be included such as pedestrian friendly road designs, range of housing types to meet projected family incomes, affordable housing and other qualifications.

Mr. Hill's presentation also included information regarding VTrans 2040 and SMART SCALE. VTrans 2040 is the long-range, statewide multimodal policy plan that provides vision and goals for transportation in the Commonwealth. SMART SCALE is a project prioritization system which includes corridors of statewide significance, regional networks, urbanized areas and safety needs. At this point in time, Covington only qualifies for the safety needs. He noted that the study analysis showed that due to the decrease in population in Covington, the focus for the future should be on infill and redevelopment. Covington does meet the required residential and commercial densities for an Urban Development Amendment.

The Public Hearing was opened. There were no comments heard from the citizens present regarding the Urban Development Area. The Public Hearing was closed.

Following discussion by the Planning Commission, a motion was made and seconded by members of the Planning Commission, to approve the amendment to the Comprehensive Plan designating an Urban Development Area. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Planning Commission.

No further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned.


THOMAS H. SIBOLD, JR., MAYOR
PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND, AS SUCH,
EX-OFFICIO OFFICER OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON,
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