

At a meeting of the Accomack County Planning Commission held on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020, at the Accomack County Administration Building – School Board Office – Conference Room #201.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**MEMBERS PRESENT AND ABSENT**

**Planning Commission Members Present:**

Mrs. Angela Wingfield, Chairman  
Mr. Roy Custis, Vice Chair  
Mr. James Arnold  
Mr. Kelvin Pettit  
Mr. Leander Roberts  
Mr. David Lumgair  
Mr. Lynn Gayle  
Mr. Brantley Onley

**Planning Commission Members Absent:**

Mr. C. Robert Hickman

**Others Present:**

Mr. Rich Morrison, Deputy County Administrator of Building, Planning, and Economic Development  
Mrs. Katie Nunez, Deputy Director of Planning and Zoning  
Mrs. Stephanie Woods, Administrative Assistant of Building, Planning, and Economic Development  
Mr. Chris Daley, Zoning Code Enforcement Officer

**DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

There being a quorum, Chairman Wingfield called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

*On a motion made by Mr. Onley and seconded by Mr. Arnold the Planning Commission voted unanimously to adopt the agenda.*

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Continued Discussion on Building Mounted Lighting**

Mrs. Nunez opened the discussion to the Planning Commission, inquiring what observations they may have had, since the discussion ended at the previous meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup>. The Commissioners stated that they did indeed notice the noncompliant lighting. Mr. Custis inquired if the issue was more with the angle of the lighting than the lights themselves. Mr. Lumgair stated that most of the lights being considered obnoxious are due to LED bulbs. Several Commissioners stated that they feel the lighting ordinance is well written and should stay as it stands.

Mr. Pettit posed the question, what is at issue relative to lighting. Mr. Morrison stated that many of the lighting fixtures mounted on buildings along Rt. 13 are not in compliance with the current lighting ordinance. Mr. Morrison stated that the Planning Commission needs to decide if they would like to change the ordinance to find a way to make the lights being used compliant, or if they feel the ordinance should stand and have staff work on enforcing all the lights not in compliance. Mr. Morrison informed the Commissioners that if they go the enforcement route it would be a huge undertaking for staff due to the sheer amount of noncompliant lighting. Mr. Daley presented to the Planning Commission several ways that building mounted lighting could be made compliant under a potential updated ordinance, focusing not on the type of light fixture but instead the type of bulb, wattage, and lumens. The Planning Commission continued the discussion with staff on the issue and came to the consensus that staff should pursue ways to allow for building mounted lighting, provided that the lights do not cause issues for drivers along Rt. 13.

**4. NEXT MEETING**

The next Planning Commission regular session is scheduled for Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Accomack County Board Chambers, Room 104, in Accomac.

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

*On a motion made by Mr. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Roberts, the Planning Commission voted to adjourn the meeting.*

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

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Angela Wingfield, Chairman

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Katie H. Nunez, Deputy Director of Planning & Zoning