

A JOINT CALLED MEETING OF THE BRISTOL VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION WAS HELD ON OCTOBER 4, 2016, AT 5:45 P.M. IN MEETING ROOM ADJACENT TO THE SEARS COURTYARD IN THE BRISTOL MALL WITH MAYOR WILLIAM HARTLEY PRESIDING. VICE MAYOR JIM STEELE AND COUNCIL MEMBER ARCHIE HUBBARD WERE PRESENT. ALSO PRESENT WERE CITY MANAGER, TABITHA CROWDER, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, KIM ORFIELD, AND CITY PLANNER, SALLY MORGAN.

COUNCIL MEMBERS J. DOUGLAS FLEENOR AND KEVIN MUMPOWER WERE ABSENT.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT WERE CHAIRMAN MICHAEL POLLARD, VICE CHAIRMAN MARK ESPOSITO, AND COMMISSION MEMBER KEVIN CORBETT.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Hartley called the meeting to order stating that the purpose for the Called Meeting was to view a presentation from Houseal-Lavigne Associates on the Comprehensive Plan for the City.

2. Presentation by Houseal-Lavigne Associates

Mr. Dan Gardner gave a presentation on the planning process and expectations for the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Chief Financial Officer, Kim Orfield, pointed out that the plan's language related to the Bristol Mall gave an inaccurate impression that the City owned and therefore should initiate uses of the mall. Ms. Orfield also commented on the Foreign Trade Zone.

Mayor Hartley commented on the need for the City to be strategic when planning for economic development. He added that the City's economic development effort must be community-driven and be a joint strategy with Bristol, Tennessee.

Planning Commission Chairman, Mr. Michael Pollard, commented on the proposed use of rail beds for walking trails as well as parking issues along narrow City streets.

Mr. Gardner advised that information for the Comprehensive Plan would be presented to the City's residents on October 4, 2016, and October 5, 2016. He advised that Council Members, Planning Commission Members, residents, as well as business owners, would be allowed to provide input for the final document. He advised that the final document would be presented to City Council for approval and adoption by the end of the year.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

City Clerk

Mayor