PLANNING & ZONING MEETING
Minutes of November 20, 2012

The Alexandria Planning & Zoning Commission met in regular session on the above date at 7:00 p.m. Chairperson Jewell opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following members answered roll call:

Present:  John Jewell, Chair  Present  Sonny Markus  Present
          Rick Neltner  Present  Stu Stormer  Present
          Susie Thomas  Present  Dan Feldmann  Present
          Ron Johnson  Present

Also:  Jan Johannemann  Asst. City Clerk  Carol Hofstetter  Zoning Administrator

Gail Jewell  Ethics Board

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

October 16, 2012:

MOTION: Dan Feldmann made a motion to approve the minutes of October 16, 2012 meeting, seconded by Stu Stormer. All in favor, the motion passed 7-0-0.

VISITORS & GUESTS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Continuing Discussion on Sign Regulations: John distributed copies of real estate sign text changes for discussion. If everyone is in agreement, then he will schedule a public hearing after which it would be sent to council for their approval.

The suggested change would be an addition to what is already in the Zoning Ordinance addressing real estate signs. The current ordinance states the only permissible size for real estate signs is 8 square feet. In order to keep the sign ordinance under control and to help real estate sales, he believes the city should allow slightly larger signs in certain areas, but not nearly as large as what has been popping up in the city. The insert would go into Section 9.7.C “Permitted Signs in All Zones”.

Rick Neltner asked what size sign would be permitted for a piece of property on US 27 that is zoned residential but advertised as a possible commercial property. John said it would be regulated by what the property is currently zoned, which is residential, so only an 8 sq. ft. sign is permitted.

The sign ordinance would be enforced by the Code Enforcement Officer/Zoning Administrator. Sonny asked about existing signs and John responded anything over 8 square feet is already illegal.

MOTION: Ron Johnson made a motion that a public hearing be scheduled for the purpose of a proposed text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance for real estate signs, seconded by Dan Feldmann. All in favor, the motion passed 7-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

None
INTERNAL BUSINESS:

Treasurer's Report:
Susie Thomas presented the Treasurer’s Report for November 20, 2012:

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MOTION: Stu Stormer made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Ron Johnson. All in favor, the motion passed 7-0-0.

MOTION: Dan Feldmann made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report dated November 20, 2012, seconded by Sonny Markus. All in favor, the motion passed 7-0-0.

CORRESPONDENCE:

John said there are a number of things coming up for future P&Z meetings. On December 4th there will be a public hearing for a zone change for the old Webb’s Motel.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Dan Feldmann made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Sonny Markus. All in favor, the motion passed with a 7-0-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Attested to and submitted by:

Karen M. Barto
City Clerk/Treasurer
Dated 12/11/12

John Jewell, Chair
Planning and Zoning
Dated 12/04/2011