Chairperson Dave Hart opened the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on the above date, with the Pledge of Allegiance and the following members answering roll call:

Present: Dave Hart, Chair  Sonny Markus  Ron Johnson  
Nick Reitman  Randy Nehus  
Absent: Rick Neltner  

Also Present: Carol Hofstetter, Zoning Admin  Jan Johannemann, Asst. City Clerk  
Wm. T. Rachford, Mayor  

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 1, 2017

MOTION: Sonny Markus made a motion to approve the minutes of August 1, 2017 as submitted, seconded by Ron Johnson. All in favor, the motion passed 4-0-1 with Mr. Hart abstaining.

VISITORS & GUESTS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Scheduling public hearing for text amendment changes per RES #2014-03 -
Mr. Hart would like to schedule this public hearing at the same time as the public hearing on the updated Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations.

Filling Treasurer Vacancy –
Mr. Hart asked for nominations and/or volunteers for the Treasurer's position. Randy Nehus volunteered.

MOTION: Nick Reitman nominated Randy Nehus for Treasurer, seconded by Sonny Markus. Mr. Hart closed the nominations. All in favor, the motion passed 4-0-1 with Mr. Hart abstaining.

With Mr. Nehus being appointed Treasurer, there was an opening for the Secretary's position. Mr. Hart asked for nominations.

MOTION: Sonny Markus nominated Nick Reitman for Secretary, seconded by Ron Johnson. Mr. Hart closed the nominations. All in favor, the motion passed 4-0-1 with Mr. Hart abstaining.

OLD BUSINESS:

Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations Updates - Mr. Hart had hoped he would have a draft of the updated documents for the Commissioners to review, but nothing is completed yet.

INTERNAL BUSINESS:

Mr. Hart referred to two invoices from CT Consultants which were given to the Commissioners. They need to be addressed and paid as soon as possible as one was dated May 12. The city clerk's office did verify the 5/12/17 & 7/12/17 invoices have not already been paid, and it was unclear as to why the 5/17 invoice was received so late. According to the July 18 Treasurer's Report, there are funds available. Mr. Johnson would like to wait for the treasurer to review first.
MOTION: Ron Johnson made a motion to table payment of the invoices until the next meeting, seconded by Randy Nehus. After discussion, this motion was brought up for a vote. The motion failed 0-4-1 with Mr. Johnson abstaining.

MOTION: Sonny Markus made a motion to approve payment of the two CT invoices dated 7/12/17 and 5/12/17, and if there are any questions about them later, to discuss with CT Consultants to clarify. The motion passed 4-1-0 vote with Mr. Johnson voting no.

City Council:
Mayor Rachford will ask council at their next meeting to approve the appointment of Steve Shinkle to fill the term of Dan Feldmann on the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Also, at the 9/7 council meeting, The Marion Group will give a presentation on a possible plan to construct moderate income housing (apartments) in the city limits. The property they are interested in is the Zinn property behind the old courthouse and KOI. The Mayor invited everyone to come to the council meeting to listen to the presentation and to ask questions. He then answered some general questions from the Commissioners.

Other Items:
Carol Hofstetter asked the Commissioners to re-visit outside displays as a part of the Zoning Ordinance revisions. Currently they are not allowed without a permit, but several businesses in Alexandria do put goods out on sidewalks for sale on a daily basis. She asked if language could be added to the Zoning Ordinance because it’s better to work with businesses and to allow outside displays rather than to not allow but businesses have them anyway. Mr. Reitman suggested allowing outside displays “as long as it’s safe, not a fire hazard, tasteful, not blocking traffic, and to leave it up to the discretion of code enforcement officer or zoning administrator to regulate”. The commissioners were instructed to think about this for discussion at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Nick Reitman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Sonny Markus. All in favor, the motion passed with a 4-0-1 vote with Mr. Hart abstaining. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Attested to and submitted by:

Karen M. Barto, City Clerk/Treasurer
Dated 9-6-17

Dave Hart, Chair
Dated 9/5/2017