

**PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
MINUTES
September 15, 2009**

ATTENDEES:

Members
Pam Buckley
Peck Miller
Lauren Taylor
Joel Brous
Chris Shanahan
John Staley

Staff
Jesse Houston
Bob Nelson
Maggie Fussell
Heather Stansbury

I. CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of August 18, 2009.

MOTION/Taylor **SECONDED/Staley** 5-0 IN FAVOR to approve as submitted (Joel Brous was not present for the vote.)

III. PUBLIC HEARING

To review and receive comments on two new Comprehensive Plan elements: the **MUNICIPAL GROWTH ELEMENT** and the **WATER RESOURCES ELEMENT**. These two new elements have been prepared as required by the State of Maryland through enactment of HB1141 in 2006. The draft elements are currently being reviewed by various State agencies. Following the public hearing, the Planning Commission will forward the two elements to the Mayor and City Council for adoption into the existing Comprehensive Plan.

APPLICANT: PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION – File #09-14100004

House Bill 1141 adopted by the Maryland General Assembly in 2006 requires all municipalities to include a municipal growth element and a water resources element in their comprehensive plans. The two new elements have been drafted by staff and been distributed to various state agencies for their review and comments. The purpose of this public hearing was to introduce the two elements to the public and the Planning Commission. The municipal growth element primarily includes discussion on population, land use and community facilities. During discussion, the Commission suggested that language concerning possible future annexation be included in the municipal growth element. The water resources element discusses the town's water resources and the wastewater system and the impact of future growth on these two systems. There was no public attendance or participation at this public hearing.

