

**MURRAY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2010**

The Murray Planning Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, February 16, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. in the council chambers of City Hall located at 104 N. 5th Street.

Commissioners Present: Marc Peebles, Ed Davis, Mary Anne Medlock, Tom Kind, Jeremy Boyd, Amber DuVentre, and Richard Vanover

Commissioners Absent: Ed Pavlick and Loretta Jobs

Also Present: Candace Dowdy, Eric and Larisa Johnston, students from Murray State University and Officer Jimmy Osborne

Chairman Vanover called the meeting to order and welcomed all guests. Chairman Vanover asked for approval of the minutes from the January 19, 2010 regular meeting.

A motion was made by Mary Anne Medlock to approve the minutes from the January 19, 2010 regular meeting as presented. Marc Peebles seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of Planning Commission Bylaws: Candace Dowdy used a Power Point presentation to review the proposed amendments to the Planning Commission Bylaws. Notations were made of the changes. One of the items was concerning the number of Commissioners that could serve. KRS states that a Planning Commission shall consist of at least five members but not more than twenty members. Currently the Mayor appoints nine members of the Planning Commission and the Judge Executive appoints one member due to the city having a four mile territorial jurisdiction outside the city limits which makes a total of ten commissioners. Ms. Dowdy stated that they recommend keeping the number of commissioners at ten. In addition, in the past, anyone that served on the Planning Commission had been required to be a resident of the City of Murray. KRS does not specifically state that a member has to reside in the city; it only defines a member as being a citizen member. (A citizen member is an individual that is not an elected or appointed official or an employee of the city or county. A non-citizen member does not have voting privileges and they do not receive compensation for attending the meetings; however, they will receive reimbursement for their out-of-pocket costs for travel, meals or other expenses while conducting official business of the Commission subject to the advance authorization of the Mayor or City Administrator.) Ms. Dowdy added that the staff felt that having one or two members that reside outside the city limits but within the four mile jurisdiction area would be appropriate so that there would be representation for that area. KRS also requires that at least two-thirds of the members of the Commission be citizen members. It also states that any vacancy on the Commission shall be filled by the appointing authority (Mayor) within sixty (60) days. If the appointing authority does not fill the vacancy then the Commission shall fill the vacancy. Ms. Dowdy stated that the Planning Commission may amend the by-laws at any time. She added that Mike Pitman, attorney for the Planning Commission, and Mayor Hudspeth have previously reviewed the proposed amendments.

Ed Davis made a motion to approve the amendments to the Bylaws as presented. Amber DuVentre seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 7-0 voice vote.

Questions and Comments: None.

Adjournment: Marc Peebles made a motion to adjourn. Jeremy Boyd seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. *The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.*

Chairman, Richard Vanover

Recording Secretary, Reta Gray