

# WAYNESBORO, VIRGINIA

## CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES



Council for the City of Waynesboro, Virginia held a Regular Business Meeting on Monday, January 28, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Charles T. Yancey Municipal Building, 503 West Main Street, Waynesboro, Virginia, with Mayor Short presiding and calling the meeting to order:

**PRESENT:**      Council Members:      Terry Short, Jr., Mayor  
    Bobby Henderson, Vice Mayor  
    Bruce Allen, Councilman  
    Sam Hostetter, Councilman

                                 City Staff:                              Mike Hamp, City Manager  
    Jim Shaw, Deputy City Manager  
    Julia Bortle, Clerk of Council  
    Cameron McCormick, Finance Director  
    Luke Juday, Planning Director  
    Michael Wilhelm, Police Chief

                                 Outside Counsel:                              Melisa Michelsen, Esq., Litten & Sipe LLC

                                 Guests:    Ms. Estello Randolph, Black History Museum  
    Ms. Ann Cundy, Shenandoah Valley Planning District Commission  
    Mr. Grant Sanders, Virginia Department of Transportation  
    Mr. Andrew Kelly, Planning Commission Chairman

**ABSENT:**    Elzena Anderson, Councilwoman

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:**

Mayor Short opened the meeting and asked Councilman Allen to lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. He announced that the public hearing for the draft transportation plan would be held tonight and again at a subsequent council meeting to allow everyone time to review the plan in depth.

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### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

Councilman Hostetter moved to adopt the consent agenda as presented. Having been seconded, the consent agenda was adopted 4:0 with affirmative votes from Council members Short, Henderson, Allen and Hostetter, with Councilwoman Anderson being absent.

- a) Council Meeting Minutes: Consider approving the January 14, 2019 Council Meeting minutes and dispense with the reading of the minutes.

### **Second consideration/adoption of the following previously-introduced appropriation ordinances:**

- b) Solid Waste and Recycling System Evaluation (\$52,000). (2019-06)  
 c) A Street Bridge Replacement Project (\$292,393). (2019-07)  
 d) Florence Avenue Bridge Project (\$47,819). (2019-08)

- e) Community Development Block Grant Refinanced (\$14,180). (2019-09)
- f) Downtown Restaurant Trash Receptacles (\$7,000). (2019-10)
- g) School Debt Service Payment (\$576,040). (2019-11)
- h) Ridgeview Park Tree Clean Up (\$30,748). (2019-12)
- i) Plumb House Maintenance (\$13,000). (2019-13)

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**COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

**Councilman Hostetter** reminded everyone he will be at the French Press on Tuesday, February 5, at 9:00 a.m. to meet with constituents who would like to talk about local government and matters important to them.

**Mayor Short** and Vice Mayor Henderson visited with local businesses and had productive and informative meetings with Virginia Panel as part of their business visitation program. He and the City Manager were in Richmond last week for Legislative Day, meeting with delegates from across Virginia to advocate for the Waynesboro branch of the Virginia Museum of Natural History and K-12 investments.

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**PROCLAMATION – BLACK HISTORY MONTH:**

Mayor Short read a proclamation proclaiming February, 2019 as Black History Month in the City of Waynesboro, and presented the proclamation to Ms. Estello Randolph from the Black History Museum.

**PROCLAMATION** (P19-01)

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson, distinguished African American author, editor, scholar and historian, who is known as the “Father of Black History,” founded the Association for the Study of African American Life and History in September 1915, and Black History Month in 1976; and

**WHEREAS**, the theme of this year’s celebration is “Black Migrations” focusing on the continuous movement of African Americans to new destinations and subsequently to new social realities; and

**WHEREAS**, beginning in the 20th century south, African American migration included relocation from farms to cities, and from the South to the Northeast and Midwest. The period quickly gave rise to a growing number of black industrial leaders and black entrepreneurs. In Europe, African American performers and musicians also emigrated to Paris and other European capitols where American jazz became an instant hit.

**WHEREAS**, along with the emergence of new music genres like ragtime, blues, and jazz, the Harlem Renaissance in New York signaled a blossoming of the visual and literary arts.

**WHEREAS**, the history of the United States is rich with inspirational stories of great men and noble women whose actions, words, and achievements have united Americans and contributed to the success and prosperity of the United States.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor of Waynesboro, Virginia, on behalf of the City Council,

takes great pleasure in recognizing February, 2019 as

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

and urges all citizens to join in celebrating the accomplishments of African Americans during Black History Month, and encourages the people of Waynesboro to recognize the many talents, achievements, and contributions that African Americans make to their communities; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Clerk of the Council transmit copies of this resolution to the curator of the African American History Museum, Waynesboro, VA for appropriate distribution.

Ms. Randolph accepted the proclamation and thanked Council and citizens for their recognition of Black History Month.

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**PRESENTATION: ROSSER AVENUE TRAFFIC STUDY**

Ms. Ann Cundy and Mr. Grant Sanders presented an overview of the results and recommendations of the Rosser Avenue (Route 340) Corridor Study, a copy of which is attached to the official transcript of these minutes (*attachment 46-42*). Because of the retail and commercial growth in the area, the traffic signals owned and operated by VDOT and Waynesboro, between Town Center Drive and Tiffany Drive, were the focus of the study. The purpose and need for the study were to increase safety, operations, communications, and lessen environmental impact, travel time, and congestion.

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**PRESENTATION – PLANNING COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT:**

Planning Commission Chair Andrew Kelly presented a review of the Planning Commission’s 2018 Annual Report as provided to Council. Council and citizens were reminded there will be a Neighborhood Input Meeting on Wednesday, January 30, 2019 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Wenonah Elementary School and everyone is invited to come and present their opinions and suggestions for the Basic City area.

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**PUBLIC HEARING - REZONE 588 NORTH BAYARD AVENUE:**

The Planning Director reviewed a request from Mr. Darrell Cole to rezone 588 North Bayard Avenue, City Tax Map No. 37-1-4-1 through 37-1-4-9 from L-I Light Industrial to RG-5 General Residential. (*attachment 46-43*). It included an aerial view of the property, neighboring zoning (the director suggested Council and staff have discussions regarding the current zoning in the area), a site plan to build two duplexes on the property, and the proffers recommended by the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission voted 7-0 for approval of the rezoning with two proffered conditions:

**RESOLUTION AND RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL  
FROM THE WAYNESBORO PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 4, 2018 PER REZONING 18-316 FOR  
DARREL COLE**

WHEREAS, upon application of Darrel Cole, applicant, the Waynesboro Planning Commission finds that the aftermentioned rezoning will meet or exceed all the requirements of state and local law,

and further, that the request is consistent with good planning and zoning practice; is justified by the public necessity, convenience, and general welfare; and is in accord with the general goals and objectives of the comprehensive plan of this City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Waynesboro Planning Commission, by a vote of 7-0, that a recommendation be forwarded to City Council that the request of Darrel Cole, applicant, for rezoning from L-I (Light Industrial) District to RG-5 (General Residential) District a 0.648 acre site, located at 588 North Bayard Avenue, owned by Russell A. Sours, Waynesboro, Virginia, Tax Map # 37-1-4-1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,& 9, be approved, in accordance with the application (#18-316), and the staff report dated December 4, 2018, incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof, and further conditioned that the use will be in compliance with the following voluntary proffers for rezoning:

1. A landscaping buffer equivalent to a Class C Buffer, according to the Zoning Ordinance Section 5.4.5.B.4, shall be installed along the south side of the property where it abuts the L-I District.
2. One street tree shall be planted along North Bayard Avenue for each dwelling unit constructed.

The public hearing was opened at 7:51 p.m. The applicant did not have any comments, and with no citizens wishing to speak on the matter, the public hearing was closed. Vice Mayor Henderson moved to introduce an ordinance **REZONING, WITH PROFFERS, A 0.648 ACRE SITE LOCATED AT 588 NORTH BAYARD AVENUE, WAYNESBORO, VIRGINIA FROM L-I (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL) DISTRICT TO RG-5 (GENERAL RESIDENTIAL) DISTRICT**. Having been properly introduced, this ordinance will be considered again at the February 11, 2019 Regular Business Meeting.

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**PUBLIC HEARING - DRAFT TRANSPORTATION PLAN:**

The Planning Director reviewed the draft Transportation Plan that serves as a supplement to the City's Comprehensive Plan, as attached to the official transcript of these minutes (*attachment 46-44*). The plan compiles all existing initiatives and plans into one document and will enable Council to propose changes to the City's transportation plans in the future. Mayor Short commented that a widening from Ivy Street toward William Perry School along Hopeman Parkway would facilitate access to travelers heading east and enable a shared use path, and there is a need for increased Brite Bus shelters, particularly in front of Kate Collins Middle School.

The public hearing was opened at 8:29 p.m. With no one signed up to speak, the public hearing was closed. As stated at the beginning of the meeting, a second public hearing will be held to provide citizens time to review the draft Transportation Plan before Council considers any action on the Plan.

Councilman Hostetter moved to introduce an ordinance adopting the **2018 CITY OF WAYNESBORO TRANSPORTATION PLAN** and hold a second public hearing at the February 25, 2019 Regular Business Meeting. Having been seconded, and Councilman Hostetter encouraging everyone to review the plan and provide Council with their comments, the motion was adopted 4-0 with affirmative votes from Council members Short, Henderson, Allen, and Hostetter, with Councilwoman Anderson being absent.

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**APPLICATION - SOUTH RIVER FLY FISHING EXPO:**

Councilman Allen moved to approve the application by Destination Downtown Waynesboro to allow the sale and consumption of alcohol in association with the South River Fly Fishing Expo from Saturday, April 27, 2019 to Sunday, April 28, 2019. Having been seconded and with no objections, the application was approved 4-0 with affirmative votes from Council members Short, Henderson, Allen, and Hostetter, with Councilwoman Anderson being absent.

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**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES:**

**Virginia Tourism Corporation Grant:** Vice Mayor Henderson moved to introduce an ordinance appropriating a VIRGINIA TOURISM CORPORATION GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,047 TO THE GENERAL FUND, TO REIMBURSE FOR ADVERTISING EXPENDITURES IN THE TOURISM DEPARTMENT. Having been properly introduced, this ordinance will be considered again at the February 11, 2019 Regular Business Meeting.

**Schools – Unspent Appropriation Reserve:** Councilman Allen moved to introduce an ordinance APPROPRIATING THE GENERAL FUND SCHOOL UNSPENT APPROPRIATION RESERVE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$507,768 FOR TRANSFER TO THE SCHOOL OPERATING FUND, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2019. Having been properly introduced, this ordinance will be considered again at the February 11, 2019 Regular Business Meeting.

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**COMMUNICATIONS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND CALENDAR:** With no comments from staff, the meeting continued.

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**CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD:**

*Ms. Jennifer Lewis, 113 Iris Drive:* requested that the Waynesboro City Council adopt a resolution in support of the Equal Rights Amendment. She stated she was not familiar with the process the City has for adoption of resolutions, and Mayor Short said he would speak with her after the meeting.

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With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m. on a motion Councilman Allen.

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Julia Bortle, MMC, Clerk of Council

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Terry Short, Jr., Mayor