

WAYNESBORO, VIRGINIA

CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES



Council for the City of Waynesboro, Virginia held a Regular Business Meeting on Monday, December 9, 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
Sam Hostetter, Councilman
- City Staff: Mike Hamp, City Manager
Jim Shaw, Deputy City Manager
Julia Bortle, Clerk of Council
Michael Wilhelm, Police Chief
Cameron McCormick, Finance Director
Luke Juday, Planning Director
Greg Hitchin, Economic Development Director
- Counsel: Melisa Michelsen, Esq., Litten & Sipe LLC
- Guests: Dr. Joe Keiper, Executive Director of the VMNH
Dr. Tom Benzing, Chairman, Board of Trustees of VMNH
Mr. Leonard Poulin, Member, Foundation Board for the VMNH
Ms. Jenna Konizer, Board of Directors, Center for Coldwater Restoration
Ms. Kathryn Goebel, CPA, Didawick & Co. PC
- ABSENT: Bruce Allen, Councilman
Elzena Anderson, Councilwoman

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

Mayor Short opened the meeting, and Vice Mayor Henderson lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

ADOPTION OF BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA:

Councilman Hostetter moved to adopt the Business Meeting Agenda as amended moving item 8 to item 9. Having been seconded and with no objections, **the amended Business Meeting Agenda was adopted 3:0:**

Mayor Short	Aye	Councilwoman Anderson	Absent
Vice Mayor Henderson	Aye	Councilman Hostetter	Aye
Councilman Allen	Absent		

CONSENT AGENDA:

Vice Mayor Henderson moved to adopt the consent agenda as presented. Having been seconded and with no objections, the **consent agenda was adopted 3:0:**

Mayor Short	Aye	Councilwoman Anderson	Absent
Vice Mayor Henderson	Aye	Councilman Hostetter	Aye
Councilman Allen	Absent		

- a) Council Meeting Minutes: Consider approving the minutes from the November 25, 2019 Regular Business Meeting, and dispense with the reading of the minutes.
- b) Conditional Use Permit – 1015 Gardner Street: Second consideration/adoption of an ordinance granting a conditional use permit to Ms. Ivette Pintor to install a mobile home at 1015 Gardner Street. (2019-87)
- c) Code Amendment – Chapter 30, Article II, Erosion and Sediment Control: Second consideration/adoption of an ordinance amending the City Code Chapter 30, Article II, Erosion and Sediment Control, Section 30-27 through 30-33. (2019-88)
- d) Code Amendment – Elderly and Disabled Real Estate Tax Exemption: Second consideration/adoption of an ordinance amending the City Code Section 78-63 Amount of Exemption for Elderly and Disabled. (2019-89)
- e) Second consideration/adoption of the following appropriation ordinances:
 - i. Circuit Court Temporary Staffing (\$21,500) (2019-90)
 - ii. Circuit Court Scanner (\$600) (2019-91)
 - iii. E911 Call Handling and Text-To-911 Equipment (\$196,000) (2019-92)
 - iv. Post High House Donation (\$3,000) (2019-93)
- f) Consider approving the City’s legislative agenda for communication to the General Assembly.
- g) Consider cancelling the December 23, 2019 Regular Business Meeting.

MATTERS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mayor Short and the City Manager met with incoming Delegate John Avoli regarding representation for Waynesboro. He and Councilman Hostetter enjoyed participating in the Christmas Parade and thanked staff for holding the parade. He and the City Manager met with the Governor’s liaison regarding pending issues.

RESOLUTION – VIRGINIA MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY:

The Economic Development Director and Museum representatives outlined the benefits of the Virginia Museum of Natural History for students, visitors and citizens by opening a Waynesboro Campus of the Museum. Since 2013, the Economic Development Authority, the Waynesboro City Council, the Center for Coldwater Restoration and the Virginia Museum of Natural History have worked together to open a Waynesboro Campus of the Museum.

Vice Mayor Henderson moved to adopt a resolution of support for the Virginia Museum of Natural History Waynesboro Campus Incentive Package. Having been seconded and with no objections, the **consent agenda was adopted 3:0:**

Mayor Short	Aye	Councilwoman Anderson	Absent
Vice Mayor Henderson	Aye	Councilman Hostetter	Aye
Councilman Allen	Absent		

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT ^(R19-30)
VIRGINIA MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY – WAYNESBORO CAMPUS
INCENTIVE PACKAGE

WHEREAS the City Council of the City of Waynesboro is committed to Downtown Development and the growth and expansion of the community's economy, and is specifically committed to creating a rich and inviting central business district characterized by a range of cultural events and resources, and

WHEREAS the City Council is equally committed to establishing Waynesboro as a regional tourist destination taking full advantage of the natural and historic resources of the Shenandoah Valley, and

WHEREAS the Virginia Museum of Natural History is deemed an institute of higher learning and one of its purposes is to coordinate a network in Virginia where researchers and the public can readily use the natural history material of the Museum, and

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Museum of Natural History is exploring the opportunity to establish a museum in Waynesboro to further its mission of interpreting Virginia's natural heritage within a global context in ways relevant to all citizens of the Commonwealth, and

WHEREAS the Virginia Museum of Natural History meets its mission by conducting novel research on Virginia's natural and cultural resources, maintaining an encyclopedic collection of specimens and artifacts representing the Commonwealth, and engaging the public via educational experiences and world-class exhibits that enhance science literacy, and

WHEREAS conducted studies conclude that a Virginia Museum of Natural History-Waynesboro Campus would attract between 45,000 and 85,000 visitors annually and once established the Museum would provide resources supporting elementary, secondary and post-secondary education and research, and

WHEREAS the Virginia General Assembly appropriated \$250,000 for engineering and architecture work for the Waynesboro Campus in the FY 19 budget, and

WHEREAS the Virginia Museum of Natural History-Waynesboro Campus, as a proposed state capital outlay project, has substantially complete architectural and engineering plans and as is deemed "ready for bid,"

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Waynesboro authorizes an incentive package, to be provided in annual installments reasonably associated with the project construction schedule, totaling \$1,000,000 in combined direct financial contribution, in-kind support, and real property and that such incentive package is contingent on the "new build" construction of a Virginia Museum of Natural History Campus in Downtown Waynesboro, and financial support of not less than \$7,000,000 provided by the Commonwealth of Virginia and successful private fundraising for the project. Further, the City Council expresses its continued support for the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Museum of Natural History and their interest in establishing a campus in Waynesboro and encourages members of the General Assembly to appropriate state funds for the construction of the Waynesboro facility.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of Waynesboro requests the General Assembly authorize approximately \$18 million in capital outlay funding in FY 21 to support the Virginia Museum of Natural History Campus in Downtown Waynesboro, and that this Resolution be communicated forthwith to the honorable members of the General Assembly who represent the City of Waynesboro and the Shenandoah Valley.

REPORT – COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FY19 (CAFR):

Ms. Goebel from Didawick and Co. PC presented a report highlighting the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2019 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report from Didawick & Co PC. The firm issued an unmodified report.

PUBLIC HEARING – BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 1:

The Finance Director reviewed an amendment to the FY2020 Budget. A public hearing opened at 7:22 p.m. to receive public comments. With no one signed up to speak, the public hearing was closed. Councilman Hostetter moved to introduce an ordinance amending the FY20 Budget for the City of Waynesboro, Virginia, by adding Budget Amendment No. 1. Having been properly introduced, this ordinance will be considered again at the January 13, 2020 Regular Business Meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING – 308 NORTH CHARLOTTE AVENUE ZONING AMENDMENT:

The Planning Director reviewed a request by Mr. Walter Aguilera to change the zoning of 308 N. Charlotte Avenue, City Tax Map No. 46-1-21-24A from RG-5 General Residential to L-B Local Business. The applicant is rehabilitating the building and desires to open a barber shop at the premises, which is not permitted with the current zoning. The applicant will be required to provide off-street parking which he intends to provide at the rear of the premises. The Planning Commission recommended approval on a 7:0 vote.

The public hearing was opened at 7:28 p.m. With no one signed up to speak, the public hearing was closed. Vice Mayor Henderson moved to introduce an ordinance rezoning a 7,980 square-foot site located at 308 N. Charlotte Avenue, Waynesboro Virginia, from RG-5 (General Residential) to L-B (Local Business) District. Having been properly introduced, this ordinance will be considered again at the January 13, 2020 Regular Business Meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING – ZONING CODE AMENDMENT – SHORT-TERM RENTALS:

The Planning Director reviewed the proposed Zoning text amendment allowing short-term rentals in accessory apartments. Currently the text states the unit may not be rented for less than thirty days. However, in May the Council passed a short-term rental ordinance that allowed short-term rentals of all legal dwelling units. The Planning Commission considered the issue at two previous meetings and voted 7:0 to propose removing the restriction in the Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) ordinance, removing the phrase “and shall not be rented to guests for periods of less than thirty consecutive days.”

The public hearing was opened at 7:31 p.m. Having no one signed up to speak, the public hearing was closed. Councilman Hostetter moved to introduce an ordinance amending Zoning Code Article 4, Section 6 allowing short-term rentals in accessory apartments. Having been properly introduced, this ordinance will be considered again at the January 13, 2020 Regular Business Meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING – ZONING CODE AMENDMENT – LED LIGHTING:

The Planning Director reviewed the text amendment requesting that LED lighting be allowed. It does not affect regulations regarding brightness. The Planning Commission recommended 7:0 to allow this text amendment.

The public hearing was opened at 7:33 p.m. With no one signed up to speak, the public hearing was closed. Vice Mayor Henderson moved to adopt an ordinance amending Zoning Code Article 5, Section 5.5.3 allowing LED lighting. Having been properly introduced, this ordinance will be considered again at the January 13, 2020 Regular Business Meeting.

MOTION – CHRISTMAS EVE 2019 HOLIDAY:

Vice Mayor Henderson moved to approve authorizing December 24, 2019 as an additional holiday for city employees. Having been seconded and with no objections, the motion was adopted 3:0:

Mayor Short	Aye	Councilwoman Anderson	Absent
Vice Mayor Henderson	Aye	Councilman Hostetter	Aye
Councilman Allen	Absent		

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

CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD.

General Comments:

Rosanne Vrutman, Partnership Specialist with U.S. Census Bureau: explained the 2020 census field and recruitment operations and asked all interested citizens who wish to help conduct the census to speak with her after the meeting.

Dan Sullivan, 215 Crompton Road and Kristi Williams, Director of Operations for United Way: informed everyone who meets the financial criteria of the ability to have their tax returns done for free by the VITA Program. They also asked for volunteers who wished to go through the training to help prepare the returns.

2nd Amendment Legislation (Senate Bill 16):

The following individuals spoke in opposition of the pending gun-control legislation going before the Virginia General Assembly and in support the Council adopting a resolution naming Waynesboro as a 2nd Amendment Sanctuary City:

Ken Adams, Chairman of the Waynesboro Republic Committee.
Eleanor Pugliese
Dwight Williams
Milio Curcio

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The following individuals spoke in support of the pending gun-control legislation going before the Virginia General Assembly and do not support the Council adopting a resolution naming Waynesboro as a 2nd Amendment Sanctuary City:

James Wiley
Sara Kite
Josh Rubinstein

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m. on a motion by Vice Mayor Henderson.

Julia Bortle, MMC, Clerk of Council

Terry R. Short, Jr., Mayor