

WAYNESBORO, VIRGINIA

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES



Council for the City of Waynesboro, Virginia held a Regular Business Meeting on Monday, October 26, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Charles T. Yancey Municipal Building, 503 West Main Street, Waynesboro, Virginia, with Mayor Henderson presiding and calling the meeting to order:

- PRESENT: Council Members: Bobby Henderson, Mayor
 Lana Williams, Vice Mayor
 Bruce Allen, Council member
 Terry Short, Jr., Council member
 Sam Hostetter, Council member
- City Staff: Mike Hamp, City Manager
 Jim Shaw, Deputy City Manager
 Julia Bortle, Clerk of Council
 Cameron McCormick, Finance Director
 Luke Juday, Planning Director
- Counsel: Melisa Michelsen, Esq., Litten & Sipe LLC
- ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

The Mayor opened the meeting and Council lead in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Mayor Henderson then reviewed the process for citizens to comment in person or via telephone during the public hearing and the citizen comment periods.

BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA:

The Mayor stated that during the work session, item 8, the Scenic River Resolution, was tabled until the November 9 meeting. Council member Hostetter moved to adopt the amended Business Meeting Agenda. Having been seconded and with no objections, **the amended Business Meeting Agenda was adopted 5:0:**

Mayor Henderson	Aye	Council member Allen	Aye
Vice Mayor Williams	Aye	Council member Short	Aye
		Council member Hostetter	Aye

CONSENT AGENDA:

Council member Allen moved to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. Having been seconded and with no objections, **the Consent Agenda was adopted 5:0:**

Mayor Henderson	Aye	Council member Allen	Aye
Vice Mayor Williams	Aye	Council member Short	Aye
		Council member Hostetter	Aye

- a. Council Meeting Minutes: Minutes from the October 14, 2020 Regular Business Meeting.
- b. Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Calendar: Consider affirming the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Calendar.
- c. Public Work Street Roller (\$39,000). (2020-68)
- d. Redevelopment and Housing Authority Stormwater Fund CDBG Reimbursement (\$6,300). (2020-69)

MATTERS FROM THE MAYOR

The Mayor and Council acknowledged the accomplishments of the following:

The City of Waynesboro was named one of six organizations in the nation to receive the **Cartegraph High Performance Government Award** at the Cartegraph Annual Conference, awarded for the City's street sweeping program. Recognition was given to Logan Borrer, Chris Garrison, Trafford McRae, Keith Pultz, Jennifer Allen-Key, Curtis Rankin, and Tosha Richie who worked on the project.

Council recognized the City staff including the Mike Hamp, Jim Shaw, Luke Juday, Cameron McCormick for all of their work behind the scenes during the COVID-19 crisis to ensure the City keeps operating.

MATTERS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Council member Hostetter noted that due to the first Tuesday of November being Election Day, he is rescheduling his monthly Constituent Meeting to Tuesday, November 10 at 7:00 p.m. at Constitution Park, depending on weather conditions. He reminded listeners of the in-person voting schedule at the Registrar's Office and on Election Day, November 3. He also provided his monthly Coronavirus update.

Council member Short stated his appreciation to City Planner Kira Johnson and the students responsible for the tactical urban painting project at the high school. A GO Virginia meeting was held where participants advanced a recommendation to the GO Virginia Board for the allocation of approximately \$1 million for a site enhancement application which will include the Outlet Village site on Shenandoah Village Drive.

Mayor Henderson encouraged folks to visit the urban painting project at the high school. The month of November starts the leaf pickup schedule which will be posted on the City's website.

PUBLIC HEARING – NATURAL GAS TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

The Deputy City Manager reviewed the franchise agreement. The current agreement was adopted by Council in 1991 and is due for renewal. The revised agreement addresses capital maintenance projects planned through 2020 and is confined to activities that occur within the City right-of-way. He noted that the agreement requires a bond posted to cover certain construction activities within the right-of-way and the City is listed on Columbia Gas insurance liability policy. The notice for bid was advertised and the City received no additional bids for the franchise.

The public hearing was opened at 7:19 p.m.

Terry Mason, representative for Columbia Gas: thanked Council for the opportunity to consider this agreement and look forward to a continued relationship with the City.

With no one signed up to speak or called in, and there was no one present who wanted to submit a bid for the franchise agreement, the public hearing was closed at 7:21 p.m. Council member Allen moved to introduce an ordinance **GRANTING A NONEXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE TO COLUMBIA GAS OF VIRGINIA, INC., TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE A NATURAL GAS TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IN THE CITY OF WAYNESBORO, VIRGINIA, (THE “PROJECT”)**. Having been seconded and with no additional comments, the ordinance was introduced and will be considered again at the November 9, 2020 Regular Business Meeting.

SECOND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE – VACATE 7TH STREET AT-GRADE RAILROAD CROSSING

The City Manager reviewed the purpose and need for the 7th Street at-grade railroad crossing closure ordinance as it relates to the Southern Corridor project. The Railroad requires the closure in order to have one at the Southern Corridor Project, The City Manager recommended Council approve the ordinance noting the closure would not occur until the new crossing is opened. Council member Short asked about the expense of the closure, and he was told that the City has asked the cost be included in the Southern Corridor project.

The ordinance vacating the at-grade railroad crossing at 7th Street near Commerce Avenue in connection with the Southern Connector Road construction project was introduced and seconded at the October 14, 2020 Council meeting. With no further questions or comments, **the ordinance was adopted 4-1:(2020-70)**

Mayor Henderson	Aye	Council member Allen	Aye
Vice Mayor Williams	Aye	Council member Short	Nay
		Council member Hostetter	Aye

RESOLUTION – SCENIC RIVER

Consideration to adopt a Resolution of Support for the Virginia Scenic River Designation of the South River from S. Oak Lane to Hopeman Parkway was tabled until the November 9, 2020 Regular Business Meeting.

CARES ACT UPDATE

Council received an update from Cameron McCormick, Finance Director, on CARES ACT fund expenditures as of October 21, 2020.

BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD REAPPOINTMENT

Council member Short moved to reappoint Mr. John Matherly to the Blue Ridge Community College Board for a four-year term ending June 30, 2025. Having been seconded and with no objections, **Mr. Matherly was reappointed 5:0:**

Mayor Henderson	Aye	Council member Allen	Aye
Vice Mayor Williams	Aye	Council member Short	Aye
		Council member Hostetter	Aye

COMMUNICATION, CORRESPONDENCE, AND CALENDAR

The City Manager reviewed the lease to provide temporary quarters for the Assessor’s Office that would create additional space for other City offices in the Gorsuch Building. He also noted the lease for additional space for the Fire Department necessary to separate the shifts due to COVID-19. The details and appropriations for those leases will be provided to Council in November.

CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

With no one signed up to speak and no callers, the meeting continued.

ADJOURN

Having no further business to discuss, Council member Allen moved to adjourn the meeting. Having been seconded and with no objections, the meeting was adjourned 5:0 at 7:36 p.m.:

Mayor Henderson	Aye	Council member Allen	Aye
Vice Mayor Williams	Aye	Council member Short	Aye
		Council member Hostetter	Aye

Julia Bortle, MMC, Clerk of Council

Bobby Henderson, Mayor