



## Waynesboro City Council Agenda Briefing

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>August 22, 2022</b>	<b>Staff/Council Member(s):</b> <b>Mike Hamp, City Manager</b>
<b>Agenda Item #</b>	<b>12</b>	
<b>Ordinance</b>		
<b>Department:</b>	<b>City Manager's Office</b>	
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Lease Agreement, Shenandoah Valley Juvenile Services Center</b>	

**Background:** The Shenandoah Valley Juvenile Center (SVJC) is a regional facility established to provide temporary care and supervision of juvenile offenders detained or sentenced by order of the Court. Over time, programs have expanded to serve additional juveniles. SVJC secures custody of detained and sentenced children and provides medical care, education, recreation, arts and crafts, and counseling services.

The SVJC was established in 1967 by a commission comprised of the Cities of Harrisonburg, Lexington, Staunton and Waynesboro, was expanded in 1972 to include the Counties of Augusta and Rockingham, and expanded again in 2001 to include Rockbridge County. The Center moved to its present location in Verona in September 2003.

SVJC operates three distinct programs: 1) pre-dispositional detention program for its surrounding localities; 2) post-dispositional Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice programs (Community Placement Program, Re-Entry Program and Direct Intake Program); and 3) an unaccompanied children program for the Office of Refugee Resettlement.

Funding for the operation and maintenance of SVJC is provided by member localities, the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice and through a grant with the Office of Refugee Resettlement. As one of the participating jurisdictions, the City of Waynesboro is assessed its value share of the Juvenile Center's operating costs according to its proportion of the total number of detention days utilized by all participating jurisdictions over a three-year period.

SVJC member lease agreements were last executed in 1999 as part of the process to secure funding to build the current facility. The term of those leases has expired. The SVJC Commission, in consultation with both member and commission counsel have reviewed and updated the lease for consideration of approval by the respective governing bodies.

The new lease is for a ten-year term with the option of two five-year renewal terms. The proportionate share of each jurisdiction's costs is determined by the same formula already utilized in the current lease agreement. As required by Virginia law, the lease is subject to Council's annual appropriation of funds to SVJC.

**City Manager's Recommendation:** Adopt the resolution approving the updated lease.

**Suggested Motion(s):** Move adoption of the resolution approving the lease.

**Attachments:**

Resolution

Lease