

WAYNESBORO, VIRGINIA

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES



Council for the City of Waynesboro, Virginia held a Special Called Meeting on Wednesday, September 28, 2022 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 503 W. Main Street, Waynesboro, Virginia, Mayor Henderson presiding and calling the meeting to order. This meeting was also viewable by accessing the City's YouTube Channel.

PRESENT: Council Members: Bobby Henderson, Mayor
Lana Williams, Vice Mayor
Sam Hostetter, Council member
Terry Short, Jr., Council member

City Staff: Michael Hamp, City Manager
Todd Wood, Assistant City Manager - Operations
Michael Wilhelm Assistant City Manager – Public Safety
Cameron McCormick, Assistant City Manager – Finance
Julia Bortle, Clerk of the Council
Sabrina von Schilling, Commissioner of the Revenue

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

ABSENT: Bruce Allen, Council member

BUDGET UPDATE – MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ASSESSMENT

Mayor Henderson called the meeting to order and asked Council member Hostetter to lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. He stated the purpose of the Special Called Meeting was to address the most recent vehicle tax assessment update.

The city manager stated that this issue required a special called meeting to allow adequate time to communicate about the issue and collaborate with council and staff. He thanked the Commissioner of the Revenue for working with the Assistant City Manager of Finance to ensure Council's objectives are met.

The Assistant City Manager/Finance made a presentation (*attachment 47-48*) that included options to continue with the \$2.75 rate or introduce an ordinance that adopts a different rate.

Adhering to the original budget would mean the rate would be \$2.52. Options included an adjusted rate to \$2.65 or \$2.55 that would extend additional relief to taxpayers while realizing new capacity within the budget to accomplish projects. Employee compensation could be addressed prior to the next budget season.

Councilman Hostetter said he is comfortable with introducing a rate of \$2.65 and then discuss the impact. Councilman Short asked about different scenarios on age, make and model of different vehicles around the city. He is concerned about the regressive nature of the taxing tool versus a more progressive tax on real estate rates.

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Unapproved Draft

Councilman Hostetter moved to introduce an ordinance adjusting the motor vehicle tax rate to \$2.65. Having been seconded and with no objections, the ordinance will be considered for adoption at the October 12, 2022 regular business meeting. A public hearing will be held and council will be asked to consider adopting the ordinance at that time.

ADJOURN

Vice Mayor Williams moved to adjourn the meeting. Having been seconded and with no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m. on an affirmative 4:0 vote:

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

Julia Bortle, MMC, Clerk of Council

Bobby Henderson, Mayor