

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.

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)

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- c) 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)

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.

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.

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.

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.

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,

