

WAYNESBORO, VIRGINIA

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES



Council for the City of Waynesboro, Virginia held a Regular Business Meeting on Monday, February 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via "Zoom" with Council members participating remotely due to the Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic and the Governor's Executive Order on social distancing:

- 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
 Greg Hitchin, Economic Development Director
 Gary Critzer, Director, Emergency Management
- Counsel: Melisa Michelsen, Esq., Litten & Sipe LLC

ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor opened the meeting and reviewed the process for citizens to comment via email and telephone during the citizen comment periods.

BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

Council member Short moved to adopt the Business Meeting Agenda. Having been seconded and with no objections, the **Business Meeting Agenda was adopted 5:0 by voice vote and a show of hands:**

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

ADOPTION OF MEETING MINUTES

Council member Short moved to adopt the February 8, 2021 Regular Business Meeting minutes as presented. Having been seconded and with no objections, the **minutes were adopted 5:0 by voice vote and a show of hands:**

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

Regular Business Meeting
Monday, February 22, 2021
Adopted March 8, 2021

MATTERS FROM THE MAYOR

The Mayor thanked the Public Works road crews for the pretreatment and clearing of the roads from the recent winter storm.

MATTERS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council member Hostetter stated that the nation's death toll from COVID-19 passed 500,000 since last year. He provided an update on the local cases and vaccine distribution and availability. The website to sign up is vaccinate.virginia.gov, and the toll-free number is 1-877-vaxinva where citizens can be put on a list for a vaccination.

Council member Short also expressed appreciation to the road crews. He attended the recent Waynesboro Historical Commission zoom meeting, and he encouraged citizens to consider participating in the Historical Commission or any of the other boards and commissions that have current vacancies, a list available on the City's website.

RESOLUTION - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND MP, LLC PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT (LADD SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT)

The Economic Development Director provided a presentation regarding the proposed Ladd School Redevelopment (*attachment 47-06*). The presentation included the site history, the proposed project and what is needed to make the project feasible, and a briefing of the seven-year performance agreement (*attachment 47-07*).

The Mayor asked if the highway portion begins with the first phase, and that was confirmed. Council member Hostetter confirmed that the taxes stated are a combination of real estate and sales tax. Council member Short expressed his appreciation for the EDA staff in developing this agreement.

Council member Allen moved to adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a performance agreement with MP Waynesboro LLC and the Economic Development Authority:

**RESOLUTION ^(R21-05)
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER
TO EXECUTE A PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT WITH
MP WAYNESBORO, LLC, AND THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF WAYNESBORO**

WHEREAS, the City of Waynesboro desires to encourage businesses to open and expand in the City;

WHEREAS, MP Waynesboro, LLC has entered into a purchase agreement for 1930 Rosser Ave., Waynesboro, Virginia (the "Property");

WHEREAS, MP Waynesboro plans to develop a retail commercial center on the Property;

WHEREAS, the current plans for the Property include six to seven stand-alone retail commercial buildings totaling up to 60,000-70,000 square feet of space and construction of off-site traffic improvements and roads (the "Development");

WHEREAS, to encourage the selection of Waynesboro for the location of the Development, the Economic Development Office, after consultation with City Administration and the Economic Development Authority, offered a slate of incentives to MP Waynesboro;

WHEREAS, currently the Property is exempt from taxation;

WHEREAS, the Development will provide a significant source of revenue for the City, as well as other financial and employment opportunities;

WHEREAS, following the City’s incentive protocol, the incentives offered are primarily reimbursements of a portion of the taxes or fees paid to the City (“Tax Incentives”);

WHEREAS, the Tax Incentives are phased over a six (6) year period, decreasing each year, and are based on and limited to a portion of the capital investment; and

WHEREAS, the City, MP Waynesboro, and the Economic Development Authority desire to enter a Performance Agreement, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit 1, setting forth the terms of the Development and Tax Incentives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WAYNESBORO, VIRGINIA AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into the Performance Agreement in substantially such form as attached hereto as Exhibit 1; and

2. The City Manager is hereby authorized to take any other actions that are reasonable and necessary to effectuate the terms of the Performance Agreement and this Resolution.

Resolved this 22nd day of February 2021.

ATTEST: _____
Clerk, City Council

Robert Henderson, Mayor

Having been seconded and with no objections, the resolution was adopted 5:0 by voice and a show of hands:

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

REPORT - NEXT GENERATION 911

The Director of Emergency Management provided a presentation on the Next Generation 9-11 or NG911, which moves 9-11 centers into new technology. This switches from analog telephone circuits to internet IP technology, requiring a complete update of E911 national network. It will be a seamless transition to the public.

Mayor Henderson asked where County residents’ calls go, and he was told that the system can determine where the call is routed based on the cell tower that receives the transmission. Council member Hostetter asked how citizens will be made aware of this technology, and he was told a media release was sent and information is available on the City’s website. There is a plan to continue making the information available to the public. Council member Allen asked about Reverse 911, and he was told the City has the ability to send mass notifications that can be segregated to the entire city or certain neighborhoods. There is a registration portal on the DEM website.

APROPRIATION ORDINANCE – SCHOOLS CARES ACT FUNDING

Council member Short moved to introduce and adopt an ordinance appropriating CARES Act funding, in the amount of \$300,073, to the School Funds, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. **Having been seconded and with no objections, the ordinance was adopted 5:0 by voice and a show of hands:**

