

WAYNESBORO, VIRGINIA

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES



Council for the City of Waynesboro, Virginia held a Regular Business Meeting on Monday, November 9, 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
- Guests: Mr. Terry Mason, Columbia Gas
 Mr. Terry Howard, Columbia Gas
 Mr. Matthew Raskin, Columbia Gas
- 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 member Short 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:

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

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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 26, 2020 Work Session and Regular Business Meeting.
- b. Natural Gas Transmission and Distribution System Franchise Ordinance (2020-71)

MATTERS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Henderson asked the Deputy City Manager to read a letter received from the University of Virginia thanking the Public Works employees for their help during a recent water emergency in the Dialysis Center in Waynesboro. The Public Works employees recognized included Scott Hashhagan, Eric Morris, Michael Helmick, Daniel Workman, Jeremiah Smith, Derrick Hayes, and Deputy Fire Chief George Fitzgerald. The Mayor acknowledged EOC, Police, Public Works, and Fire Department for their efforts during this crisis.

Mayor Henderson thanked Ms. Chanda McGuffin and Ms. Sharon Fitz for the tour they provided to Council members of the RISE headquarters on Ohio Street, and he invited the community to show their support of the location.

MATTERS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Vice Mayor Williams visited the RISE headquarters and was impressed by the work that went into creating the location. She thanked Ms. McGuffin and Ms. Fitz for their time. She also stated her appreciation of the traffic light being installed at the corner of Tiffany Drive and Rosser Avenue.

Council member Hostetter thanked the Registrar’s Office for the job they performed during the recent November election and the in-person and mail-in voting. He also provided his monthly COVID-19 update. He reminded everyone that his next Constituent Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 10 at 7:00 p.m. in Constitution Park.

PUBLIC HEARING – ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT – NEW ZONE

The Planning Director reviewed the presentation provided at the October 14, 2020 meeting. The current zoning in the Commerce Avenue area and other areas does not reflect the character of the neighborhoods and is a barrier to redevelopment. The Planning Director clarified that no parcels will be affected due to the ordinance being adopted at this time. In the future the Planning Commission will propose actual rezoning to put parcels in to the new category.

Staff recommended approval of the zoning text amendment with minor changes to the use table recommended by the Planning Commission based on discussions around the forthcoming rezoning (to reduce the number of CUPs that must be issued initially):

- Flea market or auction from C to P
- Day care from C to P

The public hearing was opened at 7:22 p.m. With no callers or anyone present to speak, the public hearing was closed.

After a brief discussion on the proposed changes to the ordinance and the Use Table, **Council member Short moved to introduce the ordinance amending City Code Chapter 98 of the Zoning Ordinance to add a new zone, tentatively designated the “MX-B (Mixed Business) Zone”, and include flea markets and auction sites as a conditional use in the Use Table. Having been seconded and with no objections, the ordinance was introduced and will be considered again at the November 23, 2020 Regular Business Meeting.**

PUBLIC HEARING – ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT - SIGNS

The Planning Director reviewed the sign ordinance amendments in the Zoning Ordinance. It was determined that portions were not enforceable, requiring a revision of the Chapter. Staff recommended approval of the ordinance amending City Code Chapter 98 (Zoning Ordinance) Sections 5.6 “Signs”, and 9.3 “Enforcement Procedure and Remedies”, to include extending time limits applying to temporary signs:

Current ordinance allows two 30-day permits per 12-month period

New ordinance would change to 60 days

The public hearing was opened at 7:33 p.m. With no one calling in or signed up to speak, the public hearing was closed. **Council member Short moved to introduce an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 98 (Zoning Ordinance) Sections 5.6 “Signs”, and 9.3 “Enforcement Procedure and Remedies”. Having been seconded and with no objections, the ordinance was introduced and will be considered again at the November 23, 2020 Regular Business Meeting.**

PUBLIC HEARING – BUDGET ORDINANCES

The Code of Virginia requires that amendments to a locality’s budget exceeding one percent of the currently adopted budget must have a public hearing.

The public hearing was opened at 7:36 p.m. With no one called in or signed up to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Encumbrance Rollforward: Council member Hostetter moved to introduce an ordinance appropriating encumbrances from the Fiscal Year 2020 to the Fiscal Year 2021 to various funds in the amount of \$1,245,996. Having been seconded and with no objections, the ordinance will be considered again at the November 23, 2020 Regular Business Meeting.

School Ordinance – Unassigned Fund Balance: Council member Short moved to introduce an ordinance appropriating Unassigned Fund Balance in the Multi-Year Fund, in the amount of \$51,273, to the School Funds to be used for stipends, purchased services, materials and travel. Having been seconded and with no objections, the ordinance will be considered again at the November 23, 2020 Regular Business Meeting.

Sales and Meals Tax Revenue: Council member Hostetter moved to introduce an ordinance appropriating Sales and Meals Tax revenues in the amount of \$300,000 to the General Fund, for various operational increases. Having been seconded and with no objections, the ordinance will be considered again at the November 23, 2020 Regular Business Meeting.

Schools – Planning Grant: Council member Short moved to introduce and adopt an ordinance appropriating a Planning Grant for extended year programs/year-round school programs, in the amount of \$600,000 to the School Funds for stipends, consultants, materials and supplies. Having been seconded and with no objections, the ordinance was adopted 5:0:

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Schools – Carry Forward Virginia Tiered Systems of Support PBIS State Grant: Council member Allen moved to introduce and adopt an ordinance appropriating Carry Forward Virginia Tiered Systems of Supports (VTSS) PBIS State Grant funds, in the amount of \$19,958, to the School Funds to be used for salaries, purchased services, and supplies. Having been seconded and with no objections, the ordinance was adopted 5:0:

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

Schools – Title I School Improvement Grant: Council member Allen moved to introduce and adopt an ordinance appropriating Title I School Improvement Grant funds, in the amount of \$19,574, to the School Funds to be used for teacher salaries at Wenonah elementary School. Having been seconded and with no objections, the ordinance was adopted 5:0:

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

Schools – Perkins V-CTE Grant: Council member Hostetter moved to introduce and adopt an ordinance appropriating Perkins V-CTE Grant funds, in the amount of \$11,424, to the School Funds to be used for technology support at Waynesboro High School and Kate Collins Middle School. Having been seconded and with no objections, the ordinance was adopted 5:0:

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

Schools - Augusta Health Foundation Grant: Council member Short moved to introduce and adopt an ordinance appropriating Augusta Health community Foundation Grant funds, in the amount of \$90,000, to the School Funds to be used to purchase a food trailer. Having been seconded and with no objections, the ordinance was adopted 5:0:

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

Council member Short recommended a letter of appreciation be sent to Augusta Health Foundation for their efforts.

SCENIC RIVER RESOLUTION:

The Parks and Recreation staff have engaged in efforts to have a portion of the South River from South Oak Lane to Hopeman Parkway designated as a Scenic River under the Department of Conservation and Recreation Virginia Scenic River Program. In April, 2019, Council adopted a resolution supporting the designation. The City Manager reviewed the purpose and importance of the designation, noting it would not impose restrictions of the river or remove authority from the City. Council member Allen moved to adopt the resolution. Having been seconded and with no objections, the resolution was adopted 5:0:

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

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT ^(R20-20)

FOR THE VIRGINIA SCENIC RIVER DESIGNATION OF THE SOUTH RIVER FROM S. OAK LANE TO HOPEMAN PARKWAY

Whereas, the Virginia Scenic Rivers Program was enacted by the Virginia General Assembly in 1970 for the purpose of identification and preservation of certain rivers, or sections of rivers, which possess high quality natural beauty; and,

Whereas, the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation has been charged with administering the Scenic Rivers Program and developing an objective evaluation process to judge the suitability of river segments; and,

Whereas, staff from the Virginia department of Conservation and Recreation visited the South River and evaluated its eligibility for Scenic River designation; and,

Whereas, the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation completed its evaluation of the portion of the South River from S. Oak Lane to Hopeman Parkway and determines it qualifies as a Virginia Scenic River; and

Whereas, the Virginia Board of Conservation and Recreation supports the endorsement for designation or this section of the South River as a Scenic River.

Therefore, be is resolved that the City of Waynesboro City Council does hereby support the designation of the South River from S. Oak Lane to Hopeman Parkway as Virginia Scenic River; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Waynesboro City Council will contact our General Assembly representatives to request that they serve as patrons for the legislation that will codify the Scenic River designation.

ADOPTED this 9th day of November, A.D., 2020

ATTEST:

CITY OF WAYNESBORO

Clerk of Council

Mayor

Council extended gratitude to Parks and Recreation Director Dwayne Jones and staff for their efforts.

COMMUNICATION, CORRESPONDENCE, AND CALENDAR

With no comments from staff, the meeting continued.

CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

Nickolas Salzman, Waynesboro: spoke regarding the state of economic affairs in the City and the lack of economic development, and the shortage of education and economic opportunities for younger citizens.

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Chanda McGuffin, Waynesboro: appreciated that several Council members came to the RISE headquarters to tour the facility and the Black History Museum, and she welcomed the other members to visit and volunteer there. She expressed appreciation to Vice Mayor Williams to enabling Congressman Cline to visit.

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 7:56 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