

**10 Robertson St.
Virginia**

**The "New River" City
January 11, 2015**

Radford,

Regular Meeting Number 9 of Radford City Council, F.Y. 2015-2016

The regular meeting of the Radford City Council was convened at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 10 Robertson Street, Radford, VA. The Mayor of the City, Dr. Bruce Brown, was present and presiding. Other members of City Council present were Dr. Richard Harshberger, Mr. Daniel Keith Marshall and Mr. David Michael Turk.

Others present were as follows:

Mr. David Ridpath, City Manager
Ms. Melissa Skelton, City Clerk
Mrs. Gail Cook DeVilbiss, City Attorney
Mrs. Jenni Wilder, Public Information Officer
Mr. Donald Goodman, Chief of Police

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Mayor Brown, and the invocation was led by Chaplain Jim Henegar.

MINUTE APPROVALS: On a motion by Dr. Harshberger seconded by Mr. Marshall, that the minutes for December 14, 2015 are approved as presented.

VOTE:

AYES: Dr. Harshberger, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Turk, Mayor Brown

NAYES: None-0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

SUBJECT: IDA Name Change to Economic Development Authority

SUMMARY: The Industrial Development Authority has requested that City Council change its commission designation to Radford Economic Development Authority to reflect broadened interest in not only industrial development, but also commercial and residential development. The recommendation was approved on November 19, 2019 by the IDA. A public hearing is required for an ordinance amendment.

Mayor Brown opened the public input hearing at 7:05

Mayor Brown closed the public input hearing at 7:05

Clerks note: Notice of the public hearing has been duly advertised.

SUBJECT: Right-of-Way for Interstate 81 Bridge Project - Parcels 007 and 009

SUMMARY: The Virginia Department of Transportation has scheduled the replacement of the North bound lane of Interstate I-81 bridge beginning in 2016. The City owns two parcels of property under the bridge that is needed to accommodate the construction and bridge piers. One parcel contains .752 acres and is appraised at \$2,700. The other is .246 acres and is appraised at \$700. A public hearing is required on the sale of City property.

Mayor Brown opened the public input hearing at 7:10

No Comments

Mayor Brown closed the public input hearing at 7:10

Clerks note: Notice of the public hearing has been duly advertised.

OLD BUSINESS:

SUBJECT: Second Reading Appropriation Ordinance 1673.15: \$47,000 Cultural Heritage Project

SUMMARY: A committee has been working through the Radford Heritage Foundation since 2010 to increase our community's cultural heritage and history related tourism opportunities. The goals for the committee are to create a train viewing platform, an amphitheater and statue commemorating Mary Draper Ingles, on a 1.36 acre tract of property donated by Norfolk Southern, adjacent to Glencoe. The project is short about \$32,000 and the committee is requesting assistance from the City.

City Council discussed the project and cost prior to the vote at the December 14, 2015 regular meeting. Due to the uncertainty of the estimate and desire to focus on the statue, the \$15,000 cost of the train viewing platform was removed from consideration with the modification of the amount to \$32,000 for the statue only.

ACTION: Council requested that the vote be postponed until the January 25, 2016 meeting.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Rob Gropeman, Radford citizen, asked if they were going to drop one side of the bridge and divert traffic onto other.

Mr. Ridpath responded, that it was his understanding that they are going to build the northbound lane and the now center bridge will come out, trying to minimize the impact of traffic on interstate I 81.

Mr. Gropeman asked if we will get overflow of traffic through town.

Mr. Ridpath said he is not anticipating it but believes that will occur from time to time.

NEW BUSINESS

SUBJECT: Ordinance #1677 IDA Name Change to Economic Development Authority

SUMMARY: The Industrial Development Authority has requested that City Council change its commission designation to Radford Economic Development Authority to reflect broadened interest in not only industrial development, but also commercial and residential development. The recommendation was approved on November 19, 2019 by the IDA.

ACTION: Dr. Harshberger made a motion to approve Ordinance #1677, Mr. Turk seconded the motion.

VOTE:

AYES: Dr. Harshberger, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Turk, Mayor Brown

NAYES: None-0

ACTION: Dr. Harshberger made a motion to approve Ordinance #1677 on its second and final reading, Mr. Turk seconded the motion.

VOTE:

AYES: Dr. Harshberger, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Turk, Mayor Brown

NAYES: None-0

SUBJECT: Ordinance #1678 Parcel 007 Right-of-Way for Interstate 81 Bridge Project

SUMMARY: The Virginia Department of Transportation has scheduled the replacement of the North bound lane of Interstate I-81 bridge beginning in 2016. The City owns two parcels of property under the bridge that is needed to accommodate the construction and bridge piers. One parcel contains .752 acres and is appraised at \$2,700. The other is .246 acres and is appraised at \$700.

ACTION: Mr. Marshall made a motion to approve Ordinance #1678, Mr. Turk seconded the motion.

VOTE:

AYES: Dr. Harshberger, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Turk, Mayor Brown

NAYES: None-0

ACTION: Mr. Marshall made a motion to approve Ordinance #1678 on its second and final reading, Mr. Turk seconded the motion.

VOTE:

AYES: Dr. Harshberger, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Turk, Mayor Brown

NAYES: None-0

SUBJECT: Ordinance #1679 Parcel 009 Right-of-Way for Interstate 81 Bridge Project

SUMMARY: The Virginia Department of Transportation has scheduled the replacement of the North bound lane of Interstate I-81 bridge beginning in 2016. The City owns two parcels of property under the bridge that is needed to accommodate the construction and bridge piers. One parcel contains .752 acres and is appraised at \$2,700. The other is .246 acres and is appraised at \$700.

ACTION: Mr. Marshall made a motion to approve Ordinance #1679, Mr. Turk seconded the motion.

VOTE:

AYES: Dr. Harshberger, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Turk, Mayor Brown
NAYES: None-0

ACTION: Mr. Marshall made a motion to approve Ordinance #1677 on its second and final reading, Mr. Turk seconded the motion.

VOTE:

AYES: Dr. Harshberger, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Turk, Mayor Brown
NAYES: None-0

SUBJECT: Subdivision Plat – Mei XU and Zheng Feng

SUMMARY: Mei Xi and Zheng Feng have requested that a 1.909 parcel of property adjacent to Hickory Road in the Hickory Hill residential development, be re-subdivided into five (5) lots. The property is zoned R-1, single family residential and the subdivision would meet the minimum lot requirements for that residential zone including the existing house.

The Planning Commission considered the request at its meeting on January 4, 2016 and has recommended the approval of the re-subdivision on the basis that it meets the minimum standards of both the zoning and subdivision ordinances.

Mr. Turk asked if the neighborhood was made aware of it.

Mr. Ridpath stated they were not notified due to it not being a requirement.

Dr. Harshberger recommended only receiving the Planning Commission's recommendation.

Mayor Brown agreed and this would allow Mr. Nicholson an opportunity to participate and interject his thoughts and for the neighborhood to become more aware of the proposed re-subdivision. He added that in the big scope of things it meets all the legal requirements and would have a hard time not approving it.

ACTION: Dr. Harshberger made a motion to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the subdivision plat, Mr. Marshall seconded the motion.

VOTE:

AYES: Dr. Harshberger, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Turk, Mayor Brown
NAYES: None-0

Mr. Marshall said he would like to take a couple more weeks to look at it and would love the neighborhood to be informed.

CITY MANAGERS COMMENTS:

Mr. Ridpath reminded City Council and the audience that they will have a Work Session at 6:00 pm, prior to their January 25, 2016 meeting to discuss the audit.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor Brown asked if we can look at having a sign that says no left turn onto Dalton Drive, there at CVS, from the hours of 4:00pm to 6:00pm. Traffic backs up there tremendously.

Mr. Ridpath said it is on Route 11 and would have to get VDOT's approval and will look into it.

Dr. Harshberger added that he would like see better lighting along Dalton Drive.

Mayor Brown shared he has had a lot of people thank them for the agreement to work with the Christiansburg Aquatic Center. There has been 108 people who have attended the pool in the first two weeks.

Mr. Marshall made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m., seconded by Mr. Turk.

VOTE:

AYES: Dr. Harshberger, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Turk, Mayor Brown

NAYES: None-0

ATTEST:

Melissa A. Skelton, City Clerk of Council