

**10 Robertson St.
Virginia**

**The "New River" City
February 8, 2016**

Radford,

Regular Meeting Number 11 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, Mr. Robert Nicholson 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. Patricia Cox, Finance Director

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

MINUTE APPROVALS: On a motion by Dr. Harshberger seconded by Mr. Turk, that the minutes for January 25, 2016 are approved as presented.

VOTE:

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

RESOLUTIONS

SUBJECT: NRV Commerce Park Participation & Revenue Sharing Agreement

SUMMARY: Virginia's First has requested an amendment to the Commerce Park Participation Agreement. The proposed amendment addresses the ownership of the park and distribution of shares, overall project description, eliminates the project committee, clarifies billing and financial transactions, as well as updates the financial plan and related long-term debt.

ACTION: Dr. Harshberger made a motion to approve the resolution as presented, Mr. Marshall seconded the motion.

VOTE:

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

SUBJECT: Virginia Library Association's Program Goal

SUMMARY: The Virginia Library Association has submitted its program goals and related funding to the General Assembly. Highlights include support of summer reading programs; access to printed and digital materials in our public libraries, as well as STEM focused support.

ACTION: Mr. Nicholson made a motion to approve the resolution as presented, Mr. Turk seconded the motion.

VOTE:

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

NAYES: None-0

PUBLIC HEARING:

SUBJECT: Amendment of City Code: Section 27-1 “Position and Custody of Booths and Ballot Boxes”, and Section 27-34 “Central Absentee Precinct”

SUMMARY: The Voter Registrar has requested that City Council consider amending City Code Section 27-34 pertaining to the “Central Absentee Precinct”. The polling place of the absentee voter is at 619 Second Street where ballots are collected and counted. The City Code references the “Central Absentee Precinct” for “general” elections. The Voter Registrar would like the Code revised to reflect “elections” and drop the reference to “general” elections, so the Central Absentee Precinct would be used for all elections including primaries. The second aspect of the Ordinance would amend Section 27.1 to make the Voter Registrar responsible for the position and custody of the voting booths and ballot boxes in accordance with the Code of Virginia

Mayor Brown opened the public input hearing at 7:09

No Public comments.

Mayor Brown closed the public input hearing at 7:09

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

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Pat Fluke, Radford Resident, shared that she had approached Mayor Brown a couple weeks ago about the amount of litter that accumulates at the High School parking lot. She said that about every three weeks she go across the street to the high school and fill up a trash can full of litter. She said she also has seen a lot of bottles and litter in the curbs. She suggested that Public Works get a crew together once a week to go throughout the City and pick up the litter. She also has a concern about all the water spots at the Recreation Center and the conditions of the restrooms at the Public Library.

Mr. Edwards, Economic Developer, shared with Council that he saw Mr. Wilson, Executive Director Virginia’s First and he wanted to pass along his appreciation for City Council to take the time to understand the resolution and their involvement with VA First.

Dr. Harshberger shared that they will bring the litter issue up to the University/City Commission and see if the can get adopt a spot program going with the students.

NEW BUSINESS

SUBJECT: Consider Ordinance #1680 for Amendment of City Code: Section 27-1 “Position and Custody of Booths and Ballot Boxes”, and Section 27-34 “Central Absentee Precinct”

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Mr. Nicholson said on page 2 the ordinance states see attached map should we include a map?
Mr. Howard shared that the map is on the City’s GIS and he also has one in his office.
Mrs. DeVilbiss stated that the map is in existence and will add it to the ordinance.

ACTION: Mr. Nicholson made a motion to place Ordinance #1680, with addition of the precinct map on its first reading, Mr. Marshall seconded the motion.

VOTE:

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

ACTION: Mr. Nicholson made a motion to approve Ordinance #1680, with the addition of the precinct map, on its second and final reading, Mr. Marshall seconded the motion.

VOTE:

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

SUBJECT: Appropriation Ordinance # 1673.20: \$102,000 – 2015 State Homeland Security Program Grant

SUMMARY: The Haz-Mat Team has received a Homeland Security Grant which will be used to purchase equipment and provide training to the Local Haz-Mat division of the State.

ACTION: Dr. Harshberger made a motion to approve Appropriation Ordinance #1673.20 on its first reading, Mr. Turk seconded the motion.

VOTE:

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

ACTION: Dr. Harshberger made a motion to approve Appropriation Ordinance #1673.20 on its second and final reading, Mr. Turk seconded the motion.

VOTE:

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

CITY MANAGERS COMMENTS:

Mr. Ridpath shared that Goodwill Industries had a structural fire over the weekend. The quick response of the Fire Department minimized the structure damage. He stated that Basil has been working with Goodwill to help get them back and running again.

He thanked Pat Fluke for her comments and stated that he will make sure that the trash and debris are taken care of, and he takes this very serious and will try to do better. Environmental Awareness Month is coming up and it would be good time to implement the Adopt a Spot again.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mr. Turk asked if there was any way they could get the minutes from the IDA meeting.

Mr. Edwards responded that he can provide those to them.

Mr. Marshall also asked about the agenda's and minutes from the Planning Commission and the other Boards and Commissions to get an idea of what's going on.

Mr. Ridpath stated that we will send them all a reminder note, and if they recall they had a meeting with all Boards and Commissions this time last year and informed them that they are supposed to submit their minutes and agenda's.

Mr. Nicholson added that it was also mentioned at that time to include attendance records, because we have had some issues with appointing people and they do not attend.

Mr. Howard, Voter Registrar said he has been approached several times about placing the agenda's and minutes for Planning Commission on the city website.

Ms. Skelton added that she had been working with Mrs. Wilder to get that set up and expect to have it ready to upload for Planning Commissions next meeting.

Mayor Brown shared that he was asked to represent the City in Richmond for an award that was given to Anderson and Associates for the design work of Second Avenue Project.

He also mentioned the Dr. Hemphill, new Radford University President, and his wife asked to have dinner with him, to open up the dialogue and maintain the dialogue we have had with President Kyle and had a very pleasant visit with him and is impressed with his commitment to maintain and growing enrollment.

Dr. Harshberger shared that they had a good meeting with President Lewis at New River Community College and he didn't realize all they were doing there with all the different associate degrees, many that required an enormous amount of investment.

Mayor Brown said its part of an initiative that Radford Schools are undertaking, they can't afford a welding lab, an automotive lab or an HVAC facility, so they are reaching out to partner with the Community College and thinks there's a great potential for Radford City Public Schools to provide those types of programs by sending their children to the Community College for that type of training.

He mentioned that the School Board has a meeting tomorrow evening and they will be going over their Facilities Study that was done by Thompson and Lytton and there will be some good information about the needs of the schools and he hope to attend.

Mr. Marshall made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m., seconded by Mr. Turk.

VOTE:

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

NAYES: None-0

ATTEST:

Melissa A. Skelton, City Clerk of Council