

**10 Robertson St.
Virginia**

**The "New River" City
April 11, 2016**

Radford,

Regular Meeting Number 16 of Radford City Council, F.Y. 2015-2016

The work session meeting of the Radford City Council was convened at 5:30 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 III, and Mr. David Michael Turk.

Others present were as follows:

Mr. David Ridpath, City Manager
Ms. Melissa Skelton, City Clerk
Mrs. Chelista Linkous, Assistant Finance Director
Mr. Donald Goodman, Police Chief
Mrs. Jenni Wilder, Public Information Officer

City Council discussed the F.Y 2017 Budget

No action was taken related to the above-mentioned item

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

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. Marshall, that the minutes for March 28, 2016 are approved as presented.

VOTE:

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

RESOLUTION

SUBJECT: Honoring President Penelope W. Kyle

SUMMARY: The resolution recognizes the accomplishments and contributions of Retiring Radford University President, Penelope Kyle. She is the sixth University and has served since 2005 with or an extensive list of accomplishments.

Dr. Harshberger read the resolution for the benefit of the audience.

**CITY OF RADFORD
RESOLUTION
HONORING PRESIDENT PENELOPE W. KYLE, J.D.**

WHEREAS, the City of Radford wishes to honor the service and contributions of Radford University President Penelope W. Kyle, J.D., and

WHEREAS, President Kyle has served as Radford University's sixth president since June 1, 2005 and was the university's first female president, and

WHEREAS, President Kyle came back to her Southwest Virginia roots, having grown up in Galax, and her love for the region is evident through her civic involvement, and

WHEREAS, President Kyle has provided over a decade of leadership and service to the institution, region, community and the Commonwealth, and

WHEREAS, Radford University has expanded under the leadership of President Kyle, from the addition of the university's first ever doctoral programs to several enrollment records, including the largest freshman class in school history in 2012, and

WHEREAS, the university's commitment to academic excellence and student-centered learning is reflected in a transformative building and renovation campaign, and

WHEREAS, with support from the General Assembly, Radford University has secured funding for more than 330 million dollars in capital projects, including both new construction and renovation, since 2005, and

WHEREAS, President Kyle has been an advocate and ambassador of the City of Radford and Radford University, promoting all the possibilities and opportunities a Radford education provides, and

WHEREAS, President Kyle has championed projects such as the establishment of Radford Transit, in partnership with the City of Radford, the public transit system began in 2011 and has since served over 1,242,500 passengers, and

WHEREAS, under President Kyle's leadership Radford University has remained a strong force in the Radford economy with over 408 full time employees living in the city, and

WHEREAS, the Scholar Citizen initiative, started under her tenure, has empowered students to volunteer and embrace the Radford community, with many student athletes and student groups volunteering in Radford City Public Schools and assisting with community service projects, and

WHEREAS, Radford has been the host of Virginia Governor's School, Virginia Boy's State and the Virginia High School League Spring Jubilee throughout much of her tenure as president, and

WHEREAS, President Kyle has continued the partnership with the City of Radford to promote cultural experiences within the community, including events such as the Radford Highlanders Festival, and

WHEREAS, in addition to her duties as president of Radford University, Penelope Kyle has served the Southwest Virginia community and the entire Commonwealth as a member of numerous boards and commissions, including the board of directors for the Roanoke Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Foundation for Educational Exchange between the United States and Canada, the Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics, and the Governor's Task Force on Combating Campus Sexual Violence; and

WHEREAS, President Kyle's legacy will continue through the Radford community, even after retirement, as Radford University remains one of the "Best Colleges and Universities in the Southeast."

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Radford City Council does hereby honor and thank President Penelope W. Kyle for her eleven years of service and leadership to Radford University and the lasting impact her influence will have on the field of education and City of Radford.

Attest

Melissa Skelton, City Clerk

Bruce E. Brown, Mayor, City of Radford

Adopted: April 11, 2016

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

VOTE:

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

NAYES: None-0

REPORT: Public Library

SUMMARY: Toni Cox, Library Director, presented an overview of the popular and extensive services of our local library. Barbara Tate, Youth Coordinator, shared she is doing outreach throughout the community. And Shared the STEM program, and how she connects to learning skills. For the efforts been doing a make your space and incorporate 21st century.

PROCLAMATION

SUBJECT: National Library Week

SUMMARY: April 10-16, 2016 is “National Library Week”. The week recognizes the significant contributions that libraries make in meeting the communities; economic needs, providing a place for education, opportunities for life-long learning, as well as offering a host of community services for citizens of all age.

Mr. Turk read the proclamation for the benefit of the audience.

City of Radford
Resolution Honoring Jim Graham
Recipient of the Robert Allen Hall Humanitarian Service-Above Self Citizenship Award

WHEREAS, the City of Radford wishes to honor Robert Allen “Big Al” Hall by establishing a Humanitarian Service- Above-Self Citizenship Award, and

WHEREAS, the establishment of this award will recognize unsung heroes that contribute to make the City of Radford a better place, and

WHEREAS, a humanitarian is recognized as one who extends benevolence and kindness, by putting others before one’s self, and

WHEREAS, the City of Radford wishes to recognize and honor the hard work and dedication of Jim Graham to the City of Radford’s Community Garden; and

WHEREAS, Jim founded the Radford Community Garden in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Jim continues to spend countless hours organizing and coordinating efforts to ensure the community garden’s success; and

WHEREAS, the Radford Community Garden has 30 garden plots, all of which are occupied by Radford citizens who use the plots to grow fresh produce and plants; and

WHEREAS, Jim’s stewardship over the Radford Community Garden can be seen year after year, with citizens returning to grow crops and countless others signing up for their first gardening season within the garden, and

WHEREAS, Jim shows his love for the Radford community and environment by dedicating his time and talent to make the Radford Community Garden successful and enjoyable for all who participate.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Radford City Council does hereby honor Jim Graham for his years of dedication and service to the Radford Community Garden, by presenting him with the Robert Allen “Big Al” Hall Humanitarian Service-Above-Self Citizenship Award.

ACTION: Mr. Turk made a motion to the proclamation as presented, Mr. Marshall seconded the motion.

VOTE:

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

NAYES: None-0

PUBLIC HEARING:

SUBJECT: Amendment to Chapter 32: Stormwater Management, adoption of new Article II: Illicit Discharge

SUMMARY: The City adopted Ordinance #1661 in October, 2014 to address regulations associated with new Virginia Stormwater Management Act. The Act addresses requirements for local stormwater quality plans related to pollution prevention, permitting, record keeping, inspections, public education and enforcement. City has been advised by DEQ to address “illicit discharge”. The proposed Ordinance #1681 establishes regulations to address uncontrolled discharge of pollutants into the local Municipal Storm System.

Mayor Brown opened the public input hearing at 7:34.

John McCandlish asked if this has any question of railway roadbeds that came into question during General Assembly.

Mayor Brown closed the public input hearing at 7:35

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

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

None

NEW BUSINESS

SUBJECT: Consider first reading of Ordinance #1681: Amendment to Chapter 32: Stormwater Management, adoption of new Article II: Illicit Discharge

ACTION: Deferred to the April 25, 2016 meeting.

CITY MANAGERS COMMENTS:

Mr. Ridpath shared that the ballfields are picking up with activity. The new multipurpose field is up and operational. He stated that we are continued to be plagued with weather issues. All of the crews are doing a fabulous job and is proud of all our departments. *Next time we meet*

He informed them that Tracy Howard wanted to let council know that the new voting machines are in and can go by his office anytime to see how they work.

Follow up with economic development and hopefully see many more thisn

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Dr. Harshberger shared that the City/University Joint Commission had a meeting in which a number of topics were discussed, one of them was the encroachment of university student into the residential neighborhoods, and they are planning on having a neighborhood meetings including the City and University, to address how to avoid predictable issues. They also discussed improving sidewalk safety.

Mr. Ridpath stated that a new lighted pedestrian crossing has been installed and will be trying this out to see if it is effective.

Dr. Harshberger also shared that April is sexual assault month and Radford University has a number of activities on campus.

There is two hour parking on main street except the Farmers market lot is all day and ws getting filled up by a lot of people who work there and if its possible to move that to two hour parking like the rest of main street.

David shared the chamber is looking at all the parking and this is one of the things we can see what is going on.

Mayor Brown asked Lynn Burress to let schools know how proud we are about the inclusion day and informed the audience that we have student government day, one week from tomorrow.

**Been a lot of activieity in economic development.
Keith has convene a poverity iniciative
Feel very positive on a few initiaitves they are doing.**

Mr. Marshall made a motion, seconded by Dr. Harshberger to convene a closed meeting for the purpose of Discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body; and evaluation of performance of departments, under Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 (A) (1).

VOTE:

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

No action was taken in the closed meeting.

_____ made a motion to adjourn the closed meeting, _____ seconded the motion.

VOTE:

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

_____ made a motion to re-convene the regular meeting, _____ seconded the motion.

VOTE:

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

NAYES: None-0

CERTIFICATION OF THE CLOSED MEETING:

_____ made a motion that Council did not discuss anything in the closed meeting other than the three items for which it was convened, ____ seconded the motion.

VOTE:

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

NAYES: None-0

_____ made a motion to adjourn the meeting at ____ p.m., seconded by _____.

VOTE:

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

NAYES: None-0

ATTEST:

Melissa A. Skelton, City Clerk of Council