

The New River City
January 23, 2017 **Radford, Virginia**
10 Robertson St.
Regular Meeting Number 10 of Radford City Council, F.Y. 2016-2017

The regular meeting of the Radford City Council was convened at 7:00p.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 Mr. Robert Gropman, Dr. Richard Harshberger, Mr. Daniel Keith Marshall, and Mr. Michael Turk.

Others present were as follows:

Mr. David Ridpath, City Manager

Ms. Jenni Wilder, City Clerk

Ms. Melissa Skelton, Community Development Director

Mr. Don Goodman, Chief of Police

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the invocation was led by Rev John McCandlish.

MINUTES APPROVALS: On a motion by Mr. Marshall and seconded by Dr. Harshberger that the minutes for January 9, 2017 Work Session are approved with the amendment of a time change to 6:00 p.m.

VOTE:

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

NAYES: None-0

MINUTES APPROVALS: On a motion by Dr. Harshberger and seconded by Mr. Gropman____ that the minutes for January 9, 2017 are approved as presented.

VOTE:

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

NAYES: None-0

INTRODUCTION:

SUBJECT: K-9 Xander

SUMMARY: The Police Department has received its new K-9 to replace, Robbie, who retired in June, 2016. Xander, a Belgium Malinis, will be used in narcotics and patrol. He was introduced by the Chief Goodman and Officer Jenkins.

RESOLUTION:

SUBJECT: RHS Band

SUMMARY: The Radford High School Band had a very successful 2016 season. They performed at a variety of venues and events, as well as won several regional and state awards with outstanding performances. Members of the Band, School Board and the Band Director were present to accept the award.

City of Radford
Resolution Recognizing the Radford High School Marching Band for the
Outstanding 2016 Season

WHEREAS, the RHS Marching Band demonstrated talent, teamwork and musical ability throughout the 2016 Marching Band Season; and

WHEREAS, the RHS Marching Band had another outstanding season under the direction of Daniel Frankenberger; and

WHEREAS, the RHS Marching band entertains and delights residents at sporting events, parades and competitions throughout the season; and

WHEREAS, the Bobcat Marching Band competed in several marching band contests including: Music in the Castle and placed first in visual, effect, drum major, percussion and overall in Class 4A, the Cavalier Classic, placing first in marching, drum major and color guard and the Southwestern Virginia Regional, placing second place overall in class 3A; and

WHEREAS, the RHS Marching band participated in the Cougar Band Classic, taking first place in drum major, percussion, color guard, horn, music, visual, effect, class 3A champions and took the title of New River Cup Grand Champion, placing first out of eleven bands; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Radford City Council does hereby honor and recognize the Radford High School Band for their hours of preparation, musical skill, teamwork and outstanding performances throughout the season in many styles and venues.

Bruce E. Brown, Mayor

Jennifer G. Wilder, City Clerk
Adopted: January 23, 2017

ACTION: On a motion by Mr. Marshall and seconded by Mr. Turk that the resolution recognizing the Radford High School Band is approved as presented.

VOTE:

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

NAYES: None-0

PUBLIC HEARING:

SUBJECT: Workforce Consortium Agreement

Mayor Brown opened the public input hearing at 7:25

No Comments.

Mayor Brown closed the public input hearing at 7:26

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

OLD BUSINESS:

SUBJECT: Ordinance 1689: Workforce Consortium Agreement

SUMMARY: The New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Development Area Consortium was created to provide workforce training and oversight to local regions in support of economic development. Our local regional Consortium includes the Counties of Floyd, Giles,

Montgomery, Pulaski, Bland, Carroll, Grayson, Smyth, Washington and Wythe, as well as the Cities of Bristol, Galax, and the City of Radford. In 2015, the Federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act was revised affecting the original regional agreement established in 2010. A new local Ordinance is required establishing a new Consortium agreement, related powers, membership and governance.

The agreement has been recommended by the Consortium Board and its Attorney, Sands Anderson. City Council scheduled a public hearing at its meeting on January 9, 2017, as required for January 23, 2017. The public hearing has been advertised. Marty Holiday, the Executive Director of the New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Development Area, was present to review the details of the Consortium.

ACTION: Mr. Gropman moved that Ordinance 1689 be approved, on the first reading, the motion was seconded by Mr. Marshall.

VOTE:

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

NAYES:

SUBJECT: Go Virginia Initiative

SUMMARY: The State of Virginia is establishing a coalition of Business, higher education, community leaders and others into regions throughout the State to promote Virginia's Economic future through strong private-sector growth and job creation. The effort will be known as "Go Virginia". The New River Valley, Roanoke and Lynchburg have been incorporated into one Go Virginia Region. A Regional Board will be established to oversee this effort made up of 15-25 area wide leaders. The New River Valley Regional Commission has asked for recommendation from this area to be considered for the Board. The Board will focus on strengthening communication between business and local government, as well as develop projects that could be supported by "Go Virginia" funds.

Nominations: Meg Weddle or Garrett Weddle, Rob Graham, George Low, Paul Pallante, Bruce Brown

ACTION: Mayor Brown asks Ms. Wilder to compose a letter and ask the above individuals if they are willing to serve on the board. Mayor Brown also reminded the audience that these are nominations, the regional commission will make the final selections.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. Lynn Burris thanked staff and City Council for their service to the City of Radford. Mr. Burris said, I am happy up there on Ninth Street. Mr. Burris went on to say he looks for Heather of the Radford News Journal when he comes to meeting because she reports things fairly, has a good influence and is a good reporter. However, there have been columns in the paper recently that do not have the same tone and in fact someone has something negative to say about it. Mr. Burris read passages from the columns written by Mr. Tuck Bird in the Radford News Journal and discussed how he disagreed with these columns and how the columns need to end.

Ms. Catherine Catroopy stated she just moved to Radford in April and encouraged City Council to look outside of the white male demographic when nominating people to the GO Virginia Board.

NEW BUSINESS

SUBJECT: Radford Chamber of Commerce Memorandum of Understanding

SUMMARY: The Radford Chamber of Commerce has provided a proposed contract for services to the City of Radford for F.Y. 2017. Generally, services include assistance in economic development, involvement in local government activities, fostering of communication, “Festival of Lights” support, promotion of Radford Tourism and business, increased marketing, and regional appointments, coordination of the Farmer’s Market and the summer concert series. \$15,000 was included in the F.Y. 2017 Budget for these services. Ms. Lisa Davis presented an annual report

ACTION: On a motion by Mr. Marshall and seconded by Mr. Gropman that the Memorandum of Understanding for the Radford Chamber of Commerce is approved as presented.

VOTE:

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

NAYES: None-0

CONSENT AGENDA:

SUBJECT: Consider Appropriation Ordinance 1682.24 Asset Forfeiture

SUMMARY: The Police Department has received State Asset Forfeiture funds in the amount of \$43,958. The funds will be used for police needs throughout the Budget year related to equipment, training, investigation and repairs.

SUBJECT: Consider Appropriation Ordinance 1682.25 Electronic Summons

SUMMARY: The Code of Virginia, Section 17.1 – 279.1 allows localities to provide electronic summons and to assess a fee not to exceed \$5.00 for criminal and traffic related court cases. The City Council adopted Ordinance #1668 at the January 26, 2015 meeting to implement the state provisions locally to improve efficiency, reduce paperwork, and decrease radio traffic. A Revenue account was established for this purpose. The State has established a fund from the \$5.00 contributions resulting from” E-Ticket “activity. The Police Department has requested an Appropriation of \$18,562 to purchase equipment for the implementation of the program.

SUBJECT: Consider Appropriation Ordinance 1682.26 JAG Grant

SUMMARY: The Police Department has been awarded a Federal Grant from the Byrne Justice Assistance Program in the amount of \$15,600. The funds will be used for technology upgrades in the Communications Center, as well as console brackets for three Police cars. A match of \$1,800 is required and can be accommodated from the Asset Forfeiture Fund.

SUBJECT: Consider Appropriation Ordinance 1682.27 Save the Next Girl

SUMMARY: The Police Department has requested \$1,345 from the Police Department Donation Account to be used for the “Save the Next Girl” program. The funds will be used to purchase a canopy and marketing materials to assist with crime prevention.

ACTION: Dr. Harshberger made a motion to place the consent agenda of Appropriations 1682.24, 1682.25, 1682.26, and 1682.27 on its first reading, Mr. Turk seconded the motion.

VOTE:

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

NAYES: None-0

ACTION: Dr. Harshberger a motion to dispense with the second and final readings of the consent agenda and approve Appropriations 1682.24, 1682.25, 1685.26, 1682.27, Mr. Turk seconded the motion.

VOTE:

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

NAYES: None-0

SUBJECT: Radford Transit

SUMMARY: Radford Transit began operation in the Fall, 2011 as a 5311 rural designated system. It is a partnership between Radford University and the City of Radford, funded primarily by the Virginia Department of Public Transportation and the Federal Transportation Administration.

Radford Transit receives a portion of its funding from the Federal Transit Administration. This assistance for public transportation systems requires an application to receive the funding, as well as certification and assurances from the transit authority, in our name the City of Radford. A Resolution, approved by City Council, is required to authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to execute and file the application, request urban transit funds as designated from the New River Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization, as well as provide the necessary annual certifications and assurances with the FTA.

The City of Radford owns all of the assets of Radford Transit. The day to day operations is provided through a contract with the New River Valley Community Services. The original contract was procured by the City prior to designation as 5307 urban systems. The original contract was for a three-year term and renewable in one year increments. The FTA requires that the City request proposals for the service under the new guidelines as a 5307 urban system with all FTA clauses. Authorization by City Council to procure services for an operating contractor for Radford Transit is required. Proposals will be solicited in February and an award recommended in March.

ACTION: On a motion by Mr. Gropman and seconded by Mr. Marshall that the Resolution for FTA Certifications and Assurances is approved as presented.

VOTE:

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

NAYES: None-0

ACTION: On a motion by Dr. Harshberger and seconded by Mr. Gropman that the authorization to procure services for an operating contractor for the Radford Transit system approved.

VOTE:

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

NAYES: None-0

CITY MANAGERS COMMENTS:

Mr. Ridpath spoke about new playground equipment being installed at Sunset Park and to look for a ribbon cutting in the coming months, he also spoke about the Hydro being put back together out at the Little River Dam.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Dr. Harshberger stated he would like to see fact checking by the editors of the paper before columns and articles are released.

Mr. Gropman asked for the Workforce Development Board Nomination to be on the February 13 agenda.

Mayor Brown spoke about an idea from Jack Ratcliffe to honor hometown heroes with monuments and plaques in possibly a garden area.

Mr. Marshall made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m., Dr. Harshberger seconded the motion.

VOTE:

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

NAYES: None-0

ATTEST: _____
Jennifer G. Wilder, City Clerk of Council