

The New River City
10 Robertson St. June 11, 2018 Radford, Virginia
Regular Meeting Number 19 of Radford City Council, F.Y. 2017-2018

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 Mr. Robert Gropman, Dr. Richard Harshberger, Mr. Daniel Keith Marshall, and Mr. Michael Turk.

Others present were as follows:

Mr. David Ridpath, City Manager

Mrs. Jenni Wilder, Public Information Coordinator, City Clerk

Mr. Don Goodman, Chief of Police

Ms. Melissa Skelton, Community Development Director

Mrs. Blair Hoke, Economic Development Director

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, led by local Veterans, Jim Henagar led the invocation.

MINUTES APPROVALS: On a motion by Dr. Harshberger and seconded by Mr. Marshall that the minutes for the May 14, 2018 meeting is approved as presented.

VOTE:

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

NAYES: None-0

PRESENTATION

SUBJECT: Police Department Re-Accreditation

SUMMARY: The Radford City Police Department has been "Re-accredited" by the State Accrediting Agency. The process involves many hours of Departmental inspections and review associated with procedures, equipment, paperwork and reporting, as well as facilities review, ride-a-longs and officer interviews. The review and award reflects the departments overall best practices in Police operations and programming. Sheriff, Draper of the Martinsville Police Department presented the award.

RECOGNITIONS

SUBJECT: Council Members and Mayor

SUMMARY: Mayor Brown, Council Members Michael Turk and Council Member Keith Marshall were recognized for their service to Radford.

PROCLAMATION

SUBJECT: Relay for Life

SUMMARY: The Relay for Life event will be held from June 17 to June 23, 2018. This year's event, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, will be jointly hosted by teams from the City

of Radford and Pulaski County. The event heightens cancer awareness and raises funds to support research, breakthrough therapies and build supportive communities. The Proclamation recognizes the significance and dates for Relay for Life, 2018.

ACTION: Dr. Harshberger made a motion to approve the Relay for Life Proclamation as presented, seconded by Mr. Marshall.

VOTE:

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

NAYES: None-0

PUBLIC HEARING

SUBJECT: Appropriation Ordinance 1691.28

SUMMARY: The City of Radford had several encumbrances/ purchase orders outstanding at the end of the F.Y. 2017 fiscal year. The purchase orders, totaling \$2,114,345, relate to public safety needs and technology in the General Fund, transit operations, the renovations at the Little River Dam and Public Works needs. To carry the funds into F.Y. 2018, an Appropriation is needed. Since the amount exceeds 1% of the total City budget, mainly because of the \$1,560,608 for the hydro electric repairs, a public hearing is required. The public hearing was scheduled at the May 14, 2018 meeting and has been advertised, as required.

Clerks note: The Public Hearing has been advertised as required.

Mayor Brown opened the Public hearing at 7:24

No comments

Mayor Brown closed the public hearing at 7:24

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Mr. Jim Graham thanked the outgoing Council Members for their support over the past 8 years of the Community Garden. Mr. Graham provided an update on this year's community garden, which has 42 plots.

CONSENT ITEMS:

NEW BUSINESS:

SUBJECT: Appropriation Ordinance 1691.28-Encumbrances

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SUMMARY: An Appropriation Ordinance is needed to adjust several, line items in the F.Y. 2018 Solid Waste Budget. The original budget projection was impacted by reduced costs in refuse hauling, increases in revenue and a larger planned transfer to resources. The Appropriation required is for \$13,975.

SUBJECT: Appropriation Ordinance 1691.30- Highway Maintenance Fund

SUMMARY: An Appropriation Ordinance is needed to adjust several line items in the F.Y. 2018 Highway Maintenance Budget. The original budget projection was impacted by an increase in State Aid, reduction in automotive cost and an increase in the planned transfer to reserves. The Appropriation required is in the amount of \$39,902.

ACTION: Mr. Gropman moved to approve Appropriation Ordinances 1691.28, 1691.29, 1691.30 as a consent agenda, on the first reading Mr. Marshall, seconded the motion.

VOTE:

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

ACTION: Mr. Gropman moved to approve and adopt Appropriation Ordinances 1691.28, 1691.29, 1691.30 as a consent agenda on the second reading Mr. Marshall seconded the motion.

VOTE:

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

SUBJECT: Assignment Rights-Governors Opportunity Fund

SUMMARY: The City of Radford, the Economic Development Authority and Virginia Castings, LLC entered into an agreement with the State of Virginia to support the capital investment, and the creation of jobs in the City of Radford under the Governor's Opportunity Fund. The agreement established in June of 2010 called for Virginia Castings to meet job and investment bench marks in exchange for \$600,000 in public investment. The agreement established in June 2010 was thereafter assigned to Grede by VCI with the consent of VEDP and the City.

The Virginia Economic Department Partnership plans to pursue repayment of the public investment through the Attorney General's Office because certain benchmarks were not met by the performance date.

VEDP has asked the City to assist them in this effort by "assigning" its rights to them, so they can pursue repayment from Grede through the Attorney General's Office.

ACTION: Dr. Harshberger moved to endorse the assignment of rights as presented, Mr. Turk seconded the motion.

VOTE:

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NAYES: None-0

City Manager Comments:

Mr. Ridpath stated that Radford is hosting the Spring Jubilee this coming weekend and that Radford is gearing up for the Spirit of America Celebration on July 4. Staff is also looking for a new location for the drop and recycling center. Mr. Ridpath thanked the outgoing Council Members for their support of staff and service to the City throughout their time on Council.

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ATTEST:

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