

10 Robertson St.  
Special Meeting Number 1 of Radford City Council, F.Y. 2018-2019

*The "New River" City*  
July 2, 2018

Radford, Virginia

The special organizational meeting of the Radford City Council was convened at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, 10 Robertson Street, Radford, VA. The Mayor of the City, Raymond David Horton, was present and presiding. Other members of City Council present were Ms. Jessie Critterton, Mr. Robert P. Gropman, Dr. Richard Harshberger, Ms. Naomi Huntington.

Others present were as follows:

Mr. David Ridpath, City Manager  
Ms. Melissa Skelton, Deputy Clerk  
Ms. Blair Hoke, Economic Developer  
Mrs. Jenni Wilder, City Clerk  
Mr. Don Goodman, Chief of Police  
Mr. Mike Bedsaul, City Attorney

**NEW BUSINESS**

**SUBJECT: Election of Vice-Mayor**

**ACTION:** Ms. Huntington nominated Dr. Harshberger for the position of Vice-Mayor. Ms. Critterton seconded the motion.

**VOTE:**

**AYES:** Ms. Critterton, Mr. Gropman, Dr. Harshberger, Ms. Huntington, Mayor Horton  
**NAYES:** None-0

**SUBJECT: Appointment of City Clerk of Council**

**ACTION:** Mr. Gropman made a motion to appoint Ms. Wilder as City Clerk for Fiscal Year 2018-2019. Dr. Harshberger seconded the motion.

**VOTE:**

**AYES:** Ms. Critterton, Mr. Gropman, Dr. Harshberger, Ms. Huntington, Mayor Horton  
**NAYES:** None-0

**SUBJECT: Appointment of Deputy City Clerk of Council**

**ACTION:** Ms. Huntington made a motion to appoint Ms. Skelton as Deputy City Clerk for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Ms. Critterton seconded the motion.

**VOTE:**

**AYES:** Ms. Critterton, Mr. Gropman, Dr. Harshberger, Ms. Huntington, Mayor Horton  
**NAYES:** None-0

**SUBJECT: Appointment of City Attorney**

**ACTION:** Dr. Harshberger made a motion to appoint Sands Anderson as City Attorney for Fiscal Year 2018-2019. Mr. Gropman seconded the motion.

**VOTE:**

**AYES:** Ms. Critterton, Mr. Gropman, Dr. Harshberger, Ms. Huntington, Mayor Horton  
**NAYES:** None-0

**SUBJECT: Council Calendar for F.Y. 2018-2019**

Dr. Harshberger moved to move the July 23, 2018 meeting to July 30, 2018. Ms. Critterton seconded the motion.

**SUMMARY:** Council considered the following calendar

**REGULAR RADFORD CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS 2018-2019**

July 9, 2018

July 30, 2018

August 13, 2018

August 27, 2018

September 10, 2018

September 24, 2018

October 8, 2018

October 22, 2018

November 12, 2018

December 10, 2018

January 14, 2019

January 28, 2019

February 11, 2019

February 25, 2019

March 11, 2019

March 25, 2019

April 8, 2019

April 22, 2019

May 13, 2019

June 10, 2019

**All meetings are scheduled at 7:00 P.M. to be held in the Council Chambers, 10 Robertson Street, Radford, Virginia 24141. Infrequently, Radford City Council holds an early meeting prior to the regularly scheduled meeting time in which case the time and subject of the meeting will be announced in the agenda for the meeting.**

**Notification will be provided for all special or emergency meetings prior to the meetings.**

**ACTION:** Ms. Critterton made a motion that Council to adopt the calendar as amended. Ms. Huntington seconded the motion.

**VOTE:**

**AYES:** Ms. Critterton, Mr. Gropman, Dr. Harshberger, Ms. Huntington, Mayor Horton

**NAYES:** None-0

**SUBJECT: Council Meeting Structure**

**SUMMARY:** Council members discussed the structure of their meetings.

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Huntington brought up changing the invocation at the start of the Council meeting to a moment of reflection.

Ms. Critterton agreed with the idea.

Dr. Harshberger stated he has no problem with non-denominational prayer to start the meeting.

Mr. Gropman stated he would like to see the non-denominational prayer continue.

A discussion was had on the moment of reflection and what it would entail, Council decided on an inspirational statement to be read, that is not religious to start the meeting.

Mr. Bedsaul the City Attorney stated that is important to note that the invocation is a prayer for Council not the citizens before the meeting.

**ACTION:** Ms. Huntington moved to change the invocation at the start of the meeting to a moment of reflection, Ms. Critterton seconded the motion.

**VOTE:**

Ms. Critterton: YES

Mr. Gropman: NO

Dr. Harshberger: YES

Ms. Huntington: YES

Mayor Horton: YES

**SUBJECT: Council Appointments to Boards and Commissions**

**SUMMARY:** Council members chose to be on the following Boards and Commissions.

**ACTION:** Dr. Harshberger made a motion that Council to adopt the following slate for Boards and Commissions Ms. Huntington seconded the motion.

<b>Current Council Boards and Commission</b>	<b>Newly Appointed</b>
New River Community Services Board	Gropman
NRV Regional Commission	Horton
Radford Planning Commission	Gropman
Social Services Board of Directors	Critterton
Fire Dept Board of Trustees	Critterton

Fairview District Home Board	Harshberger
New River Resource Authority	Starnes
New River Valley Economic Development Authority	Horton
VA First Regional Industrial Development	Harshberger
Chief Elected Official Board	Gropman
City/Univ Joint Advisory Commission	Harshberger
Chamber of Commerce	Harshberger
Radford Heritage Foundation	Critterton
Highlander Festival Commission	Gropman
Tourism Commission	Huntington
Recreation Commission	Huntington
CPMT	Critterton
Beautification Commission	Horton

**VOTE:**

**AYES:** Ms. Critterton, Mr. Gropman, Dr. Harshberger, Ms. Huntington, Mayor Horton

**NAYES:** None-0

**SUBJECT: Staff Appointments to Boards and Commissions**

**SUMMARY:** Council members chose the following staff to be on the following Boards and Commissions.

**ACTION:** Ms. Critterton made a motion that Council to adopt the following staff slate for Boards and Commissions. Mr. Gropman seconded the motion.

<b>Board</b>	<b>Staff Appointee</b>
EDA	Blair Hoke
Blue Ridge Power	Tim Logwood
	Michael Goad
Airport Commission	Blair Hoke
Virginia's First IDA	Blair Hoke
Highlanders Festival	David Ridpath
	Deborah Cooney
	Jenni Wilder
	Donna Wolfe
CLEO	David Ridpath
City University Commission	Melissa Skelton
	Don Goodman

**SUBJECT: Citizen Appointments to Boards and Commissions**

**SUMMARY:** Citizens selected to be on the following Boards and Commissions.

<b>Board/Commission</b>	<b>Citizen Appointed</b>
<b>Agency on Aging</b>	Mary Ann Semones
	Salley Anna Stapleton
<b>Beautifcation Commission</b>	Edith Carter
	Peggy Huber
	Matthew Close
<b>Economic Development Authority</b>	Flo Graham
	Steve Harvey
	Paul Pallante
<b>New River Community College Board</b>	Jack Brockway
	Onassis Burress
<b>Library Board</b>	Wilson Rankin
	Claudia Jones
	Tommie Bloomer
<b>Recreation Commission</b>	
	Kenneth Cox
	Brooke Love
	Catherine Catrupl
<b>Board of Zoning Appeals</b>	Carol Colby
<b>Planning Commission</b>	Annie Pearce
	Barry Collier
	Seth Gillespie
<b>City/University Joint Commssion</b>	Josh Smith

<b>Highlanders Festival Committee</b>	Sara Flickinger
<b>Tourism</b>	Joel Young
	Diana Dobbins
	Laurie Murphy
	Scott Dunn

**ACTION:** Ms. Critterton made a motion that Council to adopt the following slate of citizens for Boards and Commissions Ms. Huntington seconded the motion.

**VOTE:**

**AYES:** Ms. Critterton, Mr. Gropman, Dr. Harshberger, Ms. Huntington, Mayor Horton

**NAYES:** None-0

**ACTION:** Dr. Harshberger made a motion to nominate for recommendation to the Circuit Court Ms. Carol Colby to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Mr. Gropman seconded that motion.

**VOTE:**

**AYES:** Ms. Critterton, Mr. Gropman, Dr. Harshberger, Ms. Huntington, Mayor Horton

**NAYES:** None-0

Mr. Gropman made a motion, seconded by Ms. Critterton 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).

Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body; and consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel. For the purposes of this subdivision, "probable litigation" means litigation that has been specifically threatened or on which the public body or its legal counsel has a reasonable basis to believe will be commenced by or against a known party. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to permit the closure of a meeting merely because an attorney representing the public body is in attendance or is consulted on a matter. Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 (A) (7).

Consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to permit the closure of a meeting merely because an attorney representing the public body is in attendance or is consulted on a matter. Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 (A) (8).

**VOTE:**

**AYES:** Ms. Critterton, Mr. Gropman, Dr. Harshberger, Ms. Huntington, Mayor Horton

**NAYES:** None-0

Mr. Gropman made a motion to adjourn the closed meeting, Dr. Harshberger seconded the motion.

**VOTE:**

**AYES:** Ms. Critterton, Mr. Gropman, Dr. Harshberger, Ms. Huntington, Mayor Horton

**NAYES:** None-0

Mr. Gropman made a motion to re-convene the regular meeting, Dr. Harshberger seconded the motion.

**VOTE:**

**AYES:** Ms. Critterton, Mr. Gropman, Dr. Harshberger, Ms. Huntington, Mayor Horton

**NAYES:** None-0

**CERTIFICATION OF THE CLOSED MEETING:**

Mr., Gropman made a motion that Council did not discuss anything in the closed meeting other than the two items for which it was convened, Dr. Harshberger seconded the motion.

**VOTE:**

**AYES:** Ms. Critterton, Mr. Gropman, Dr. Harshberger, Ms. Huntington, Mayor Horton

**NAYES:** None-0

Ms. Critterton made a motion to approve the City Manager Agreement and that it be approved by Resolution at the July 9, 2018 meeting. Mr. Gropman seconded the motion.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Dr. Harshberger stated there is a lot of excitement in Radford and a lot of hope and support as people are ready for a new vision in Radford.

Mayor Horton invited everyone to come out and celebrate in Bisset Park on July 4, 2018.

Ms. Huntington made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m., seconded by Mr. Gropman.

**VOTE:**

**AYES:** Ms. Critterton, Mr. Gropman, Dr. Harshberger, Ms. Huntington, Mayor Horton

**NAYES:** None-0

**ATTEST:**

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Jennifer Wilder, City Clerk