

Mr. Gropman made a motion, seconded by Ms. Critterton to convene a closed meeting for the purpose of Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community 2.2-3711 (A) (5).

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. 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. 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. 2.2-3711 (A) (8).

VOTE:

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

NAYES: None-0

No action was taken in the closed meeting.

Mr. Gropman made a motion to adjourn the closed meeting, Ms. Critterton 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, Ms. Critterton seconded the motion.

VOTE:

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

NAYES: None-0

The regular meeting of the Radford City Council was convened at 7:20 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

The Pledge was led by the local veterans.

The moment of reflection was led by Mayor Horton. Mayor Horton reflected on Hurricane Florence and stated that our thoughts and prayers are with those in the Carolinas and he is thankful Radford was spared and for all of the City employees who worked to make sure the City was prepared.

MINUTES APPROVALS: On a motion by Dr. Harshberger and seconded Ms. Critterton that the minutes for the September 10, 2018 Regular Meeting are approved as presented.

VOTE:

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

NAYES: None-0

PROCLAMTION:

SUBJECT: Public Power Week

SUMMARY: The week of October 7-13, 2018 is Public Power Week. The week is established nationally to recognize our electric employees, the importance of power in building strong communities, the 2000 community-owned utilities across the country, as well as the significance of reliable power. The proposed Proclamation recognizes the significance of the week locally.

ACTION: Mayor Horton moved to approve the proclamation as presented, Mr. Gropman seconded the motion.

VOTE:

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

NAYES: None-0

SUBJECT: Fire Prevention Week

SUMMARY: The week of October 7, 2018 through October 13, 2018 is Nationally recognized as "Fire Prevention Week". The proposed Proclamation locally endorses "Fire Prevention Week in Radford". The proposed Proclamation encourages recognition of this important week by promoting fire safety at home, at work, in our schools and in our forests.

ACTION: Mayor Horton moved to approve the proclamation as presented, Ms. Critterton seconded the motion.

VOTE:

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

NAYES: None-0

REPORT: New River Valley Passenger Rail 2020

SUMMARY: The New River Valley communities have been working together for the past several years to bring AMTRAK service to our area. The Regional Commission and the Metropolitan Planning Organization have conducted a feasibility and location study to advance the Rail Passenger Service. Ed Lauhorn, Chairman of the New River Valley Rail 2020

Committee, presented an overview of the project, procedural expectations and community involvement.

REPORT: Radford Transit

SUMMARY: The Radford Transit system is a collaborative partnership between the Federal Transit Administration, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, Radford University and the City of Radford to provide comprehensive bus passenger service throughout Radford and destinations within the New River Valley. The system has reflected steady growth since it began in 2012. The City contracts with the New River Valley Community Services to operate the 12 bus, 6 route system.

Trevor Sakry, Transportation Manager for NRVCS, presented an overview of the system, ridership and F.Y. 2019 goals. The report will include system usage, service trends and capital improvements.

City Council discusses several items with Mr. Sakry including plans on neighborhood penetration, a stop in Bisset Park to utilize our outdoor resources more and future funding from the State.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ms. Stoots commented that from a business perspective the transit system should consider running a special stop at the Best Western during Radford University graduation and that using hotels as bus stops might help generate revenue and provide additional resources for those staying in our hotels and dining in our restaurants.

SUBJECT: Norwood Square Lot

SUMMARY: Oasis Church has requested that the Norwood Square parking lot, located at the intersection of Virginia Street and East Main Street, be closed to accommodate a “carnival” associated with the annual “Trick or Treat Trail”, sponsored by the Radford Chamber of Commerce. The event will be held on, October 31, 2018. The lot will be closed from 2:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to accommodate children’s activities, including games, inflatables, music and face painting. Access to the businesses through the lot will not be impacted by the special event. Public Works will take care of the set-up and procedures related to closing the lot and the Police Department will assist in traffic control.

ACTION: Ms. Huntington moved to approve the closure of the Norwood Square Lot, Ms. Critterton seconded the motion.

VOTE:

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

SUBJECT: Surplus Vehicle and Equipment

SUMMARY: The Public Works Department is coordinating an auction of the City’s surplus vehicles and equipment. The last auction was in October, 2016 and was very successful. The surplus items come from all departments and have been evaluated based on their age, safety,

operational cost and service to the departments. The list includes vehicles, equipment and six retired transit buses.

ACTION: Dr. Harshberger moved to approve the surplus list and auction, Ms. Critterton seconded the motion.

VOTE:

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

NAYES: None-0

SUBJECT: University Drive Bridge Project

SUMMARY: The Virginia Department of Transportation requires the inspection of bridges every two years. The University Drive Bridge has been inspected by Schwartz and Associates, Inc. and given a "satisfactory", classification rating of "6". The report has recommended repairs to the joints, deck repairs, improvements to the approaches and several other general maintenance items.

Proposals have been requested from qualified engineering firms to provide design, bidding and contract administration to implement elements noted in the inspection. We received six proposals and have selected the firm Whitman, Requardt & Associates from Blacksburg based on their experience, project knowledge and strong project team. They are proposing to perform the work for \$117,310.

There are adequate funds in the Urban Highway Maintenance Reserve Fund to accommodate the required planning, engineering and design services.

ACTION: Dr. Harshberger moved to award the contract subject to revision and finalization by the city attorney and to Whitman, Requardt & Associates, Mr. Gropman seconded the motion.

VOTE:

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

NAYES: None-

ACTION: Dr. Harshberger moved to approve Appropriation Ordinance 1702.17, on the first reading, Dr. Huntington seconded the motion.

VOTE:

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

NAYES: None-0

ACTION: Dr. Harshberger moved to dispense with the second reading of Appropriation Ordinance 1702.17, Ms. Huntington seconded the motion.

VOTE:

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

NAYES: None-0

SUBJECT: Contract New River Valley Community Services

SUMMARY:

The New River Valley Community Services agency provides Radford citizens and the New River Communities with mental and behavioral health services. The City contributes \$42,073 in local required funding to the agency and received program services for the past forty years. A contract is required between the NRVCS and the State that illustrates the scope of services, reporting requirements, agency responsibility and funding.

ACTION: Mr. Gropman moved to approve the contract between NRVCS and the State Department of Behavioral Health and Development, Ms. Huntington seconded the motion.

VOTE:

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

NAYES: None-0

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

Mr. Ridpath stated that storm prep for Florence went well and luckily the City was spared for the most part, but it is always good to have practice.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Ms. Huntington thanked everyone for coming out to the Main Street Program and special thanks to the staff that put the event on. The City came away with a long list of things we need to do, but there are a lot of positive visions for the City.

Mr. Gropman stated that October 6 is the Highlanders Festival in Bisset Park.

Dr. Harshberger stated that Radford University homecoming is also coming up.

Ms. Critterton stated that the community engagement for Main Street was extremely enlightening and she came away with pages of notes on things we can do to improve Radford. Ms. Critterton also mentioned that the first meeting with the contractor for the American Legion Building is coming up and they will be in touch with volunteers to do work soon.

Mayor Horton states that the Farmer's Market will be going on for three more weeks and there are lots of upcoming events including the Highlanders Festival, Glencoe's 20th Anniversary Celebration and RHS and RU Homecoming.

Mr. Bobbie Farmer asked if the University is going to pay for any improvements to University Drive Bridge and Mr. Ridpath commented that the road is City funded.

Dr. Harshberger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m., seconded by Ms. Critterton.

VOTE:

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

NAYES: None-0

ATTEST:

Jennifer Wilder, City Clerk