



City of Radford Council Agenda
Meeting Number 14 of F.Y. 2020-2021

February 8, 2020 at 7:00 pm
ZOOM

CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
MOMENT OF SILENCE

PUBLIC HEARING: **Vacation of Right of Way-Scott Hill**

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Ordinance 1747-Vacation of Right of Way-Scott Hill

NEW BUSINESS:

1. COVID-19 Update
2. Appropriation Ordinance 1726.25: \$20,000-Virginia Tourism Corporation Marketing Grant
3. Appropriation Ordinance 1726.26: \$25,511-DCJS for Recruitment and Retention

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Adjourn

Upcoming Meetings:

February 22, 2021 7:00pm-Regular Meeting
March 8, 2021 7:00pm-Regular Meeting

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF RADFORD, VIRGINIA**

Notice is hereby given, the Radford City Council will hold a public hearing on February 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at 10 Robertson Street, Radford, Virginia.

Pursuant to Code of Virginia, Title 15.2, Article 2 Section 15.2-2006 et seq., the purpose of the public hearing is to receive comments regarding a request from Scott Hill to vacate a portion of an unimproved public right of way area identified as Sixth Street located at the intersection of Robertson Street. The request contains a total area of approximately .192 acre.

Copies of the application, together with the plat of the property to be vacated, are available for review in the City Manager's Office located at 10 Robertson Street.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**ORDINANCE OF CONDITIONAL VACATION OR ALTERATION
OF A PORTION OF THE UNIMPROVED SIXTH STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY
BETWEEN TAX MAP NUMBERS 14-(5)-SEC 6-16B, 17A, AND 18A
AND TAX MAP NUMBERS 4-(5)-SEC 2-7, 8, AND 9**

WHEREAS, Scott and Angela Hill (the "Applicants") have filed an application with the City of Radford, Virginia (the "City") to vacate a portion of the unimproved Sixth Street right-of-way between Tax Map Numbers 14-(5)-Sec 6-16B, 17A, and 18A and Tax Map Numbers 4-(5)-Sec 2-7, 8, and 9 (the "Property"), the location of which is more specifically shown on that Plat entitled "Plat Showing a Portion of Sixth Street to be Vacated," by Balzer & Associates, dated January 31, 2020, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as "Exhibit A" (the "Plat"); and,

WHEREAS, the Applicants are the owners of NRV Home Rentals, LLC, which is the owner of Tax Map Numbers 14-(5)-Sec 6-16B, 17A, and 18A abutting upon the Property; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Virginia Code § 15.2-2006 et seq., the City is authorized to vacate or alter its public rights-of-ways, subject to such conditions as determined by the City Council of the City of Radford, Virginia (the "City Council"); and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Virginia Code § 15.2-2100, the City is authorized to sell its streets or other public places, upon a three-fourths vote of City Council; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council appointed a Board of Viewers to report on any public inconvenience that would result from vacating or altering the Property; and,

WHEREAS, upon review of the report from the Board of Viewers and other evidence, the City Council has determined that vacation or alteration of the Property will not materially affect access to the properties of other property owners, and that the remaining portion of the Sixth Street right-of-way behind the Property is not conducive to being improved for use as a street by the City due to its steep topography; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that vacation or alteration of the Property will promote economic and housing development within the City; and,

WHEREAS, after notice and public hearing as required by law, the City Council has determined it appropriate and in the best interests of the City to vacate or alter the Property, subject to the conditions stated herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Radford that the Property shown on the Plat is hereby **VACATED**, subject to the following conditions:

1. That within sixty (60) days of the adoption of this Ordinance, the Applicants shall pay the City \$27,680.00 for the Property, which is the mutually agreed upon purchase price of the parties; and,

2. That within twelve (12) months of the adoption of this Ordinance, the Applicants shall record this Ordinance, together with the deed of vacation, in the Radford City Circuit Court Clerk's Office; and,

3. That the Applicants shall be responsible for all costs associated with the preparation and recordation of this Ordinance and any deed of vacation; and,

4. That failure of the Applicants to satisfy any condition contained herein shall render this Ordinance, and any deed of vacation, null and void and of no force and effect.

And, **BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Radford that the City Manager is hereby authorized to take such actions and execute such documents on behalf of the City as are necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Ordinance, including, but not limited to, execution of one or more deeds of vacation, subject to review and approval by the City Attorney.

And, **BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that, in accordance with Section 2.13 of the City's Charter, a second reading of this Ordinance is hereby dispensed with, upon the affirmative vote of four members of City Council.

Date: _____

Recorded Roll Call Votes:

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| Mrs. Huntington: | _____ |
| Mrs. Foster: | _____ |
| Mr. Hite: | _____ |
| Mr. Burress: | _____ |
| Mayor Horton: | _____ |

David Horton, Mayor

Ord. No. _____

ATTEST:

Jennifer Wilder, City Clerk

**City of Radford, VA
City Council Action Form**

Date for Council consideration: 02/07/21

Tourism Department Grant Appropriation

Background Information:

The Tourism Department has partnered with the other NRV tourism offices and has received a \$20,000 marketing grant from Virginia Tourism Corporation to promote the New River Valley in a regional approach. The funds are to be used for segments on Blue Ridge PBS that will begin in the spring. While PBS does not accept paid advertising, we will underwrite a show and will have 3-5 minute spots between their shows. Our segments will be themed so they can include multiple localities and will feature trip ideas like, "paddle/fish the New River" or "Crooked Road music venues" or "rustic weddings" and other reasons for visitors to come to the NRV. The NRV tourism offices have worked on numerous other joint tourism projects including the recent launch of VisitNRV.com which this campaign will align with nicely.

Action Requested:

Request is to appropriate \$20,000 to the tourism department. The grant is a reimbursement grant so we will need to pay for the marketing expenses, submit receipts for the approved projects and then will be reimbursed from Virginia Tourism. We plan to complete the project by 30 June 2021 but the reimbursement process may go past 30 June 2021.

Pros and Cons/Financial Implications:

Pros: The PBS viewer is an excellent target market for us to recruit from (educated, upper income, retired and looking for trip/event recommendations). Much digital advertising will be a part of this project and could not have been funded without the grant.

Cons: None.

Financial Impact on the department and City: We will need to spend the funds up front but will get reimbursed as soon as the work is completed and our final reports are submitted. Virginia Tourism is a state agency so the funding should be secure.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

Ordinance Number: **1726.25**
 1st Reading: February 8, 2021
 2nd Reading:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NUMBER 1726.25, THE CITY OF RADFORD, VIRGINIA ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$20,000 FOR:

VIRGINIA TOURISM CORPORATION MARKETING GRANT

Be it ordained by the Council of the City of Radford, Virginia that Ordinance Number 1713 identifying the revenue and expenditure accounts of the City of Radford contained in the annual budget for the fiscal year 2010-2020 hereby amended and funds are herewith appropriated or adjusted as presented. Be it furthered ordained that an emergency exists and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from the date of its passage.

| FUND | DEPARTMENT | CODE | ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION | REVENUES | | EXPENDITURES | |
|--------|------------|----------------------|------------------------|-----------|----------|--------------|----------|
| | | | | Increase | Decrease | Increase | Decrease |
| GRANTS | TOURISM | 20124-324705-G8120 | VA TOURISM CORPORATION | \$ 20,000 | | | |
| GRANTS | TOURISM | 2018115-403850-G8120 | MARKETING | | | \$ 20,000 | |
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| | | | Totals | \$ 20,000 | \$ - | \$ 20,000 | \$ - |

The recorded roll call vote was as follows:

FIRST READING: February 8, 2021
 VOTE: _____
 Mr. Hite _____
 Mr. Burress _____
 Mrs. Foster _____
 Ms. Huntington _____
 Mayor Horton _____

SECOND READING:
 VOTE: _____
 Mr. Hite _____
 Mr. Burress _____
 Mrs. Foster _____
 Ms. Huntington _____
 Mayor Horton _____

MOTION: _____
 SECOND: _____
 ATTEST: _____
 Jennifer G. Wilder, City Clerk

MOTION: _____
 SECOND: _____

**City of Radford, VA
City Council Action Form**

Date for Council consideration: February 8, 2021

DCJS Funding

Background Information:

Request for funds received from the Department of Criminal Justice Services to be appropriated. These funds have been distributed to Local Police Departments by the Department of Criminal Justice Services.

Action Requested:

For Council to appropriate the above mentioned fund to be utilized following the guidelines provided by the Department of Criminal Justice Services. The amount requested is \$25,551. Plans for the funds includes recruitment tools to attract minorities, programs designed for Officer wellness, as well as targeted accreditation goals associated with leadership accountability and development of the public trust.

Pros and Cons/Financial Implications:

Pros: The funds provide an opportunity for implementing the above mentioned plans.

Cons: None

Financial impact on the department and City: None, due to funding being distributed by the Department of Criminal Justice Service.

