

The "New River" City

10 Robertson St.

February 13, 2023

Radford, Virginia

Meeting Number 12 of Radford City Council, F.Y. 2022-2023

The regular meeting of the Radford City Council was convened at 7:00 p.m. on January 23, 2023 in the Radford City Council Chambers, located at 10 Robertson Street Radford, VA. The Mayor of the City, Raymond David Horton, was present and presiding. Other members of City Council present were, Vice-Mayor Seth Gillespie, Ms. Jessie Foster, Mr. Bobby Davis, and Ms. Kellie Artrip.

Others present were as follows:

Mr. David Ridpath, City Manager

Ms. Jenni Goodman, City Clerk

Mr. Mike Bedsaul, City Attorney

MINTUES APPROVAL: Mr. Gillespie made a motion to approve the minutes for the January 23, 2023 meeting, Mr. Davis seconded the motion.

VOTE:

AYES: Ms. Artrip, Mr. Davis, Mr. Gillespie, Ms. Foster, Mayor Horton

NAYES: NONE-0

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

John Ashley, listen-

COUNCIL RESPONSE:

none

PROCLAMTION: Black History Month

SUMMARY: The month of February is recognized nationally as Black History Month, to reflect on the achievements and contributions made by African-Americans to our economic, cultural, spiritual, and the political development of our Nation. The local Proclamation encourages the celebration of our diverse heritage and culture, as well as recognition of this important designation.

ACTION: Ms. Foster made a motion that Council approve the proclamation as presented, Gillespie seconded the motion.

VOTE:

AYES: Mr. Davis, Mr. Gillespie, Ms. Foster, Ms. Artrip, Mayor Horton

NAYES: NONE-0

RESOLUTION: Tracy Howard

SUMMARY: The proposed Resolution recognizes the retirement of Tracy Howard. Tracy has served the City of Radford for 31 years at its General Registrar. The Resolution recognizes his contributions, leadership, volunteerism and dedication to Radford, as well as accomplishments to his profession as General Registrar.

ACTION: Mayor Horton made a motion that Council approve the resoluion as presented, Ms.Artrip seconded the motion.

VOTE:

AYES: Mr. Davis, Mr. Gillespie, Ms. Foster, Ms. Artrip, Mayor Horton

NAYES: NONE-0

Public Hearing: Rezoning Request

SUMMARY: Jeffery Stump is proposing to construct 30 townhomes adjacent to Lovely Mount Drive. The 10.63 acres of property is zoned R-3 (Single Family Residential) and requires rezoning to R-4 (Multi-Family Residential) to permit the development. Balzer and Associates will serve as the agent and engineer for the project. The units are planned for subdivision and sale.

A Joint Public Hearing was held on November 14, 2022 pertaining to the request. Public concerns reflected the density of the development, storm water runoff, parking sufficiency, traffic volume, roadway conditions and site ingress/egress. No action was taken following the public hearing pending a recommendation from the Planning Commission.

Mayor Horton opened the public hearing at 7:30

Zingalinski-letter from the citizens of the area, citizens need to take ownership of neighborhood, standing up for ownership of our neighborhood is not bullying, numerous issues, ask Melissa for letter, insert comments from letter etc. real data traffic and drainage accurate data from reasonable sources, quality of internet service

Jim tynan-preface involving council commission you and you all, not aimed at the new members, 14 here tonight, dwindling number, neighborhood meeting, votes 1 subject unanimously voted on and agreed to, council did not listen to us gave us 0 respect and they gave us less than you did, follow up to that done deal you don't care who it hurts, not care neighbors or neighborhood, word creativity, meet a housing commission goal, address your plan that commission has not said to anyone, rubber stamp, rubber stamp, huntington she made them afterthought of they are trying to bully us into changing our minds, if you think that you have no idea what bullying is, they had their minds made up. Bullies become victims and victims become bullies syndrome, chairman works for balzer and company, recused himself in the third meeting, appearance of conflict, week of Christmas, approved a project on Brandon ave. 3 years after the planning commission approved it, not a rubber stamp, mont co rejected on 114, rep you elected did their due diligence they did what you elected them to do. Safety charge to you take your time

This refers to comp plan, and housing study. Group think is wrong

Mark -no low income house or section 108, doesn't look like it will be, sign off on that if you ever had the opportunity process of having individual home sites if you

Roger kirner-question what you've shown looks good, rezone alternative might be worse than what they are putting in now, what would go in if you cannot do townhouses

Ken grey-single family dwelling maybe 9 single family there and they have 30 crammed there in there. Plan from above looks like strip mall apartments, rock rd same thing, pulling on road will be a mess, they don't belong on our neighborhood, single family houses nobody wants this density built in picture and plans don't match. Deceptive, sacrifice our neighborhood expensive apartments with parking right in front. Safety bad, nobody wants it there, much higher density, we'd be happy if you followed the zoning. No one is happy about it.

Mayor Horton closed the public hearing at 8:00

*The public hearing has been advertised as required.

OLD BUSINESS:

SUBJECT: Appointments to Boards and Commissions

SUMMARY: An appointment by City Council to the Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals were needed.

ACTION: Gillespie Gropman, Artrip _____ Mr. Davis seconded the motion.

VOTE:

AYES: Mr. Davis, Mr. Gillespie, Ms. Foster, Ms. Artrip, Mayor Horton

NAYES: NONE-0

Reach back out to applicants and see if they have interest in the board of zoning appeals.

SUBJECT: Ordinance 1780

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The Planning Commission met on December 19, 2022 and recommended the approval of the rezoning request by Jeffery Stump to City Council. The vote was 6 affirmative votes with 1 abstention.

City staff, our consulting Engineer, as well as the project Engineer have reviewed and evaluated the public concerns from area residents. No items appear to be significant and will be further addressed in the site plan process, if the rezoning is approved.

The City Attorney has prepared Ordinance #1780 for City Council consideration. City Council scheduled a second public hearing at its meeting on January 9, 2023 for February 13, 2023 to correct the wording in the advertisement. This does not impact the previous Planning Commission hearing, nor their actions.

Go back and listen to add in council comments.

ACTION: Ms.Foster made a motion to approve Ordinance 1780 on the first reading, Mr. Gillespie seconded that motion.

VOTE: 4
AYES: Mr Davis

SUBJECT: Ordinance 1781

SUMMARY: K & J Properties had requested the vacation of two excess public right-of-ways to expand their property at 1925 Second Street to support the development of six townhomes. The right-of-ways include 12' of Second Street between Custis Street and Ingles Street, as well as 15' of Custis Street between West Main Street and Second Street. The Application fees have been paid.

City Council held a public hearing on December 8, 2022. There were no public comments. Following the public hearing, a 3-member Board of Viewers was appointed to look at the request to vacate an area of right-of-way approximately .087 acres and make a recommendation on the vacation's impact on public convenience.

The Board of Viewers met on January 20, 2023 and found the right-of-way vacation creates no public inconvenience. Staff has also reviewed the request and does not see any issues with the vacation on the streets or public utilities. City Council received the Board report of its meeting on January 23, 2023 and requested that the City Attorney draft an Ordinance.

ACTION: Ms. Gilles made a motion to approve n Ordinance 1781 on the first reading, Artrip Davis seconded that motion.

VOTE:
AYES: Mr. Davis, Mr. Gillespie, Ms. Foster, Ms. Artrip, Mayor Horton
NAYES: NONE-0

ACTION: Atrip made a motion to dispense with the second reading of Ordinance 1781, Gillespie seconded that motion.

VOTE:
AYES: Mr. Davis, Mr. Gillespie, Ms. Foster, Ms. Artrip, Mayor Horton
NAYES: NONE-0

NEW BUSINESS:

SUBJECT: Allen Hall Award

SUMMARY: In February, 2011, City Council established a Memorial to Robert Allen Hall, "Big Al", honoring his life, service and contribution to Radford. A Resolution was established creating a citizenship based award recognizing Humanitarian Service by individuals who contribute to making Radford a better place. Fourteen individuals have received the award since 2011.

ACTION: go back and listen for discussion

VOTE:

AYES: Mr. Davis, Mr. Gillespie, Ms. Foster, Ms. Artrip, Mayor Horton
NAYES: NONE-0

SUBJECT: Appropriation Ordinance 1763.23

SUMMARY: The City of Radford received a grant from the New River Resource Authority in the amount of \$5,000. The funds are to be used to increase awareness and participation in environmental programs.

ACTION: Ms. Artrip made a motion to approve Appropriation Ordinance 1763.23 on the first reading, Mr. Davis seconded that motion.

VOTE:

AYES: Mr. Davis, Mr. Gillespie, Ms. Foster, Ms. Artrip, Mayor Horton
NAYES: NONE-0

ACTION: Mr. Gillespie made a motion to dispense with the second reading of Appropriation Ordinance 1763.23, Ms. artrip seconded that motion.

VOTE:

AYES: Mr. Davis, Mr. Gillespie, Ms. Foster, Ms. Artrip, Mayor Horton
NAYES: NONE-0

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

RAIL RES

ACTION Mr Davis: Foster

Fix up cleanup river way, marvin sutphn tounry,

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Artrip-I don't have a whole lot ,mor txing meetings I don't think we can make everyone happy, we all collectively try to review everything that comes to our attention, we might not always agree but we can def move forward and make Radford the best it can be, happy valentines day, love yourself, wish you all the love and joy. Thanks for coming out, david thanks for giving us reports, thanks council for being here and wanting to review as much as I do

Foster- mos, Robert William kress, this I one of those evenings its difficult to sit up here, sries of options all with pros and cons and make the best decsisions we cn, we are all gonna leave feeling a little beat up, we have givena great deal of thought on. Cpmt met feb 2, children receiving seriveces, 37 bactive cases, feb 7 extra Wharton letter reading, jan 26 chamber board meeting, easter egg hunt 25 11-2 tomorrow new hotel join me, 3:00 go enjoy swet and davery, eda, pop program 5000 for pop façade program.

Gillespie-thank you rec dept huge turn out impact on small business etc joine dhertiage foundation thanks tracy for 31 years of service, welcome Lindsay Holman thanks gary harris flag for ht high school great black history month, many contornutions to this city and our nation happy valentines day

Davis-wish tracy happy retirement, make sure they feel validated when they come and speak two sides to every story, first and foremost people feel validated and we do our due diligence and go from there and move forward thanks for coming tonight,

Horton-exhibit at glencoe, fred wikel school christiansburg insitue restored and showed support in the past added name to resolution for c burg institute, senate and house, peer support serices, for alw enforcement, Radford recognizes as a model agency success story, It ben mullins, implementing peer support, we talk about backing them feb 25 polar pluge

Foster made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m. seconded by Mr. Giullespie

VOTE:

AYES: Mr. Davis, Mr. Gillespie, Ms. Foster, Ms. Artrip, Mayor Horton

NAYES: NONE-0

ATTEST:

Jennifer Goodman, City Clerk