

**10 Robertson St.
Meeting Number 16 of Radford City Council, F.Y. 2020-2021**

The "New River" City
March 8, 2021

Radford, Virginia

The regular meeting of the Radford City Council was convened at 7:00 p.m. on March 8, 2021 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 Mr. Onassis Burress, Ms. Jessie Foster, Mr. Forrest Hite and Ms. Huntington.

Others present were as follows:

Mr. David Ridpath, City Manager
Mrs. Jenni Wilder, City Clerk
Ms. Melissa Skelton

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

NONE

COUNCIL RESPONSE:

NONE

PROCLAMATION:

SUBJECT: Giesen Caldwell

SUMMARY: Giesen-Caldwell, a firm specializing in Real Estate, is celebrating its 75th anniversary as a Radford-grown business. The Proclamation recognizes their special event and success.

ACTION: Mayor Horton made a motion to approve the proclamation as presented, Ms. Foster seconded the motion.

VOTE:

AYES: Mr. Burress, Mr. Hite, Ms. Huntington, Ms. Foster, Mayor Horton

NAYES: None-0

SUBJECT: American Red Cross Month

SUMMARY: March is American Red Cross Month. The Red Cross has requested that the City consider a local proclamation to help recognize those who volunteer, donate blood, take life-saving courses or provide financial donations to help support the Red Cross and its mission. The Proclamation formally recognizes the Month of March as "Red Cross Month".

ACTION: Ms. Huntington made a motion to approve the proclamation as presented, Mr. Hite seconded the motion.

VOTE:

AYES: Mr. Burress, Mr. Hite, Ms. Huntington, Ms. Foster, Mayor Horton

NAYES: None-0

NEW BUSINESS:

SUBJECT: Resolution Radford University Foundation Bond

SUMMARY: Bonds from the City of Radford. The bond will support the development, construction, financing, furnishing and related equipment purchases associated with the 88,000 sq. ft, 124 room hotel and 4,000 sq. ft. conference center. The project will be located in the 600

block of Tyler Avenue. Provident Group is non-profit organization established in the State of Georgia as a 501(c) 3 to advance “education” as its charitable mission.

The project and related bonds promote economic development initiatives, tourism, job creation and the success of Radford University. The bonds do not constitute a debt or pledge of the faith and credit of the City of Radford, nor obligate the City to pay the bonds.

The Radford EDA held a public hearing on March 4, 2021. There were no objections. The EDA approved a Resolution supporting the Revenue Bond.

ACTION: Mr. Burress made a motion to approve the resolution as presented, Ms. Huntington seconded the motion.

VOTE:

AYES: Mr. Burress, Mr. Hite, Ms. Huntington, Ms. Foster, Mayor Horton

NAYES: None-0

SUBJECT: Appropriation Ordinance 1726.27

SUMMARY: The City of Radford has received two special funding allocations through the Community Development Block Grant program in response to COVID 19. An allocation of \$105,448 and an additional \$74,893 for a total of \$180,341 has been provided by. The total allocation will be used to support activities that prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19. Funds will be provided to our sub-recipients such as the Women’s Resource Center and New River Community Action to assist the low-to-moderate income population. No local match is required.

ACTION: Mr. Hite made a motion to approve Appropriation Ordinance 1726.27 on the first reading, Ms. Foster seconded the motion.

VOTE:

AYES: Mr. Burress, Ms. Foster, Mr. Hite, Ms. Huntington, Mayor Horton

NAYES: NONE-0

ACTION: Mr. Burress made a motion to dispense with the second reading of Appropriation Ordinance 1726.27, Ms. Foster seconded the motion.

VOTE:

AYES: Mr. Burress, Ms. Foster, Mr. Hite, Ms. Huntington, Mayor Horton

NAYES: None-0

SUBJECT: Amphitheater Presentation

SUMMARY: City Council requested an evaluation of the property on the West side of Glencoe for development as Amphitheater/event space. The space would be used for special events, entertainment opportunities associated with concerts and theater performances and Farmer’s Market options. Elements of the project includes concept options, access to area amenities, restroom needs, parking space available, public access, attendance potential facility needs and costs.

Barry Collier presented an overview of the project to date.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mr. Burress made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 seconded by hite

VOTE:

AYES: Mr. Burress, Ms. Foster, Mr. Hite, Ms. Huntington, Mayor Horton

NAYES: None-0

ATTEST:

Jennifer Wilder, City Clerk