

**10 Robertson St.
Meeting Number 22 of Radford City Council, F.Y. 2020-2021**

The "New River" City
June 28, 2021

Radford, Virginia

The regular meeting of the Radford City Council was convened at 7:00 p.m. on May 24, 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
Ms. Jenni Wilder, City Clerk
Ms. Melissa Skelton, Deputy Clerk

MINTUES APPROVAL: Mr. Hite made a motion to approve the minutes from May 24, 2021 as presented Mr. Burress seconded the motion.

VOTE:

AYES: Mr. Burress, Ms. Foster, Mr. Hite, Ms. Huntington, Mayor Horton
NAYES: NONE-0

MINTUES APPROVAL: Mr. Hite made a motion to approve the minutes from June 14, 2021 as presented Ms. Foster seconded the motion.

VOTE:

AYES: Mr. Burress, Ms. Foster, Mr. Hite, Ms. Huntington, Mayor Horton
NAYES: NONE-0

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

NONE

OLD BUSSINESS:

SUBJECT: Appropriation Ordinance #1726.34 -F.Y. 2021 Budget Amendment – School Board Budget:

SUMMARY: The School Board has requested that its F.Y. 2021 Budget be amended to reflect additional revenues and expenditures associated with the “Virtual” school enrollment, CARES Act funding and a security grant. The amount of the amendment is \$4,067,155 corresponding expenses relate to security upgrades, employee bonus, childcare services, virtual academy and air purification. The amendment will increase the school budget for F.Y. 2021 to \$40,527,303.

ACTION: Mr. Hite made a motion to approve the Appropriation Ordinance 1726.34 on its second reading, Ms. Foster seconded the motion.

VOTE:

AYES: Mr. Burress, Ms. Foster, Mr. Hite, Ms. Huntington, Mayor Horton
NAYES: NONE-0

NEW BUSINESS:

SUBJECT: CDBG Amendment

SUMMARY: The City of Radford received an additional \$74,893 in our Community Development Block Grant funding for plan year 2019. The additional funding is associated with “Coronavirus” relief. The Appropriation of the funding was done in March 8, 2021. The funds would be used for pandemic mitigation for several of our public service agencies...The Women’s Resource Center (\$15,000), New River Community Action (\$30,000), Bobcat Backpack Program (\$4,893) and Radford-Fairlawn Daily Bread (\$25,000). An Amendment to the Plan Year -2019 CDBG Action Plan is required by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development.

ACTION: Ms. Foster made a motion to approve the CDBG action plan amendment on the first reading, Mr. Hite seconded the motion.

VOTE:

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

NAYES: NONE-0

SUBJECT: Mutual Aid Agreement

SUMMARY: The Radford Army Ammunition Plant has requested an update of its “Mutual Aid Agreement” with the City of Radford. The agreement is for 2-years and covers customary Fire, EMS, Police and Public Works Services, if mutual aid is required to the RAAP site in planning, preventing and responding to an emergency. The service has worked well for the past two decades.

ACTION: Ms. Huntington made a motion to approve the mutual aid agreement, Mr. Burress seconded the motion.

VOTE:

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

NAYES: NONE-0

SUBJECT: F.Y. 2022 Calendar

SUMMARY: The City Council “regular” meeting calendar for 2022 calls for twenty-one meetings. The schedule takes into account the holidays in November and December, as well as no second meeting in July.

ACTION: Ms. Foster made a motion to approve the calendar Mr. Burress econded the motion.

VOTE:

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

NAYES: NONE-0

SUBJECT: Boards and Commissions

SUMMARY: Appointments were needed to several Boards and Commissions

Citizen Appointment Slate				
Board/Commission	Member Appointed	Motion	Second	Vote
Beautification Commission	Peggy Huber	Mayor Horton	Ms. Huntington	AYES: Mr. Burress, Ms. Foster, Mr. Hite, Ms. Huntington, Mayor Horton
	Matthew Close			NAYES: None-0
Library Board	Isabelle Calfe	Mayor Horton	Ms. Foster	AYES: Mr. Burress, Ms. Foster, Mr. Hite, Ms. Huntington, Mayor Horton
				NAYES: None-0
Recreation Commission	Catherine Catrupi	Mayor Horton	Ms. Huntington	AYES: Mr. Burress, Ms. Foster, Mr. Hite, Ms. Huntington, Mayor Horton
	Brittany Osborne	Ms. Huntington	Mr. Burress	NAYES: None-0
	Bobbie McGuire	Ms. Huntington	Mr. Burress	
Social Services Board	Penny Sweet	Ms. Foster	Mr. Burress	AYES: Mr. Burress, Ms. Foster, Mr. Hite, Ms. Huntington, Mayor Horton
				NAYES: None-0
New River Community College	Tosha Mosier	Mayor Horton	Ms. Foster	AYES: Mr. Burress, Ms. Foster, Mr. Hite, Ms. Huntington, Mayor Horton

				NAYES: None-0
Building Code Board of Appeals	Chris Quesenberry	Mayor Horton	Mr. Hite	AYES: Mr. Burress, Ms. Foster, Mr. Hite, Ms. Huntington, Mayor Horton
				NAYES: None-0
Economic Development Authority	Jeffery Cumberland	Mayor Horton	Ms. Huntington	AYES: Mr. Burress, Ms. Foster, Mr. Hite, Ms. Huntington, Mayor Horton
				NAYES: None-0
City/University Joint Commission *1 year term	Robert Towle	Mayor Horton	Mr. Hite	AYES: Mr. Burress, Ms. Foster, Mr. Hite, Ms. Huntington, Mayor Horton
	Jeff Martin			NAYES: None-0
Tourism *2 year term	Marceline Hunter	Mayor Horton	Mr. Burress	AYES: Mr. Burress, Ms. Foster, Mr. Hite, Ms. Huntington, Mayor Horton
	Thomas McCue	Mr. Hite	Mr. Burress	NAYES: None-0
	Billie Woodward	Mr. Hite	Mr. Burress	
Board of Zoning Appeals	Tracy Howard	Mayor Horton	Ms. Huntington	AYES: Mr. Burress, Ms. Foster, Mr. Hite, Ms. Huntington, Mayor Horton
				NAYES: None-0

SUBJECT: Appropriation Ordinance 1726.43-EMS Scholarships

SUMMARY: The Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services has provided a \$10,000 scholarship to Radford EMS. The funds will provide two scholarships for certification as an Emergency Medical Response, Emergency Medical Technician, Advanced Emergency Medical Technician and Paramedic.

ACTION: Mayor Horton made a motion to approve Appropriation Ordinance 1726.43 on the first reading, Mr. Hite 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 1726.43, Mr. Hite seconded the motion.

VOTE:

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

NAYES: NONE-0

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

Mr. Ridpath discussed upcoming City Projects including the paving of Sundell Drive and Wadsworth Street the East Main Street and West Main Street Sidewalk improvement projects, and invited everyone out to enjoy the Spirit of America Celebration.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Ms. Huntington wished everyone a Happy Fourth of July.

Ms. Foster stated she dedicated her moment of silence to Edward Kenneth Cox and gave a recap of the Diverse Our City Meeting. Ms. Foster also asked if Council could get the commander of the Arsenal out to speak to Council at an upcoming meeting.

Mr. Burress discusses the bid process for the American Legion and ask if the bids could be presented to Council so the American Legion could secure a contractor and begin the work on the facility. He also wished everyone a safe and happy Fourth of July.

Mr. Hite wished everyone a Happy Independence Day and thanked all the citizens who put in their names wanting to serve on various boards and commissions.

Mayor Horton wished everyone a Happy Fourth and again thanked all who are willing to serve on the boards and commissions. Mayor Horton mentioned that in June there were events celebrating Pride Month and Juneteenth.

Mr. Burress made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hite 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).

VOTE:

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

NAYES: None-0

Mayor Horton made a motion to adjourn the closed meeting, Mr. Burress seconded the motion.

VOTE:

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

NAYES: None-0

Mayor Horton made a motion to re-convene the regular meeting, Mr. Burress seconded the motion.

VOTE:

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

NAYES: None-0

CERTIFICATION OF THE CLOSED MEETING:

Mayor Horton made a motion that nothing was discussed other than for which the closed session was convened, Mr. Burress seconded the motion.

VOTE:

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

NAYES: None-0

Mayor Horton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. seconded by Mr. Burress

VOTE:

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

NAYES: None-0

ATTEST:

Jennifer Wilder, City Clerk