

**CHRISTIANSBURG TOWN COUNCIL  
CHRISTIANSBURG, MONTGOMERY CO., VA.  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 10, 2018 – 7:00 P.M.**

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHRISTIANSBURG TOWN COUNCIL, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA. WAS HELD AT CHRISTIANSBURG TOWN HALL, 100 EAST MAIN STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA, ON JULY 10, 2018 AT 7:00 P.M.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor D. Michael Barber; Vice-Mayor Bradford J. Stipes; Samuel M. Bishop; Harry Collins; Steve Huppert; Merissa Sachs; Henry Showalter. ABSENT: None.

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Town Manager Randy Wingfield; Clerk of Council Michele Stipes; Town Attorney Susan Waddell; Finance Director/Treasurer Val Tweedie; police chief Mark Sisson; Engineering Director Wayne Nelson; Planner II Will Drake; Director of Public Relations Melissa Demmitt; Director of Public Works Jim Lancianese; Public Works Superintendent of Streets Travis Moles; Events Coordinator Casey Jenkins.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

- A. Moment of Reflection
- B. Pledge of Allegiance

**II. ADJUSTMENT OF THE AGENDA**

**III. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of Town Council Meeting Minutes of June 26, 2018.
- B. Resolution Supporting the New River Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization's Virginia Department of Transportation Smart Scale application for a Park and Ride Lot at I-81 Exit 114.
- C. Resolution Supporting the New River Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization's Virginia Department of Transportation Smart Scale application for Interchange Improvements at I-81 Exit 114.
- D. Resolution Supporting the New River Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization's Virginia Department of Transportation Smart Scale application for a Deceleration Lane and Lighting at the Route 460 Ramp from Route 460 Eastbound to Route 460 Business Westbound at N. Franklin Street.

Councilman Stipes made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Councilman Bishop. Council voted on the motion as follows: Bishop – Aye; Collins – Aye; Huppert – Aye; Sachs – Aye; Showalter – Aye; Stipes – Aye.

## V. CITIZEN COMMENTS

- A. No comments.

## VI. INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

## VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

## VIII. DISCUSSION BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

- A. Council action on:
  - 1. Conditional Use Permit request by Marie E. March, agent for Big Bear Properties LLC/Fatback Soul Shack LLC for a loudspeaker/sound amplification/outdoor sound system to be used in excess of the Town of Christiansburg's Noise Ordinance at 2440 Roanoke Street (Tax Map Nos. 500 – A – 8A; 500 – A – 8; and 500 – A – 9B, 9C, 9D) in the B-3 General Business zoning district. The Public Hearing was held June 26, 2018. On a vote of 6 ayes, 1 nay, the Planning Commission recommended Town Council approve the CUP with three conditions as outlined by Town Manager Wingfield. Councilman Stipes made a motion to accept the Planning Commission recommendation to issue the CUP with three conditions, seconded by Councilman Showalter. Council voted on the motion as follows: Bishop – Aye; Collins – Aye; Huppert – Aye; Sachs – Aye; Showalter – Aye; Stipes – Aye.
  - 2. Conditional Use Permit request by Marie E. March, agent for Big Bear Properties LLC/Due South BBQ LLC for a loudspeaker/sound amplification/outdoor sound system to be used in excess of the Town of Christiansburg's Noise Ordinance at 1465 and 1495 Roanoke Street (Tax Map No. 529 – 8 – 27) in the B-3 General Business zoning district. The Public Hearing was held June 26, 2018. On a vote of 7 ayes, 0 nay, the Planning Commission recommended Town Council approve the CUP with two conditions as outlined by Town Manager Wingfield. Councilwoman Sachs made a motion to accept the Planning Commission recommendation to issue the CUP with two conditions, seconded by Councilman Collins. Council voted on the motion as follows: Bishop – Aye; Collins – Aye; Huppert – Aye; Sachs – Aye; Showalter – Aye; Stipes – Aye.
- B. Consideration of funding a \$7,000 field inventory of housing conditions as an optional add-on to the New River Valley Regional Commission's Regional and Local Housing Study that is being conducted in partnership with the Virginia Housing Development Authority.

Town Manager Wingfield reported on the add-on study that would provide the Town with a heat map based on a housing rating scale of 1-5 of recorded housing condition visible from public streets. The results would be public and could be used as supporting documentation in obtaining grants for housing rehab in low- to moderate-income areas. The annual CDBG funding, which the town typically uses for sidewalk maintenance/extension, could be used for housing rehabilitation though this is currently limited to the area bounded by Roanoke Street, E. Main Street and Depot Street, N.E. The study would not expand the areas in which CDBG funding could be used. Councilman Stipes noted that he appreciated the information provided but

doesn't see a direct benefit to the town in approving the study since the town historically has not obtained housing rehab grants. Councilman Showalter commented that senior housing would be identified in the study, but that the Town had already participated in a study identifying that demographic through the NRV Regional Commission, with Councilwoman Sachs noting that the Town already had enough information to conclude housing conditions without the add-on study. The consensus of Council was to not approve funding of a field inventory of housing conditions as an optional add-on to the New River Valley Regional Commission's Regional and Local Housing Study.

- C. Reappointment of Wayne Nelson to the New River Valley Regional Water Authority for a four-year term beginning July 1, 2018. Councilman Showalter made a motion to reappoint Wayne Nelson to serve another 4-year term on the New River Valley Regional Water Authority, effective July 1, 2018, seconded by Councilman Collins. Council voted on the motion as follows: Bishop – Aye; Collins – Aye; Huppert – Aye; Sachs – Aye; Showalter – Aye; Stipes – Aye. Council thanked Mr. Nelson for his service in this capacity.

## X. STAFF REPORTS

- A. Town Manager Wingfield:
  - Council was provided an updated copy of the COIA/FOIA Handbook from VML.
  - Mr. Wingfield authorized an emergency repair for replacement of a boiler for the aerobic digester at the WWTP estimated at \$10,000.
- B. Town Attorney:
- C. Other Staff:

## XI. COUNCIL REPORTS

- A. Councilwoman Sachs - No report.
- B. Councilman Huppert reported on upcoming aquatic center swim meets and the skateboard competition at the skatepark scheduled for July 21 and announced that a water fountain would soon be installed on the Huckleberry Trail near Cambria Street and Providence Boulevard.
- C. Councilman Stipes - No report.
- D. Councilman Showalter announced that Councilman Collins would soon rotate off the New River Valley Regional Commission board and he thanked Mr. Collins for his service and well representation. Mr. Hil Johnson will continue to serve as Christiansburg's citizen representative.
- E. Councilman Bishop – No report.
- F. Councilman Collins reported on the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Lung Transplant Foundation motorcycle ride scheduled for July 21. The ride will begin at the Texas Roadhouse, and a free meal will be provided by the restaurant for riders. Mr. Collins thanked the Police Department for its involvement with the event each year. He then reported that sixty-three students from CHS were participating in the ACCE program, and that many of the students would be assisting with the event as part of their community service requirements.
- G. Mayor Barber thanked the staff of the Recreation Department, Public Works Department, Public Relations Department, Police Department, and Events Coordinator Casey Jenkins for a successful Fourth of July downtown event and fireworks. Mayor Barber said he received many positive comments from the community on the new location of the fireworks display.

## XII. OTHER BUSINESS

## XIII. ADJOURN

There being no further business to bring before Council, Mayor Barber adjourned the meeting at 7:26 P.M.

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Michele M. Stipes, Clerk of Council

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D. Michael Barber, Mayor