

**CHRISTIANSBURG TOWN COUNCIL
CHRISTIANSBURG, MONTGOMERY CO., VA.
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 11, 2019 – 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 JUNE 11, 2019 AT 7:00 P.M.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor D. Michael Barber; Vice-Mayor Steve Huppert; Samuel M. Bishop; Harry Collins; Merissa Sachs; Henry Showalter. ABSENT: Bradford J. Stipes.

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Town Manager Randy Wingfield; Assistant Town Manager Andrew Warren; Executive Secretary Tracy Heinline; Town Attorney Jim Guynn; Finance Director/Treasurer Val Tweedie; Police Chief Mark Sisson; Rescue Chief Joe Coyle; Public Works Director Jim Lancianese; Director of Parks and Recreation Brad Epperley; Superintendent of Streets Travis Moles; Assistant Director of Engineering, Capital Projects and Utilities Justin St. Clair; Planning Director Will Drake; Public Relations Director Melissa Demmitt. ABSENT: Clerk of Council Michele Stipes.

- I. CALL TO ORDER
 - A. Moment of Reflection
 - B. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. ADJUSTMENT OF THE AGENDA
- III. PUBLIC HEARING
 - A. Proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 42, “Zoning” of the Christiansburg Town Code for the purpose of permitting microbreweries, art galleries/studios, museums, and similar leisure and enrichment uses in the B-2, Central Business District and B-3, General Business District and to permit planned commercial developments in the B-3, General Business District. Planning Commission vote was 6-0 in support of the amendment. There was no one to speak for or against this matter.
 - B. Boundary line adjustment moving 125.625 acres from the unincorporated area of the County of Montgomery into the incorporated Town of Christiansburg. The proposed boundary adjustment area is commonly known as the Meadows Golf Course and Shepherd Property and is located on the western boundary of the Town of Christiansburg adjacent to Chrisman Mill Road and Norfolk Southern Railroad right-of-way.

Chris Waltz, 1370 Rigby Street, questioned the reason for the Public Hearing since the matter had been included in the proposed FY 19-20 budget. Mr. Waltz expressed opposition to Closed Meetings of Council.

Town Manager Wingfield explained that the projects along the western boundary of Town were a matter that has been discussed by the Town for decades. The Sewer Interceptor project takes the Silver Lake Pump Station off-line. The Joinder Study dated June 2012

identified the need for a redundant feed for water supply and the connection to the west would supplement the line coming down and would provide a secondary water line that would serve the western side of Town.

- C. Boundary line adjustment moving 176.374 acres from the unincorporated area of the County of Montgomery into the incorporated Town of Christiansburg. The proposed boundary adjustment area is commonly known as Crosspointe FourSquare Conference Center and Town of Christiansburg pump station and is located on the southwestern boundary of the Town of Christiansburg, adjacent to Route 8 and Interstate 81. There was no one to speak for or against this matter.
- D. Boundary line adjustment moving 26.043 acres from the unincorporated area of the County of Montgomery into the incorporated Town of Christiansburg. The proposed boundary adjustment area includes the property Tax Map Numbers 95-(5)-1 and 94-(5)-2 and is located on the southern boundary of the Town of Christiansburg, adjacent to Falling Branch Road and the Interstate 81 northbound entrance ramp "D" at Exit 118 B. There was no one to speak for or against this matter.
- E. Boundary line adjustment moving 0.360 acres from the unincorporated area of the County of Montgomery into the incorporated Town of Christiansburg. The proposed boundary adjustment area includes a portion of property Tax Map Numbers 530-(18)- 1-7 and is located on the southern boundary of the Town of Christiansburg, near the intersection of Curtis Drive and Giles Drive.

Mayor Barber noted that consideration of the boundary line adjustment was at the request of the property owners and had not been sought by the Town. Councilman Huppert commented that the boundary line adjustment would bring Crosspointe FourSquare Conference Center into town limits, which had been discussed favorably for a number of years. Town Manager Wingfield noted that Montgomery County had acted on the former Meadows and Shepherd property request but not the other requests.

Councilman Showalter made a motion to amend the agenda to add Public Hearing item B, the boundary line adjustment moving 125.625 acres, commonly known as the Meadows Golf Course and Shepherd Property, from the unincorporated area of the County of Montgomery into the incorporated Town of Christiansburg, to Discussion and Action by Mayor and Council. Councilman Collins seconded the motion and Council voted to amend the agenda as follows: Bishop – Aye; Collins – Abstain; Huppert – Aye; Sachs – Nay; Showalter – Aye; Stipes – Absent.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Council meeting minutes of May 28, 2019.
- B. Schedule Public Hearing on July 9, 2019 for an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 18, Finance and Taxation, Article I, In General to enact Section 18.3 to allow the clerk of the court to collect a \$5 fee for criminal and traffic cases in order to solely fund an electronic summons system pursuant to Code of Virginia Section 17.1-279.1.

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

V. INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Parks and Recreation Director Brad Epperley to report on Jill's Buddy Camp

Parks and Recreation Director Brad Epperley provided Council with a brief background of Jill's Buddy Camp established in Christiansburg in 2015 as a collaboration between Christiansburg and Montgomery County Public Schools to pair teenage volunteers with children with disabilities ages preschool to 2nd grade for a one-week camp. The active camp, focused on recreation and education, offers music, art, reading, physical activities, and field trips, and serves as Extended School Year Services (ESY) for Montgomery County. Mr. Epperley said the growth of the camp relied heavily on the support of the Town, private and organization donations, and fundraisers. Councilman Showalter expressed encouragement for support of the program through volunteering, and Mayor Barber invited Council to visit the camp during the week of June 17.

B. Presentation of Proclamation for National Police Week

Mayor Barber presented Police Chief Sisson with the Proclamation for National Police Week. Chief Sisson thanked the Town for the recognition and expressed appreciation for the positive relationships between citizens and law enforcement.

C. Presentation of Proclamation for Emergency Services Week

Mayor Barber presented Rescue Chief Joe Coyle with a Proclamation for Emergency Services Week. Chief Coyle thanked the Town for the recognition. Councilman Showalter expressed appreciation for the professionalism of the Town's EMS staff, and Councilman Huppert thanked the EMS staff for their team effort in the recent renovations of the EMS building. A grand opening is planned for the building in July 2019.

D. Presentation of Proclamation for Public Works Week

Mayor Barber presented Public Works Director Jim Lancianese with a Proclamation recognizing Public Works Week. Mr. Lancianese thanked the Town for the recognition. Councilman Huppert mentioned that Public Works was responsible for maintenance at Sunset Cemetery and had recently placed a wall and pillars at the entrance of the cemetery.

VI. CITIZEN COMMENTS

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Councilwoman Sachs spoke favorably of her daughter's experience as a counselor for Jill's Buddy Camp, and encouraged all youth to become involved through volunteering. Noting the large number of involvements of the Central Business District Committee, Councilwoman Sachs recommended the Town form a Public Arts Council that would be secondary to Central Business. She further recommended tasking Assistant Town Manager Andrew Warren with developing a model for a secondary committee that would provide reports and recommendations to the Central Business District Committee. Mr. Warren noted that Events Coordinator Casey Jenkins has researched this matter and agreed it would be beneficial to the Town to have a Public Arts Council that could provide recommendations for upcoming art

projects that will be funded by the contribution of the Thompson and Nixon families. Councilwoman Sachs said a secondary committee could assist in facilitating the Facade Grant Program, oversee street art projects, and work with schools to get students involved in downtown art. Councilwoman Sachs recommended the secondary committee have at least five members from the community with backgrounds in art, with selections made by Town Manager Wingfield and Assistant Town Manager Warren. Assistant Town Manager Warren will develop a plan to bring before Council for consideration. Councilwoman Sachs cautioned the Town to carefully plan for the utilization of the contribution of the Thompson and Nixon families.

- B. Councilman Huppert announced the LOVE sign in front of the aquatic center would soon be replaced, and reported that summer camp programs have begun at the facility.
- C. Councilman Collins reported that the Planning Commission did not meet this past week; the Recreation Advisory Commission met and discussed the Jill's Buddy Camp program. Mr. Collins then recognized the efforts of the Town's EMS team and Public Works crews.

VIII. DISCUSSION AND ACTION BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

- A. Rezoning request by Tim Lawson, agent for M&T Development, LLC for an approximately 1.48-acre property located at 825 Park Street N.E. (tax map no. 498-A-83) from the I-2, General Industrial District to the I-1, Limited Industrial District. The property is designated as Mixed Use with Buffer (Industrial) on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan. The Public Hearing was held May 28, 2019.

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

- B. Recommendation to the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors for appointment to the Montgomery Regional Economic Development Commission (EDC) for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2019.

It was noted that Councilman Stipes would be stepping down from this position and Councilman Collins made a motion to appoint Mayor Mike Barber to serve a three-year term beginning July 1, 2019. The motion was seconded by Councilman Huppert, and Council voted as follows: Bishop – Aye; Collins – Aye; Huppert – Aye; Sachs – Aye; Showalter – Aye; Stipes – Absent.

- C. Boundary line adjustment moving 125.625 acres from the unincorporated area of the County of Montgomery into the incorporated Town of Christiansburg. The proposed boundary adjustment area is commonly known as the Meadows Golf Course and Shepherd Property and is located on the western boundary of the Town of Christiansburg adjacent to Chrisman Mill Road and Norfolk Southern Railroad right-of-way. The Public Hearing was held earlier in the meeting.

Council discussed the proposed boundary line adjustment and Town Manager Wingfield noted that the owner/developer of the property would be responsible for extension of sewer and water service lines and all connection fees. He further noted that there was no cost to the Town to adjust the boundary line, and once adjusted, the Town would begin collecting

property taxes on the taxable land. Council tabled the matter until the June 25th meeting to allow all members of council to be present for the vote.

IX. STAFF REPORTS

A. Town Manager Wingfield:

- The Police Department has had two patrol vehicles totaled, with insurance covering the replacement cost for one of the vehicles. The Town has funds available in the FY 2018-2019 budget, through capital, operating, and anti-drug funds, to replace the second vehicle and Town Manager Wingfield requested Council approval of the appropriation of funds for the vehicle. It was the concession of Council to approve the request.

B. Town Attorney:

C. Other Staff:

X. COUNCIL REPORTS

- A. Mayor Barber announced the Council Retreat, scheduled for June 28 & 29, would need to be rescheduled due to conflicting schedules of council members. Town Manager Wingfield will work with Kevin Byrd of the New River Valley Regional Commission on rescheduling.
- B. Councilman Showalter explained that his reason for amending the agenda to include the boundary line adjustment of 125.625 acres under *Discussions and Action by Mayor and Council* was because Council had discussed this matter favorably in the past, and the County had recently voted to approve the adjustment. However, he expressed support for tabling the matter until all Council members could be present for the vote.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

XII. ADJOURN

There being no further business to bring before Council, Mayor Barber adjourned the meeting at 8:00 P.M.

Michele Stipes, Clerk of Council

D. Michael Barber, Mayor