

CHRISTIANSBURG TOWN COUNCIL
CHRISTIANSBURG, MONTGOMERY CO., VA.
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 8, 2022 – 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 FEBRUARY 8, 2022, AT 7:00 P.M.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor D. Michael Barber; Vice-Mayor Henry Showalter; Samuel M. Bishop; Johana Hicks; Tanya Hockett; Casey Jenkins; Tim Wilson.

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Town Manager Randy Wingfield; Assistant Town Manager Andrew Warren; Town Attorney Reid Broughton; Executive Assistant/Clerk of Council Tracy Heinline; Finance Director Valerie Tweedie; Director of Aquatics Terry Caldwell; Director of Engineering Mike Kelley.

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ADJUSTMENT OF THE AGENDA

- A. Mayor Barber noted that both items B. and C. of the Consent Agenda were to be set for Public Hearings for April 12, 2022.

Councilwoman Hicks made a motion to approve the adjustment of the agenda per Mayor Barber's request. Councilman Showalter seconded the motion and Council voted as follows: Bishop – Aye; Hicks – Aye; Hockett – Aye; Jenkins – Aye; Showalter – Aye; Wilson – Aye.

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Resolution for the Disposition of a Town-owned lot at the intersection of West Street and Johnston Street (Tax Parcel 497 – ((12 Sec 3)) – 16A; Parcel ID 070451)

Town Manager Wingfield explained this was a vacant lot that formerly had an abandoned church that the Town demolished and the Town claimed through a quick claim deed. He noted it was too small and narrow of a lot for recreational use or a stormwater pond. He explained the Town could retain portions of the property along West Street and Johnston

Street to make width of the property to make them a minimum standard 50-foot right-of-way. Mr. Wingfield also noted the Town could restrict construction of a single-family house or development of the property for residential use unless it is joined with a legally compliant lot.

Joseph Stump, 500 Harless Street, owns the referenced adjoining lot and explained he had built a fence on both sides of the property and had maintained it. He explained the Town had notified him the fence was on the Town's property after he had installed it and expressed interest in purchasing the lot.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes of January 25, 2022
- B. Conditional Use Permit request by Jacqueline Marshall, owner, and Shaun Chuyka, lessee, to allow a contractor's equipment storage yard in the General Business District (B-3) on property located at 301 Depot Street, NW, Tax Parcel 526 – ((23)) – 12, Parcel ID 007535. The property is designated as Business/Commercial on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan. (The Public Hearing was set for April 12, 2022.)
- C. Rezoning request by John D. and Arnedia V. Elmore, owners, and Garand Hopkins III, contract purchaser, from Agricultural District A to General Business District B-3 for a portion of the property located at 710 Peppers Ferry Rd., Tax Parcel 435 – ((A)) -23; Parcel ID 0221274. The property is designated as Residential on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan. (The Public Hearing was set for April 12, 2022.)
- D. Resolution Adopting a Revised Procedure for Awarding Multiple Contracts to Multiple Offerors Under Term Services Contracts and Providing for an Effective Date
- E. Authorize Town Manager to Activate One-Year Extension of the Curbside Recycling Contract with GFL Environmental Inc.

Councilman Bishop made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. Councilwoman Hicks seconded the motion and Council voted as follows: Bishop – Aye; Hicks – Aye; Hockett – Aye; Jenkins – Aye; Showalter – Aye; Wilson – Aye.

V. INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Barber introduced Ms. Paula Alston from the Public Arts Advisory Board and thanked her for her service to the Town.

- A. Terry Caldwell, Director of Aquatics, to provide Christiansburg Aquatic Center updates.

Terry Caldwell presented to Council an update on the Aquatic Center and focused on completed projects, the lifeguard position shortage, and upcoming budget needs. Ms.

Caldwell thanked Town Council for the new light project at the CAC that was installed by Christiansburg-based Alvis-Laing Electric and noted they were a great asset to the facility. She spoke about the lifeguard shortage and explained this issue had been going on throughout the years, not just since the pandemic. Ms. Caldwell informed Council that several changes had taken place since the shortage, including Aquatic Center employees being available at swim classes rather than lifeguards and swim teams and clubs providing their own lifeguarding coverage. She noted that the minimum age requirements for lifeguards changed from 16 years to 15 years as well. Ms. Caldwell also touched on shallow water training and how current employees had been cross trained through Lifeguard University, a Lifeguard Certification Training program. Ms. Caldwell showed a video referencing the Angel Eye Detection system that could potentially assist lifeguards with cameras underneath the water's surface to aid in potential drowning situations and reduce the number of lifeguards needed on deck. Ms. Caldwell noted the Aquatics memberships and day passes were starting to return to where they were pre-pandemic. She touched on several instruction programs the Aquatic Center provided as well as the ongoing swim meets and noted the huge support the Aquatic Center was to meals and lodging tax revenue. Ms. Caldwell mentioned the skate park that is located next to the Aquatic Center and noted that the fencing along the creek side location Councilwoman Hicks had requested, would be installed in the spring, as well as new signage. Ms. Caldwell also stated that one of her requests in the upcoming budget was to replace the Aquatic Center's four HVAC units. She expressed that the units were twelve years old and the life span for those units was eight years. She noted that having older units in the facility could possibly affect the air quality overall. Councilwoman Hicks inquired if a barrier could be placed around the slide at the kid's pool area due to children standing there. Mrs. Hicks also asked if help with funding for the HVAC units from Montgomery County could be an option in future discussions. Mr. Wingfield explained the agenda items for that joint meeting would be assembled by Council and the Board of Supervisors. Councilwoman Hockett asked how the Aquatic Center would move forward if the HVAC units suddenly stopped working. Ms. Caldwell explained that it would depend on the season but noted they would not be able to operate if more than one went down. Councilman Showalter clarified with Ms. Caldwell that the Town is not installing the new Angel Eye Detection. Ms. Caldwell explained that she wanted to present the information to Council so they could see other potential opportunities the Town had rather than hiring more lifeguards.

VI. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Catherine Jelliffe, 830 College Street, addressed Council concerning the stormwater issues in her neighborhood and asked if there were new updates, along with a timeline for the project. Mr. Wingfield explained the project was still at the Water and Waste Committee level. Ms. Jelliffe asked that Town Council prioritize the College Street project and move forward to help the properties affected.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Bishop

Mr. Bishop reported that at Lester Place Townhomes traffic had become an issue with the narrowness of the street. He expressed the street at Lester Place did belong to the Town and was Town maintained. Mr. Bishop explained that the Engineering Department had offered a solution with a one-way traffic change. Mr. Bishop also talked about Clearview Drive and the need for a traffic change there as well. He explained there would be a double yellow line placed at the top of the hill and that double line would run midway down the street in an effort to keep vehicles in their respective lanes.

Councilwoman Hicks

Mrs. Hicks reported that the Water and Waste Committee had held a meeting on February 2nd and that several homeowners from College Street attended. She expressed hope that these residents and more would attend future meetings concerning the project.

Mayor Barber noted that the Engineering Department was working with the College Street residents and cautioned Council that Engineering would handle negotiations with residents.

VIII. DISCUSSION AND ACTION BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

A. Resolution to Budget Amendment #8 for FY 2021-2022

Town Manager Wingfield explained that this budget amendment pertained to \$50,000 being allotted for the Montgomery Museum of Art and History. Mayor Barber noted this was a resolution to allow the Town to honor that commitment to the Museum. Mayor Barber noted that Councilman Jenkins, Director of the Museum would abstain from the Council vote. Mr. Barber asked if Council would like to make a motion for this resolution. Hearing no motion, no action on the resolution to the budget amendment was taken.

B. Resolution to Appropriate Funds per Budget Amendment #8

The resolution to Appropriate Funds required no movement since the Resolution to Budget the Amendment #8 had no motion.

C. Discussion of Park Service Road Name

Mr. Wingfield reminded Council they had previously voted to name the connector route at the new signature park. The name Booker T. Washington Parkway was decided and now the service road into the park off Booker T. Washington Parkway required a name for 911 emergency and GIS purposes. Mayor Barber offered the name Recreation Drive. Mr. Wingfield explained that a name would be needed within the next couple months and that Council could direct the naming to the Parks and Recreation Commission or another group. Councilman Showalter expressed that he would like to turn it over to the Public Relations department to poll the public and noted that would be a good introduction to see if that would work for naming of the new park. Council agreed.

IX. STAFF REPORTS

A. Town Manager

Mr. Wingfield reported that all affected property owners on College Street had verbally agreed to discuss drainage issues and alternatives with the Town. Mr. Wingfield expressed that no commitments had been made at this time by the property owners or the Town.

Mr. Wingfield offered March 15, 2022, as a date for the budget work session and Town Council agreed to 6:00 p.m. He explained the draft budget would need to be presented to Town Council by the second meeting in March. Mayor Barber noted that the work session would not allow outside citizen comment.

B. Town Attorney

No report.

C. Other Staff

No report.

X. COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Barber expressed to Council his disappointment there was no action on the budget amendment concerning the Montgomery Museum of Art and History.

Councilman Showalter

No report.

Councilman Bishop

No report.

Councilwoman Hicks

No report.

Councilwoman Hockett

No report.

Councilman Wilson

Mr. Wilson reported that he had attended the New River Valley Regional Commission meeting in January and the two main topics discussed was the train station and the broadband project. Mr. Wingfield explained that the state has a stakeholder's group of state and local representatives that would be holding a joint meeting soon.

Mayor Barber noted that Wally Nelson, a committee member of the Passenger Rail Committee, had passed away recently.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before Council, Mayor Barber adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Tracy Heinlein
Tracy Heinlein, Clerk of Council

D. Michael Barber
D. Michael Barber, Mayor