

CHRISTIANSBURG TOWN COUNCIL
CHRISTIANSBURG, MONTGOMERY CO., VA.
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 24, 2023 – 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 JANUARY 24, 2023, AT 7:00 P.M.

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

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Town Manager Randy Wingfield; Assistant Town Manager Andrew Warren; Town Attorney Reid Broughton; Clerk of Council/Executive Assistant Tracy Heinline; Finance Director Valerie Tweedie; Planner II Jude Cochran; Police Chief Mark Sisson

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Barber.

II. ADJUSTMENT OF THE AGENDA

No adjustment to the agenda

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS

No public hearings

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes of January 10, 2023
- B. Monthly Bill List
- C. Contract with A. Morton Thomas and Associates, Inc. for Construction Engineering and Inspections (CEI) Term Services in excess of \$100,000 not to exceed \$500,000 per task

order and not to exceed \$2,500,000 per annual contract term. Contract shall be eligible for three additional one-year term renewals.

- D. Contract with Century Engineering, LLC. for Construction Engineering and Inspections (CEI) Term Services in excess of \$100,000 not to exceed \$500,000 per task order and not to exceed \$2,500,000 per annual contract term. Contract shall be eligible for three additional one-year term renewals.
- E. Contract with McDonough Bolyard Peck, Inc. dba MBP for Construction Engineering and Inspections (CEI) Term Services in excess of \$100,000 not to exceed \$500,000 per task order and not to exceed \$2,500,000 per annual contract term. Contract shall be eligible for three additional one-year term renewals.
- F. Contract with Rummel, Klepper, & Kahl, LLP for Construction, Engineering, and Inspections (CEI) Term Services in excess of \$100,000 not to exceed \$500,000 per task order and not to exceed \$2,500,000 per annual contract term. Contract shall be eligible for three additional one-year term renewals.
- G. Contract with Whitman, Requardt, & Associates, LLP for Construction, Engineering, and Inspections (CEI) Term Services in excess of \$100,000 not to exceed \$500,000 per task order and not to exceed \$2,500,000 per annual contract term. Contract shall be eligible for three additional one-year term renewals.
- H. Set Town Council Public Hearing for March 14, 2023 for a Conditional Use Permit request by SHAH Development, LLC, property owner, to allow a contractor's equipment storage yard on the property located at 1130 Cambria Street, NE (Tax Parcels 497 - ((2)) - A and B; Parcel IDs 018651 and 120350) zoned B-3 General Business. The property is designated as Downtown/Mixed Use and Residential on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

Councilman Bishop made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Councilwoman Hockett. Town Council voted as follows: Bishop – Aye; Hockett – Aye; Jenkins – Aye; Showalter – Aye; Wilson – Aye.

Mayor Barber introduced Alessandro Pugliese, owner of Sandro's Restaurant in the Marketplace, as the newest member and Town representative to the Montgomery Regional Tourism Development Council.

V. INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. David Rotenizer Executive Director, Blacksburg – Christiansburg – Montgomery County Regional Tourism to update Council

Mr. Rotenizer addressed Council and spoke about the updates to the tourism website and noted the additional section of area parks that had been added at the request of

Town Council. He further explained that direct links and descriptions of each of the parks had been included on the website as well. Mr. Rotenizer introduced Cheyenne Kees, Tourism Program Assistant, and noted that she had played a critical part in the updating and programming of the website. Mr. Rotenizer further noted that tourism had relaunched their social media platforms and were currently posting one to two posts per week on Facebook and Instagram. He touched on the collection of photo assets on their website and explained that they continue to add content to the program periodically.

Mr. Rotenizer talked about the upcoming update to the DXP (Digital Experience Platform) and explained that this section would automatically update their daily events and activities calendar, as well as business listings every 72 hours. He talked about the American Rescue Plan Act funds from Montgomery County that had been transferred to the tourism office and how those funds had helped with furthering marketing production. Mr. Rotenizer expressed that an outdoor recreation and sports asset inventory would be conducted to help perform an audit of what they have and how to better market and prepare the tourism assets that are related to outdoor recreation and sports. He continued to talk about marketing and visitor guides that would be designed in-house as well as new content in the guides that would include public art, park information, and QR codes that would help visitors navigate the area. Mr. Rotenizer noted that these new guides could be expected by April of this year. He talked about working with their New River Valley partners and securing state funding for several of the upcoming projects mentioned.

Councilman Bishop inquired about the DXP program and how the area events were entered into their system. Mr. Rotenizer explained that a geo fence would be positioned around the county and the software system would look at different programs in the area which would automatically populate the events section. He explained that the businesses would need to be responsible for placing their businesses on Google Places and their events on Facebook or Eventbrite for the DXP to pull that information.

VI. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Chris Waltz, 1370 Rigby Street, thanked the Council members that had voted in favor of suspending funding for school resource officers. Mr. Waltz expressed that Montgomery County owns the schools and he expressed his opinion that they should ultimately be responsible for the salaries of the resource officers.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Street Committee Report/Recommendation (Bishop, Hockett)
 1. Plat Showing Subdivision of Tax Parcel No. 558-((A))-12 at 295 Jones Street, S.E. (creating 1 parcel)

Councilman Bishop explained the subdivision for 295 Jones Street, S.E. would create two parcels.

Councilman Bishop made a motion to approve the recommendation by the Street Committee to subdivide the parcel at 295 Jones Street, S.E., seconded by Councilwoman Hockett. Town Council voted as follows: Bishop – Aye; Hockett – Aye; Jenkins – Aye; Showalter – Aye; Wilson – Aye.

2. Plat Showing Subdivision of Tax map No. 435-((10))-A at the future Clifton Town Center on Peppers Ferry Road, N.W. (creating 1 parcel)

Councilwoman Hockett explained the subdivision for this location would create two separate parcels.

Councilman Showalter inquired about the development (ingress and egress) of a road down through this parcel to connect to Majestic Drive. Assistant Town Manager Warren explained there would not be a public street but there would be a light at Stafford Drive and Peppers Ferry Road planned for a future installation date. Mr. Showalter noted that the town should be continually proactive to make sure that Majestic Drive and Stafford Drive, that are currently heavily traveled have ingress and egress to address congestion issues.

Councilman Showalter explained that he would abstain from voting due to living in the area.

Councilwoman Hockett made a motion to approve the recommendation by the Street Committee to subdivide the parcel at the future Clifton Town Center on Peppers Ferry Road, N.W., seconded by Councilman Bishop. Town Council voted as follows: Bishop – Aye; Hockett – Aye; Jenkins – Aye; Showalter – Abstain; Wilson – Aye.

VIII. DISCUSSION AND ACTION BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

- A. Rezoning request by Town of Christiansburg, property owner, to rezone an approximately 50.539-acre portion of the property located on Booker T. Washington Parkway, NW; Tax Parcel 435 - ((A)) – 3A, Parcel ID 270079, commonly known as "Christiansburg Huckleberry Park", from A Agricultural District to R-1 Single-Family Residential District and an approximately 12.2-acre portion of the same property from A Agricultural District to B-3 General Business District. The property is designated as Business/Commercial and Parks/Open Space on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan. The public hearing was held January 10, 2023.

Councilman Bishop explained that there were no intentions of placing homes on this property. Mr. Wingfield explained that the R-1 portion is the Huckleberry Park and the B-3 portion would be the three out parcels and the property on the western side of the connector route.

Councilman Bishop made a motion to approve the rezoning request located at Booker T. Washington Parkway, N.W., seconded by Councilwoman Hockett. Town Council voted as follows: Bishop – Aye; Hockett – Aye; Jenkins – Aye; Showalter – Aye; Wilson – Aye.

B. Assignment of Terms for New River Valley Passenger Rail Station Authority
representatives Michael Barber and Randy Wingfield

Mr. Wingfield explained that both he and Mayor Barber were current members of the NRV Passenger Rail Station Authority and added that Christiansburg had been chosen for the future site for the passenger rail station. He explained the provision in the state code reads the board may stagger terms if they desire and that the Board has elected to do so, therefore one of the initial 4-year terms needs to be 2 years initially. Mr. Wingfield added that Mayor Barber would take the initial 4-year term and he would take the initial 2-year term.

Councilman Wilson made a motion to approve the assignment of terms for Mayor Michael Barber (4-year term) and Town Manager Randy Wingfield (2-year term) to the New River Valley Passenger Rail Station Authority.

IX. STAFF REPORTS

A. Town Manager

Mr. Wingfield reminded Council of the financial disclosure forms due February 1st.

B. Town Attorney – No report

C. Other Staff – No report

X. COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Wilson reported that at the January 23rd Emergency Services Committee meeting it was agreed that a subcommittee be formed to look over a proposal to Council for a new fire station. Mr. Wilson explained that Fire Chief Billy Hanks reported they have completed the new design of fire trucks and an order would be placed by the end of January 2023. Councilman Showalter inquired if there had been any discussion about making the facility a public safety complex that would include rescue and fire together. Councilman Wilson explained that there had been discussion about a room for a police officer or a wing for the police station but ultimately that would be a discussion for the subcommittee and then Council.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before Council, Mayor Barber adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Tracy Heinlein
Tracy Heinlein, Clerk of Council

D. Michael Barber
D. Michael Barber, Mayor