

**CHRISTIANSBURG TOWN COUNCIL
CHRISTIANSBURG, MONTGOMERY CO., VA.
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 1, 2009 AT 7:30 P.M.**

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHRISTIANSBURG TOWN COUNCIL, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA. WAS HELD AT THE CHRISTIANSBURG TOWN HALL, 100 EAST MAIN STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA, ON DECEMBER 1, 2009 AT 7:30 P.M.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Richard G. Ballengee; Vice-Mayor Ann H. Carter; D. Michael Barber; Bradford J. Stipes; D. Henry Showalter; James H. Vanhoozier; H. Earnest Wade. ABSENT: None.

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Town Manager R. Lance Terpenny; Town Clerk Michele M. Stipes; Assistant Town Manager Helms; Town Planner Hair; Town Attorney Kai Memmer. ABSENT: None.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Ann H. Carter; Kevin Conner; Steve Huppert; Wayne Booth; Mike Byrd; Craig Moore. ABSENT: Steve Simmons.

MAYOR BALLENGEE stated there was a quorum present of Council Members and Planning Commission Members.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

JOINT PUBLIC HEARING

1. Council's intention to adopt an ordinance in regards to a rezoning request by Kenneth R. and Darlene S. Lancaster for property at the end of Melody Drive (tax parcels 525 – ((A)) – 15 and 26A) from A Agricultural to R-3 Multi-Family Residential with proffers. The property contains approximately 3.75 acres and is scheduled as Residential in the Future Land Use Map of the Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan and Urban Expansion in the Future Policy Map of the Montgomery County Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. John Neel of Gay and Neel, Inc. addressed Council on behalf of the developer, Bryan Rice. Mr. Neel reviewed the proffers offered by Mr. Rice as follows: 1) Maximum of seventeen detached, single-family homes; 2) Property is to be developed in general conformance of the submitted drawing; 3) The developer will place a paved walking path between the development and the nearby Christiansburg Middle School property. The developer will also install a gate between the school property and the development; 4) A Homeowner's Association will be established; 5) All streets will be paved before construction commences. Mr. Neel further explained that Gay and Neel, Inc. performed a limited traffic study in the vicinity of the property and was satisfied that traffic is not a burden in this general area. Addressing a question of property access, Mr. Neel commented that there is no practical access onto the property outside of Melody Drive. Councilman Stipes questioned the adequacy of the dedicated greenspace. Mr. Neel replied that ten percent of the property is dedicated to greenspace and that it is the same ten percent being dedicated to stormwater management. Mr. Neel noted that the property to be developed is adjacent to recreation areas provided by Christiansburg Middle School.

Mr. Bryan Rice, developer, assured Council that the development will be equal to neighboring Windsong Heights. He reminded Council that he has proffered detailed guidelines for the development and that those proffers are binding. Mr. Rice said he is aware that using Melody Drive as access to the property raises questions for the residents of that street, but that Melody Drive is the only feasible access available. Noting the proffers submitted, Mr. Rice said he will do his best to cause the least amount of impact to the neighbors as possible.

Vie Dupree, President of the Homeowner's Association for Windsong Heights, submitted a petition signed by homeowners in the Windsong Heights subdivision and homeowners along Underwood Street, opposing the use of Melody Drive and Underwood Street as access routes onto the property in this request. She asked that a cul-de-sac be built at the end of Melody Drive to prevent extension now, or in the future. Many of the residents of Windsong Heights and the surrounding vicinity were present to support the petition. Mr. David Goodyear addressed Council with his concern regarding the increase in traffic that will result from future development in the area.

Mayor Ballengee informed those present that Town Council will act on this rezoning request at the December 15, 2009 regular Town Council meeting.

2. A Conditional Use Permit request by Fred W. Abbott for property at 1840 Palmer Street, N.W. (tax parcel 466 – ((1)) – 1) for a communications tower in the I-2 General Industrial District. Planning Director Randy Wingfield reported that this request did not meet setback requirements according to *Christiansburg Town Code* and can not be approved at this time.

REGULAR MEETING

MAYOR BALLENGEE called the Regular Meeting of Council to order and asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes of November 17, 2009. Councilman Wade made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Councilman Barber. Council voted on the motion as follows: AYES: Barber, Carter, Showalter, Stipes, Vanhoozier, Wade. NAYS: None.

CITIZEN HEARINGS:

1. Citizen's Comments. No comments.

DISCUSSIONS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

1. RESIGNATION OF STEVE SIMMONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION. Councilman Barber made a motion to accept the resignation of Steve Simmons from the Planning Commission effective December 1, 2009, seconded by Councilwoman Carter. Council voted on the motion as follows: AYES: Barber, Carter, Showalter, Stipes, Vanhoozier, Wade. NAYS: None. Mr. Simmons has served on the Planning Commission since 1999 and has served in roles of Vice-Chairman and Chairman. The vacant position created by Mr. Simmons' resignation expires August 31, 2010. The consensus of Council is to advertise the vacancy, while including the applications on file from the previous Planning Commission appointment.
2. STIPES AND VANHOOZIER – Street Committee report/recommendation on:
 - a. Downtown Parking Request. Councilman Stipes reported that downtown parking along the Courthouse block has become problematic because of the new courthouse construction, which is slated for completion in 2012. Montgomery County is considering shifting court procedures to Building C on Roanoke Street to alleviate some of the parking burden, and Christiansburg has agreed to provide parking on Town owned property near Building C. In addition to this, the Street Committee recommends waiving the three hour parking limit along the two blocks surrounding the courthouse construction. Councilman Stipes made a motion to reflect the recommendation, seconded by Councilwoman Carter. Council voted on the motion as follows: AYES: Barber, Carter, Showalter, Stipes, Vanhoozier, Wade. NAYS: None.
 - b. Boundary Line Relocation for RWW34, LLC; creating 2 lots; located on Roanoke Street. Councilman Stipes explained this simple request to relocate a boundary line creating one large lot and one small lot from two existing lots. All is in order with the plat and Councilman Stipes made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Councilman Vanhoozier. Council voted on the motion as follows: AYES: Barber, Carter, Showalter, Stipes, Vanhoozier, Wade. NAYS: None.

TOWN MANAGER REPORTS:

MONTHLY BILLS – On motion by Councilman Wade, seconded by Councilman Barber, Council voted to approve the monthly bills to be paid 10 December, 2009, in the amount of \$1,154,421.45. AYES: Barber, Carter, Showalter, Stipes, Vanhoozier, Wade. NAYS: None.

TOWN COUNCIL authorized the Town Manager to begin the bidding process for the annual employee Christmas gift certificates given each year to full-time, salaried, and permanent, part-time employees. The bid requests are sent to Christiansburg grocery stores. In lieu of the annual employee gift of a shirt, jacket, etc., Council directed this additional cost be added to the amount of the gift certificates for a total of \$50.00 per certificate. Councilman Wade made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Carter. Council voted on the motion as follows: AYES: Barber, Carter, Showalter, Stipes, Vanhoozier, Wade. NAYS: None.

VISION 2020 STAFF WORK PLAN. Key staff members were on hand to assist the Town Manager in presenting the Vision 2020 Staff Work Plan ordered by Town Council. The powerpoint presentation was introduced by Police Chief Mark Sisson and included "Everyone's Hometown – Retail, Commerce and Tourist Destination Model for Effective Land Use" presented by Randy Wingfield and Nichole Hair of the Planning Department; "Sound Financial Entity" presented by Finance

Director/Treasurer Val Tweedie; "Recreational Cultural and Entertainment Meca" presented by Parks and Recreation Director Art Price and Aquatics Director Terry Caldwell; "Green Community/Interconnected Community" presented by Wayne Nelson and Todd Walters of the Engineering Department; "Well Informed and Effectively Engaged Citizens" by Human Resource Director Clay McCoy; "Clean Healthy and Safe Place to Live" by Fire Chief Billy Hanks and Police Chief Mark Sisson; and Closing by Town Manager Terpenny. A copy of the detailed presentation and the Vision 2020 Staff Work Plan are included herewith and made a part of these minutes.

TOWN MANAGER TERPENNY AND COUNCILMAN VANHOOZIER, on behalf of the Aquatics Advisory Commission, presented two logos designed for the Christiansburg Aquatic Center, recommending they be approved by Council. The smaller blue and gold logo depicts a swimmer doing the butterfly-stroke and incorporates the letters "CAC" (Christiansburg Aquatic Center). This logo will be used on the front of shirts, jackets, etc., and will be used on promotional materials. The second logo, also presented in blue and gold, is a larger logo that will be used on the back of shirts, jackets, and such. Those involved with designing the logos include marketing professionals, the Aquatic Center architect, and the Town Manager. The Aquatics Advisory Commission, and Aquatic Center staff, have approved the design and are prepared to order marketing materials. Councilman Wade made a motion to adopt the presented logos, seconded by Councilman Stipes. Council voted on the motion as follows: AYES: Barber, Carter, Showalter, Stipes, Vanhoozier, Wade. NAYS: None. Town Manager Terpenny noted that gift certificates for membership to the Aquatic Center will be available for the holidays.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to bring before Council the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Michele M. Stipes, Clerk of Council

Richard G. Ballengee, Mayor