



City of Manassas, Virginia
City Council Meeting

ACTION AGENDA
March 25, 2019

ROLL CALL: 5:30 P.M.
ALL PRESENT ON ROLL CALL

Call to Order

Roll Call

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Council Time

Vice Mayor Elston stated that he attended the Hylton Performing Arts Center Gala honoring Nancy Hersch Ingram. Vice Mayor Elston reported that he attended the Installation of Reverend Charlotte Lehmann at Bull Run Unitarian Universalists. Vice Mayor Elston announced that Pastor Rudy Tucker at Grace United Methodist Church will retire in June.

Council Member Wolfe announced that Land Use Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, March 26 at 5:30 p.m. in the second floor conference room at City Hall.

Council Member Lovejoy thanked the organizers of the Prince William Chamber Valor Awards and congratulated those honored at the ceremony. Council Member Lovejoy stated the City Town Hall on March 18 was successful.

Council Member Sebesky congratulated Nancy Hersch Ingram on being honored at the Hylton Performing Arts Gala. Council Member Sebesky reported that she attended the Virginia Railway Express meeting on March 15 and that the concrete platform at the Manassas Station is scheduled for repairs this Quarter. Council Member Sebesky thanked the citizens who attended the Town Hall meeting on March 18 and announced that the next Town Hall meeting is scheduled for September 16. Council Member Sebesky reported that she attended the Transportation Planning Board meeting, which had presentations from Virginia Department of Transportation on safety challenges and a presentation on the region's capacity on housing. Council Member Sebesky reported that the Appointments Committee met on March 21 and encouraged citizens to apply for the City's Boards, Committees, and Commissions. Council Member Sebesky shared that the Comprehensive Plan Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, March 27 at 6:00 p.m.

Council Member Davis-Younger encouraged citizens to donate to the Jennie Dean Memorial. Council Member Davis-Younger announced that the exhibit, Bridging Cultures, opens on April 11 at the Manassas Museum.

Council Member Ellis informed the community that OneLove Manassas is scheduled for April 26 – April 28. Council Member Ellis announced that the Citizens Advisory Committee on Solid Waste is seeking a student liaison, interested students can contact Council Member Ellis or Monica Boehringer.

Mayor Time

Mayor Parrish announced that the Joint Budget Work Session with the School Board for the Manassas City Public Schools is scheduled for Wednesday, April 3 at 5:30 p.m. in the Public Works Conference Room.

Staff Reports

Bryan Foster, Deputy City Manager, reported that paving and traffic intersection reconfiguration has been completed at Signal Hill and Liberia Avenue. Mr. Foster stated that there will be a dedicated right-turn lane at Prince William Street and Wellington Road.

Police Chief Douglas W. Keen reported that a pedestrian was struck on March 24 and succumbed to their injuries at the hospital. Chief Keen informed the Mayor and City Council that an arrest has been made in the case and an updated press release will be forthcoming.

Mr. Pate reported that the City staff had successful meetings with the credit rating agencies, Standard & Poor's and Moody's.

1. Consent Agenda

1.1 City Council Minutes: March 11, 2019, March 12, 2019, March 13, 2019, March 18, 2019, and March 18, 2019 (Town Hall Meeting)

1.2 Resolution #R-2019-24: A Resolution Petitioning Virginia Department of Transportation for Maintenance Payments for Certain Streets in the Urban Maintenance Inventory System (UMIS)

1.3 Resolution #R-2019-30: A Resolution Approving an Ammonia Cost Agreement between the City of Manassas and the Upper Occoquan Service Authority for the Treatment of Ammonia in City Wastewater

COUNCIL ACTION: Approved Consent Agenda Items 1.1 – 1.3. (6/0)

2. **Ordinances and Resolutions**

2.1 Ordinance #O-2019-23: An Ordinance Vacating a Temporary Construction, Maintenance, and Turnaround Easement on Property at 9213 Park Avenue (First Reading)

Bryan Foster, Deputy City Manager, stated that City Council is considering an Ordinance to vacate a temporary construction, maintenance, and turnaround easement on the property located at 9213 Park Avenue. Mr. Foster stated that the public hearing was closed on February 11, 2019. Mr. Foster stated that the citizen who spoke at the public hearing, Kevin Pearson, was not opposed to the project, but suggested alternatives, including acquiring property from his father. Mr. Foster reported that Mr. Pearson's alternatives required additional land acquisition from two other properties and an estimated cost of over \$100,000.00 in construction to achieve a cul-de-sac that is approximately the same size as the current cul-de-sac. Mr. Foster provided an alternative which includes having a concrete curb and gutter installed and the ability for the property owner at 9213 Park Avenue to park two cars in the driveway. Mr. Foster stated that the Ordinance needs to be amended to correct "approximately" to "a minimum of" and the second reading of the Ordinance would be scheduled for April 8, 2019.

Vice Mayor Elston requested clarification on the purpose of the easement in 1968 and the size of the cul-de-sac in comparison to other streets.

COUNCIL ACTION: Approved Ordinance #O-2019-23 with the suggested correction on first reading. (6/0)

2.2 Resolution #R-2019-47: A Resolution Approving a Legal Services Agreement for Delinquent Tax Collection Between the Treasurer of the City of Manassas and Taxing Authority Consulting Services, P.C.

Patricia Richie-Folks, Treasurer, stated that City Council is considering a Resolution to approve a Legal Services Agreement with Taxing Authority Consulting Services, P.C. (TACS). Ms. Richie-Folks provided to the City Council a spreadsheet showing the outstanding delinquent taxes. Ms. Richie-Folks stated that TACS will be paid a percentage of the amount it collects or a flat fee in the case of a sale or auction of delinquent property. Ms. Richie-Folks stated that staff believes this is the most effective and cost-effective means of collecting the tax delinquencies.

Vice Mayor Elston asked about the amount of the fees charged by TACS to the taxpayer. A representative from TACS indicated the fee is twenty percent of the delinquent tax amount for the taxpayer.

Council Member Sebesky stated that she appreciates the Treasurer's office bringing this item for consideration.

COUNCIL ACTION: Approved Resolution #R-2019-47. (6/0)

2.3 Resolution #R-2019-48: A Resolution Approving an Agreement Between Prince William Hospital Corporation and the City of Manassas for the Purchase and Sale of Annaburg Manor

W. Patrick Pate, City Manager, stated that City Council is considering a Resolution to approve an agreement between Prince William Hospital Corporation and the City of Manassas for the Purchase and Sale of Annaburg Manor. Mr. Pate stated that the sales price will be \$846,000.00, with the City retaining \$75,000.00 of that amount to be used for the initial stabilization and preservation of the historic building. Mr. Pate stated that if approved closing would occur in approximately sixty days. Mr. Pate requested that citizens not trespass at the house because it is not safe at this time.

Council Member Sebesky thanked the staff for the work on acquiring this property and stated that the funds being used to purchase Annaburg Manor are from one-time funds from the sale of the land for the Landing at Cannon Branch.

COUNCIL ACTION: Approved Resolution #R-2019-48. (6/0)

3. Awards, Acknowledgments and Presentations - 7:15 p.m.

3.1 Presentation: George Mason University Department of Communication Undergraduate Alumnus of the Year Award

Professor Serge Samaylenko and Dr. Anne Nicotera, George Mason University, presented Council Member Ellis with the George Mason University Department of Communication Undergraduate Alumnus of the Year Award.

Council Member Ellis introduced the Founders of the Manassas City Rotaract, a community service based group for people ages 18 – 30 years old. Council Member Ellis stated next event will be on Wednesday, March 27 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Jirani's Coffeehouse.

4. Citizens' Time – 7:30 p.m.

Laura Coates, resident of the City of Manassas, stated that she is the Program Coordinator at Centerfuse and thanked the City for its investment in Centerfuse. Ms. Coates announced that the ribbon cutting for the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) is scheduled for Wednesday, April 3.

Francisco Pereira, resident of the City of Manassas, thanked the City Council for its work being done in the City and that he enjoys giving back to the community.

Aaron Squires, resident of the City of Manassas, informed the City Council that he is an intern at the water treatment plant. Mr. Squires suggested that more funds be allocated to the water treatment plant, to prevent the City would not have to outsource for water treatment capacity.

5. **Public Hearings – 7:30 p.m.**

5.1 **Public Hearing on the Proposed Issuance of General Obligation Bonds of the City of Manassas in the Maximum Principal Amount of \$80,000,000 to Finance the Costs of Capital Improvement Projects and Pay the Related Costs of Issuance**

W. Patrick Pate, City Manager, stated that the City proposes to issue bonds to finance the costs of certain capital improvement projects for the City, including but not limited to, the acquisition, construction, extension, replacement, renovation and equipping of public safety, parks, culture & recreation, transportation, utility and general governmental improvements, and pay the related costs of issuance. Mr. Pate informed the City Council that the proposed projects include the public safety facility, Grant Avenue improvements, Fire Rescue Station 21, sewer treatment capacity, water transmission main replacement, water treatment capacity, and Dean storage tank.

Aaron Squires, resident of the City of Manassas, inquired on the timeline for the improvement plans.

COUNCIL ACTION: Close the Public Hearing. (7:39 p.m.) (6/0)

6. **Authorize a Closed Meeting**

6.1 **Authorization of a Closed Meeting**

Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 A (1), A (3), (A) (8) and A(29):

1. Consideration of Candidates for Employment or Appointment and Appointments to Boards, Committees and Commissions

COUNCIL ACTION: Authorized a Closed Meeting. (6:18 p.m.) (6/0)

7. **Certify the Closed Meeting**

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COUNCIL ACTION: Certified the Closed Meeting. (7:15 p.m.) (6/0)

8. **Appointments to Boards, Committees, and Commissions**

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COUNCIL ACTION:

The following **appointments** were approved:

- Jill Spall to the Beautification Committee as a regular member to a four-year term ending June 30, 2023; and
- John W. Richardson to the Citizens Advisory Committee on Solid Waste as a regular member to fill an unexpired term ending June 30, 2021; and
- Sergeant Rickey Clodfelter of the Manassas City Police Department to the Towing Ordinance Advisory Board as a regular member for a four-year term ending June 30, 2023.

Adjourned: 7:44 p.m.