



## City of Manassas, Virginia City Council Meeting

### ACTION AGENDA

June 24, 2019

ROLL CALL: 5:31 P.M.

ALL PRESENT ON ROLL CALL

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#### Call to Order

#### Roll Call

#### Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

#### Council Time

Vice Mayor Elston wished everyone a happy Fourth of July and cautioned everyone to be careful with explosive things. He thanked the volunteers for the Fire and Rescue and Police Camps. He stated that it is a wonderful experience for the students and good experience for the public safety folks. He acknowledged the Skills USA team from Osbourne High who are the State Champions. He stated that Sandra Hind, an Osbourne teacher, and Detective Petty coached the team in the National Competition. He stated they left today for the National Competition in Louisville, KY.

Council Member Wolfe had no comments.

Council Member Lovejoy had no comments.

Council Member Sebesky updated Council on the Transportation Planning Board (TPB) meeting. She stated that the Nice Bridge that connects Newberg, Maryland with Dalhgren, Virginia, will be replaced with a four-lane bridge with bicycle/pedestrian lanes. She stated that they are planning this bridge to last for a 100 years. She stated that there was a lot of discussion on planned growth for the area over the next 100 years. She stated several people spoke at Citizen's Time encouraging the TPB to spend the extra money to protect the bicycle/pedestrian lanes with barriers. She stated that another topic of discussion was how to make payment for mass transit more accessible to people, particularly those in lower income levels. She stated there have been a lot of issues with Virginia Railway Express (VRE) lately and they are working on increased communication with their riders. She stated the Commissioners are working on a Public Input form to allow the public to contact the Commissioners. She encouraged everyone to attend the Comprehensive Plan work session with the Planning Commission on Wednesday. She urged everyone to be safe with fireworks during the Independence Day celebrations.

Council Member Davis-Younger stated she attended the Wine and Jazz Festival as a volunteer on June 15. She stated there was a ton of people attending and thanked HMI for putting on

a great event. She stated that Old Town Business Association is a great organization that meets on the second Wednesday of the month and it is a great time for small businesses to get connected with other businesses and find out what is available to them. She mentioned that Ron King will be retiring as the head of Social Services and stated that everyone is appreciative of his work with the City and its citizens. She reminded everyone that they are still collecting for the fund for the Jennie Dean Memorial. She stated that effective July 1, 2019, Virginia will prohibit courts from suspending driving privileges solely for failure to pay court fines and costs. She stated that includes those who have had their privileges revoked in the past. She stated this will not negate the costs or fines, but citizens will still have the ability to drive to their jobs so they can pay the court fines.

Council Member Ellis stated that she has had a busy few weeks with her grandchildren in town, which gave her the opportunity to try out some new things in Manassas including Manassas Clay and the vertical rock climbing wall. She stated that their favorite thing was going to Jitterbugs to get ice cream. She stated that the Historic Manassas website works great for the community. She reminded everyone that work has begun on the Tru Hotel at the Landing at Cannon Branch. She stated she is on the Economic Development Commission and they will be starting some strategic planning open to the public soon. She recognized the Bull Run Rotary Club for their 50 years of service to the City.

### Mayor Time

Mayor Parrish stated that Council Members have gotten invitations for the Tru Hotel groundbreaking on July 9, which will be near the Airport. He related that Leidos, which is up to 140 employees, is excited to have a Tru hotel near the airport. He announced that the Community Risk Reduction Free Smoke Alarm Initiative offers a free smoke alarm to citizens if they contact the Fire Administration.

Mayor Parrish noted that Council will take up two items with regards to Vice Mayor Elston's resignation – a writ of special election to fill the seat, and an interim appointment. He announced that he attended the most recent meeting of the NVTA and updated the Council on the Manassas/Rt. 28 project. He stated that the Rt. 28/Manassas Bypass study should be finalizing the project study and additional funds have been approved as part of the VDOT Six Year Plan. He stated the plan has to go through the Army Corps of Engineers, VDOT, the Federal Highway Administration and the EPA.

### Staff Reports

City Manager, W. Patrick Pate, called on Debbie Haight of Historic Manassas to explain the ABC permitting for festivals and events. Ms. Haight stated that the previous license allowed on-premise licensees to serve alcoholic beverages to customers in a paper or plastic cup and the customers can take them off premises within the town center property. She stated the newest license is a local special events license that allows downtown Manassas restaurants to sell beverages to be consumed within the designated downtown area.

Mr. Pate reported on the following:

- This Wednesday evening from 7-9 p.m. join the Parks, Culture & Recreation team to learn about the progress the Planning Commission has made on the Comprehensive Plan Update. The City is seeking feedback on this report.
- Congratulations to Loveless Porter Architects on the wonderful renovations they have done to their new building on Center Street. And, welcome to the City Skintuition located on Mosby Street and Weinegar's Sweets and Treats on Center Street.
- Welcome to Celebrate America here in our Historic Downtown on the Fourth of July. And, during the weekend of the fourth, GMBL will be hosting the girls 8U, 10U, and 12U Babe Ruth softball state tournament, and 12U boys Babe Ruth baseball state tournament, so you might see some softball and baseball in the City.

1. **Consent Agenda**

1.1 **City Council Minutes: June 10, 2019 and June 12, 2019**

1.2 **Resolution 2019-11-R: Amending the FY 2019 Budget by Budgeting and Appropriating \$1,750,000 of Airport Fund Balance to Pay Off the Airport's 2004 Bonds/Pay Down the Airport's 2016 Bonds**

1.3 **Resolution #R-2019-62: A Resolution Authorizing the City Attorney to Petition the Circuit Court for a Writ of Election to Fill a City Council Vacancy**

**COUNCIL ACTION:** Approved the Consent Agenda as presented. (6/0)

2. **Unfinished Business**

2.1 **Interim Council Appointment Process**

**COUNCIL ACTION:** Directed staff to continue with the appointment process. (6/0)

3. **Authorize a Closed Meeting**

3.1 **Authorization of a Closed Meeting**

**Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 A (1) (3):**

1. **Appointments to Boards, Committees and Commissions**
2. **Disposition of Real Property**

**COUNCIL ACTION:** Authorized a Closed Meeting. (6:29 p.m.) (6/0)

4. **Certify the Closed Meeting**

#### 4.1 Certification of the Closed Meeting

**COUNCIL ACTION:** Certified the Closed Meeting. (7:30 p.m.) (6/0)

#### 5. Appointments to Boards, Committees, and Commissions

*Council Member Sebesky moved, seconded by Council Member Lovejoy, that the following appointments be approved:*

**Harriet Carter** to the **Beautification Committee** as a regular member to a four-year term ending June 30, 2023; and

**Lisa Climer** to the **Regional Jail Board** as a regular member to fill an unexpired term beginning August 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020; and

**Christian C. Gilligan** to the **Manassas Business Council** as a regular member to a four-year term beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2023; and

**Tom Osina** to the **Towing Ordinance Advisory Board** as a regular member to a four-year term ending June 30, 2023; and

**Tom Osina** to the **Citizen's Advisory Committee on Solid Waste** as a regular member to fill an unexpired term ending June 30, 2020; and

That the following reappointments be approved:

**Harry J. Clark** to the **Board of Equalization** as a regular member for a two year term ending June 30, 2020; and

**Scott D. Hepburn** to the **Economic Development Authority** as a regular member for a four-year term ending June 30, 2023; and

**Thomas Murphy** to the **Economic Development Authority** as a regular member for a four-year term ending June 30, 2023; and

**Sartaj S. Randhawa** to the **Manassas Business Council** as a regular member for a four-year term ending June 30, 2023; and

**Nicholas J. Pascale** to the **Manassas Business Council** as a regular member for a four-year term ending June 30, 2023; and

**Robert W. Schilpp** to the **Planning Commission** as a regular member for a four-year term ending June 30, 2023; and

**Russell Harrison** to the **Planning Commission** as a regular member for a four-year term ending June 30, 2023; and

**Martha Wilson** to the **Planning Commission** as a regular member for a four-year term ending June 30, 2023; and

**James Schornick** to the **Utility Commission** as a regular member for a four-year term ending June 30, 2023; and

**John Weber** to the **Utility Commission** as a regular member for a four-year term ending June 30, 2023; and

**Zuzanna Steen** to the **Northern Virginia Community College Board** as a regular member for a four-year term ending June 30, 2023.

**COUNCIL ACTION:** Approved appointments as presented. (6/0)

5. **Citizens' Time – 7:30 p.m.**

*Mike Freeland, City resident, thanked Vice Mayor Elston for his service. He addressed the proposed move to the DMV building and expressed concern that it has not been thought out fully and citizen input has been considered.*

*Robert Bebber, City resident, stated that there is not sufficient walkways for pedestrians and bicyclists to travel around Manassas and Manassas Park. He also proposed an increase in public transit options for people to move from place to place.*

*Tom Osina, City resident, stated he did not feel that the Grant Avenue Streetscape information meeting was not well publicized and he suggested that the next update should be better publicized and also communicated in Spanish. He further addressed the moving of more publicly oriented departments to the old DMV building. He stated it would be good to get input from citizens regarding the move. He thanked Council for his appointment to the Towing Ordinance Advisory Board and the Solid Waste Committee. He thanked Vice Mayor Elston for the impact that he has had on the City for the past few years.*

*Harriet Carter, City resident, thanked Council for her appointment to the Beautification Committee. She thanked Vice Mayor Elston for his wonderful work for the city.*

**Adjourned: 7:40 p.m.**