



## City of Manassas, Virginia City Council Meeting

### ACTION AGENDA July 8, 2019

ROLL CALL: 5:33 P.M.  
ALL PRESENT ON ROLL CALL

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#### Call to Order

#### Roll Call

#### Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

#### Council Time

Council Member Wolfe praised city staff for finalizing the purchase of Annaberg Manor for the City, as well as the ground breaking for the Tru Hotel. He stated that these projects are something that Council and staff has been working on for a long time. He noted that having better economic development helps to lower taxes. Council Member Wolfe asked for a status update on the progress with the Prince William Street improvements as well as a rodent issue on Portner Avenue and whether the city staff has provided comments on the Kline Farm property to Prince William County.

Council Member Lovejoy had no comments.

Council Member Sebesky congratulated the police cadets, student award winners, and Medal of Merit recipients. She stated it is a good thing for the community to see the great work of the police department and how they work with the community in varied ways. She thanked the Police and Fire Departments and everyone who worked on the Fourth of July because it is a hard day making sure the welfare of the city is protected. She reported that as the Chairman of the Appointments Committee, the Council is still accepting applications for Boards and Commissions, notably the Citizen's Advisory Committee on Cemeteries, City Building Inspections Appeal Board, Board of Equalization, Community Criminal Justice Board, and the Parks and Recreation Committee. She stated that citizens can apply on the City's website.

Council Member Davis-Younger stated she attended the 31<sup>st</sup> Judicial District Investiture Ceremony when Judges Rollins and Horan were invested. She stated she attended the Historic Resources Board Meeting and reported that Mr. Olsen is the Chair and Mr. Button is the Vice Chair. She reminded the public that they are still collecting for the Jennie Dean Memorial. She stated that the Independence Day Celebrations were a wonderful day and thanked HMI for a job well done on the Rooftop Party.

Council Member Ellis reported that she checked out the trails at Liberia House and was very impressed by the trails and bridge. She stated she attended the Art sale on Sunday and enjoyed it. She reported that the Virginia Cooperative Extension is looking for people to participate in the Master Gardener program and they will have an information meeting on August 22.

### Mayor Time

Mayor Parrish expressed his appreciation for the three items that Council Member Wolfe brought up and reported that he has been working on them with Mr. Pate and staff.

### Staff Reports

City Manager, Pat Pate, reported that the City welcomed six new police officers today, one returning and another from another jurisdiction. He stated the Chief is doing a great job of filling open positions with people who will fit into the Manassas lifestyle. He stated that good things are happening in the City including the groundbreaking of the Tru Hotel in the Landings at Cannon Branch which will serve the needs of businesses in the tech corridor. He stated in terms of the issues that Mr. Wolfe raised about Prince William Street, staff is working with the contractor to make sure that the project is progressing as fast as possible. He stated there are incentives for them to finish quickly and disincentives if they do not. He stated the project should be completed in the fall. He reported in terms of the Kline Farm project, it is a new version of the previous project. He stated that the City staff does not get involved in County land use policy, but would comment if there are issues that will affect Manassas citizens. He stated that the current proposal limits the numbers of houses and commercial square footage. He stated this is going to the county Planning Commission and staff will monitor the recommendation going to the Board of Supervisors. He reported that there is a complex rodent issue on Portner Avenue and there have been several efforts on the part of staff to rectify the issue and staff is working closely with the Health Department to get them to declare this a public health nuisance which would allow the City to take action if the owner does not mitigate the problem within a finite period of time. He reported that the City is sponsoring a Citizen's Leadership Academy and encouraged people to apply to be part of this program. He stated the Manassas Animal Adoption Center is hosting a Summer Reading program to give children an opportunity to read to shelter pets. He reported that the Celebrate America event was very successful even though there was a little rain. He stated they started at 8:45, rather than 9:15 because of the threat of rain.

Council Member Sebesky thanked Mr. Pate for the update on Portner Avenue. She stated she has been working with the HOA in the area to rectify this issue. She questioned whether the City will submit an opinion on the Kline Property. Mr. Pate stated that the City previously submitted concerns, particularly related to transportation impacts, on the previous submission and that the appropriate time to submit any concerns this time would be when the project is before the Board of Supervisors. Council Member Sebesky expressed concern that whatever project is built in this location will affect the quality of life for Manassas residents.

Mayor Parrish stated that he wrote a letter to the Board of County Supervisors last time expressing his concern about this fairly substantial development and noted that he is glad that Council Member Sebesky will be monitoring this as well.

1. **Consent Agenda**

**1.1 City Council Minutes: June 24, 2019**

**COUNCIL ACTION:** Approved the Consent Agenda as presented. (5/0/1)

2. **New Business**

**2.1 Resolution #R-2020-01: Application for FY 2019 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Grants Program**

**COUNCIL ACTION:** Approved Resolution #R-2020-01. (5/0/1)

**2.2 Presentation: Comprehensive Plan Update**

**COUNCIL ACTION:** No Action Taken

**2.3 Presentation: Property Code Enforcement Update**

**COUNCIL ACTION:** No Action Taken

3. **Citizen's Time**

Helen Sorto, Manassas City resident, addressed Council regarding the furniture store on Centerville Road. She stated she appreciates the city for looking at this property as the trailer park has worked very hard to clean it up. She stated she has spoken to the furniture store and asked them to clean it up; however, they told her "there is no law in the land" that can make them clean it up. She stated she would appreciate any help the City can provide.

Marcia Myers, Manassas City resident, addressed Council the pathway in the Point of Woods neighborhood. She stated that while there is a "No Dumping" sign, a lot of trash has been found there. She thanked Mr. Fitzwater for his quick replies. She asked the City to investigate why there are so many vehicles in the Point of Woods area. She stated she has reached out the City Council members in the past because they do not have a homeowner's association. She reported that other owners along the pathway have not been maintaining their shrubs and trees, which create dark spots on the path. She asked for assistance.

Raymond Beverage, Manassas City resident, addressed Council on things going on in the Deer Park/Weems neighborhood. He stated all the concrete going in will cause stormwater problems. He also expressed concerns that some people are not getting building permits for work being done in

their houses. He stated there are gypsies coming into the City to take advantage of people. He stated he agrees with Ms. Sebesky on the roads in the Kline property.

Chris Keller, Manassas City resident, addressed Council on out of state tags in Bristow Station. He stated there are over six vehicles that now have Virginia license plates. He stated that there is a lot of money in personal property taxes there.

**4. Authorize a Closed Meeting**

**4.1 Authorization of a Closed Meeting**

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

**1. Acquisition of Real Property**

**COUNCIL ACTION:** Authorized a Closed Meeting. (7:42 p.m.) (5/0/1)

**5. Certify the Closed Meeting**

**5.1 Certification of the Closed Meeting**

**COUNCIL ACTION:** Certified the Closed Meeting. (8:06 p.m.) (5/0/1)

**Adjourned: 8:08 p.m.**