

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Manassas, Virginia was held in Council Chambers, City Hall, on the above date with the following present on roll call: Mayor Harry J. Parrish II, Vice-Mayor Pamela J. Sebesky, Council Members Michelle Davis-Younger, Theresa Coates Ellis, Ian T. Lovejoy, Ralph J. Smith, Mark D. Wolfe; City Manager W. Patrick Pate, Deputy City Manager Bryan Foster, City Clerk Lee Ann Henderson, City Attorney Craig Brown, Fire and Rescue Chief Robert Clemons, Communications Manager Patty Prince, Planning and Zoning Manager Matt Arcieri, Planner II Chloe Delhomme, Parks, Culture and Recreation Manager Kisha Wilson-Sogunro, and Manassas Museum Curator Mary Helen Dellinger.

Mayor Parrish called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m., delivered the invocation, and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCIL TIME

Vice-Mayor Sebesky reported that she attended the Omniride Annual meeting last week and noted that Dr. Snyder, Director of Omniride, will be attending an upcoming Council Meeting to provide an update. She also reported that Virginia Railway Express (VRE) and the City of Manassas Public Safety will be preparing for an emergency awareness drills. She noted that the city will celebrate Car Free Day on September 23. She reported that on September 16 the City of Manassas will hold a Town Hall Meeting at Weems Elementary. She reported that the city's first ever "Happy Hour" went very well and that the "Happy Hour" will be on October 5. She stated that the "Happy Hours" are sponsored by HMI. She thanked the Daughters of the American Revolution for the Free Little Library. She reported that she participated in the Out of Darkness Suicide Awareness Walk on Sunday. She asked that residents visit the City's website and social media to find out what is happening throughout the City of Manassas.

Council Member Wolfe stated there is a lot of misinformation going around with regards to the ongoing discussions about the library and noted that there have been no decisions made, but the City has acted to maintain all of its options from a negotiating perspective with Prince William County. He stated that the Council is charged with what is doing best for the citizens of Manassas.

Council Member Lovejoy had no comments.

Council Member Davis-Younger stated that she will be attending the Old Town Business Association meeting this coming Wednesday. She stated that they are still collecting for the Jennie Dean statue and reported that she attended the Little Library Ribbon Cutting. She reported that she attended the Installation of Officers banquet this past Saturday evening. She noted that the World Heritage Festival and Festival of Kites will be coming up on September 14 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the Manassas Museum lawn.

Council Member Ellis thanked all of the volunteers who participated in the Out of Darkness Suicide Walk which was sponsored by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. She noted that on October 5, the City will be hosting the Fall Jubilee. She reported that John

Hart is doing a very fun, whimsical exhibit at the Center for the Arts called “the Carnival of the Absurd” until November 2 and that an artist’s reception will take place on September 14 from 6 – 9 p.m.

Council Member Smith thanked the Daughters of the American Revolution for the Little Free Library and stated he attended the Ribbon Cutting for it this past Friday.

MAYOR TIME

Mayor thanked the Council Members for bringing up the various events and other happenings within the City of Manassas. He mentioned the 2nd Happy Hour that is being hosted by HMI on October 5, along with Fall Jubilee. He thanked the City Police for helping to ensure family fun and enjoyment in Old Town. The Mayor reported on the upcoming Town Hall Meeting on September 16, at Weems Elementary School at 7 pm.

The Mayor asked for a motion to cancel the meeting on October 21 noting that there is not a City Council Meeting on October 14 due to the Columbus Day Holiday and it was moved to the following week; however, currently a meeting is scheduled for October 28 and typically if there are two meetings in subsequent weeks, neither meeting will have very much on the agenda.

Vice-Mayor Sebesky moves to delete the meeting of October 21 from the Council’s meeting calendar. Seconded by Council Member Lovejoy. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Mayor stated they are continuing the discussion on funding for the schools and asked Council Members to contact him if they have concerns. He stated his intention to bring this up for action at a future Council Meeting or to continue the fiscal matter discussions during the budget process sessions.

The Mayor reminded Council that the City Manager’s employment contract is reviewed every September and stated that Mr. Pate will be providing information for review in preparation for discussion in Closed Meeting on Monday, September 23.

STAFF REPORTS

City Manager, Pat Pate, noted that the City did have its first ABC permit event, where citizens could take a drink from a restaurant and walk around the rest of the designated area with their drink. He clarified that this is not a “Happy Hour”, but a designed event that uses the new type of ABC permit.

Mr. Pate reported that this upcoming weekend is the World Heritage Festival and the Festival of Kites on Saturday at the Manassas Museum lawn and on Sunday, there will be a children’s concert and petting zoo at the Harris Pavilion and a healthy kids running series at Dean Park along with a free book talk at the Manassas Museum.

Mr. Pate reported that milling and paving has started along Old Godwin Road, Almond Tree Court, and Falcon Point Way. He stated that there is a map located on the City's website with updates on what will be taking place.

Mr. Pate stated that the utility bills will have a schedule for leaf pick up and it is also located in the City Connection newsletter and on the City's website.

Mr. Pate called on Chief Robert Clemons to announce receipt of the AFT Grant for Safety Contained Breathing Apparatus.

He announced the Police Department and the Fire and Rescue Department's "Bravest versus the Finest" softball game which will take place Sunday on Field 4 at Jennie Dean Elementary School.

Mr. Pate stated he echoes the comments from Council Member Wolfe with regards to the Library conversation and mentioned the ongoing efforts to repair the fire damage at the Harris Pavilion, noting they should be completed before the winter skating season begins.

Mr. Pate reminded Council of the session on Wednesday.

1. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion: Council Member Lovejoy moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 1.1 - 1.8 and that the reading of the ordinances be dispensed.

Seconded: Vice-Mayor Sebesky.

Vote: **Motion Carried Unanimously**

1.1 **Proclamation - Hispanic Heritage Month**

1.2 **Proclamation: Car Free Day**

1.3 **Proclamation: Emergency Preparedness Month**

1.4 **Approval of Minutes - August 12 and August 26, 2019**

1.5 **Planning Commission FY2019 Annual Report**

1.6 **Board of Zoning Appeals FY2019 Annual Report**

1.7 **Resolution #R-2020-07: Acceptance of the Results of the Annual Election of Officers of the Manassas Volunteer Fire Company**

1.8 **Resolution #R-2020-08: Resolution Regarding New Appointments to the Fire and Rescue Committee as a Result of the Annual Election of Officers of the Manassas Volunteer Fire Company for Year Beginning September 1, 2019**

2. NEW BUSINESS**2.1 Standing Committees and Appointments of City Council**

Motion: Vice Mayor Sebesky moved to approve New Business Agenda Item 2.1 as presented

Seconded: Council Member Davis-Younger

Vote: Motion Carried Unanimously

3. AWARDS, ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS - 7:00 p.m.**3.1 Proclamation - Hispanic Heritage Month**

Mayor Parrish presented the proclamation for Hispanic Heritage Month to Angie Carrera and Mrs. Flores from Osbourn High School.

4. CITIZENS' TIME - 7:30 p.m.

Stephanie Williams, presented a presentation to City Council on how Panorama Latino television show could help the City of Manassas with the 2020 Consensus (was previously granted five minutes) by sponsoring their show.

Harland Wahlert, a resident of the City of Manassas, signed up previously wishing to speak for five minutes did not attend the meeting.

Joann Provo, a resident of the City of Manassas, addressed the Council on the libraries.

Roberto Rolons, works on Panorama Latino television show, addresses the Council on how much the television will be of assistance to the City of Manassas by sponsoring their show.

Ingrid Paz, addressed the Council on Panorama Latino television show and how much the television will be of assistance to the City of Manassas by sponsoring their show.

Allen Beverstock, works on Panorama Latino television show, addresses the Council on how much the television show will be of assistance to the City of Manassas by sponsoring their show.

Myra Brent, a resident of the City of Manassas, addresses the Council and expresses gratitude on the road improvements on Prince William Street and expresses concerns with these road improvements and the surrounding areas with cleanup and restoration of landscaping.

Greg Tsukalas, a resident of the City of Manassas, addresses the Council on concerns of Prince William Street project and replacing the trees that were taken down for the road improvements.

Edgar “Chip” Rohr, a resident of the City of Manassas, addresses the Council on the library system and how much Prince William County provides for the residents of City of Manassas. He expressed his opinion that the Grant Avenue Streetscape Project traffic plan is a big mistake.

Ryan Kiefer, a resident of the City of Manassas, addressed the Council on concerns of Prince William Street with the landscaping funding.

Linda Griffin, a resident of the City of Manassas, addressed the Council on concerns of Prince William Street project and how she had requested to two of her trees removed and provided them to her neighbor. Contractor dug up the two trees and put them in the neighbor’s yard but the City of Manassas has not been helpful in providing service to replant the trees. She was also concerned about how dark their street is and safety concerns and would like light be provided.

Lynn Forkell Green, a resident of the City of Manassas, expressed on concern that the City Council needs to be more transparent in regards to the library negotiations. She also expressed that she agrees that the newsletter should be offered in Spanish.

5. **PUBLIC HEARING - 7:30 p.m.**

5.1 **Public Hearing: SUP #2019-06, Judith Evans Molinelli (Home Business), 9209 Maple Street**

Mayor Parrish read an affidavit of publication that was before him signed by an authorized agent of the Prince William Times newspaper certifying that the public hearings listed on the evening’s agenda were published in conformance with Virginia law and City ordinances.

Kelly Davis, Senior Planner, reviewed the application submitted by Judith Evans Molinelli to obtain a special use permit for a law office to be located at 9209 Maple Street. Ms. Davis informed the Mayor and City Council that the use is an appropriate transition between commercial and residential uses in the area. Ms. Davis informed the Mayor and City Council the SUP is for a home-based law office that will have three workers within the home, with hours of operation between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Parking will be in the back of the property. Performance Standards will be applicable to the same Conditions as with all home-based businesses. The Planning Commission and staff are recommending approval of SUP #2019-06 as conditioned.

Applicant representative, Mr. Molinelli, spoke on behalf of applicant.

Mayor Parrish opened the public hearing at 8:20 p.m. and invited anyone wishing to speak in favor of or in opposition to the Judith Evans Molinelli special use permit to come forward and address the City Council.

Gene Crawford, neighbor, spoke in support of SUP #2019-06.

Elise Crawford, neighbor, spoke in support of SUP #2019-06.
John Harmond, neighbor, spoke in support of SUP #2019-06.

Motion: Council Member Wolfe moved to close the Public Hearing SUP #2019-06, Judith Evans Molinelli (Home Business) at 8:23 p.m. and bring it for vote at the September 23 Council Meeting.
Seconded: Vice Mayor Sebesky
Vote: **Motion Carried Unanimously**

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Parrish declared the meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk

Date Approved