



City of Manassas, Virginia City Council Meeting

ACTION AGENDA

October 28, 2019

ROLL CALL: 5:32 P.M.

All Present

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- Presentation of Colors by the Manassas City Police Department Color Guard

COMMUNITY AND STAFF PRESENTATIONS

- **Manassas City Public Schools Quarterly Report – Scott Albrecht**
- **Citizen Leadership Academy Graduates** – Council acknowledged the graduates of the Citizen Leadership Academy (Pamela Lovera, Helen Sorto, Tom Osina, Todd Whitesell, Amalfi Arias, David Farajollahi, Megan Moore, Stephen Hersch, Cheryl Santos, Michael Laverty, Tom Lemmon, Lisa Tanis, Mike Freeland, and Austin Tucker)
- **Commendation – People Incorporated of Virginia’s 55th Anniversary – Robert G. Goldsmith**
- **Proclamation – Small Business Saturday – Historic Manassas, Inc.**
- **Police Department Employees of the Month**

June	Officer Watkins
July	Officer Shillingburg
August	Sr. Detective Hyde
- **Above and Beyond Award Winners** - Dana Campbell, Chloe Delhomme, Ivy Ozmon, Chris Shields, Marcus Hyde, Warren Lane, Ethan Eustace, Chris Frazier, Dustin Frock, Larry Jones, Deon McNeal and Shuan Barrett

COUNCIL TIME

Vice-Mayor Sebesky thanked the School Board Member Scott Albrecht for his presentation. She also thanked the police officers and the Above and Beyond Award employees for all of their great work. Vice-Mayor Sebesky stated that the City has been very well represented at various activities and events both in and out of the City by various council members and the mayor. She congratulated the citizens who participated in the Citizen Leadership Academy. She reported that Council Members Smith, Davis-Younger, Ellis, and herself attended the Virginia Municipal League Annual Conference in Roanoke. Vice-Mayor Sebesky stated that she learned many things from Crisis Management to the Importance of Mind and Body Wellness, especially for public safety employees. She stated that in this last year more public safety personnel

across the nation were lost due to suicide than in the line of the duty. She stated that many services are being researched and organized to provide the needed support to help those who are serving our community and make them feel like they can get help without feeling judged. She commended Chief Keen and his staff for working with Bedrock Yoga to start helping City officers better understand the mind/body connection. She also stated that there was a presentation at the conference regarding opioid crisis and the 2020 census. She stated that she serves as the City's liaison on the Virginia Railway Express (VRE) Board and on October 18, Chief Executive Officer Doug Allen and the Commission agreed to part ways and the VRE Board recommended that the Chief Operating Officer Rich Dalton serve as the Acting CEO while a leadership search is underway. Vice-Mayor Sebesky mentioned that there will be a train naming ceremony on November 9 at 10 am at the VRE Crossroads Yard in Fredericksburg in honor of former VRE member and former Mayor Howard William Greenup. She reported that the ground-breaking ceremony for Fire Station 21 will be this Thursday, October 31, at 1 pm. She reported that the Annual Veteran's Day Parade will take place this Saturday at 11 am in Downtown Manassas. She mentioned the 2040 Comprehensive Plan draft is available for the public to view.

Council Member Wolfe mentioned that Annaburg Manor was opened for the public to view and congratulated staff and the volunteers of the Historic Resources Board.

Council Member Lovejoy had no comments.

Council Member Davis-Younger stated that they are still collecting for the Jennie Dean Foundation. She stated she attended a tour with public works and thanked Tony Dawood and his staff. She commented that Kinsley Mills Park is now renovated and looks beautiful. Council Member Davis-Younger reported attending the ribbon cutting for Didlake Document Imaging and thanked the Prince William Chamber of Commerce for keeping Council informed of various events involving businesses in the City. She congratulated everyone who received recognition tonight as well as the teachers with their recognitions and awards. Council Member Davis-Younger reported that you can go online to complete the 2020 Census instead of having someone knock on your door. She stated that the Recycle Fest will take place this Saturday, 8 am – 12 pm. She noted that the Parks Information Day was cancelled due to inclement weather and will be rescheduled. She reminded citizens to apply to volunteer for the city's Boards, Committees, and Commissions.

Council Member Ellis stated she attended the Spirits of Liberia Event and noted that December 15, 1 - 4 pm, will be the next Holiday Liberia Open House. She reported as the Council Liaison for Economic Development that local businesses can put the City's logo on their website, business cards, and other marketing material and directed them to contact Patty Prince, Communications Director for more information. Council Member Ellis stated that the Flags for Heroes will be on the Manassas Museum lawn, with the opening ceremony on November 1 at 5 pm. She reported that the fee to sponsor a flag for a hero will be \$50. She stated that the Center for the Arts will host Local Area Sketchers on December 5-6. She wished everyone a happy and safe Halloween.

Council Member Smith stated that he attended the Monthly Region 4 Coalition of Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments as the Manassas City representative.

MAYOR TIME

Mayor Parrish reminded everyone that Halloween is this week and asked that everyone help to keep the youngsters safe. The Mayor stated that he has signed a letter to Virginia Governor Ralph Northam, along with the Chairs of Arlington County, Fairfax County, and Loudoun County, and the Mayors of the Cities of Fairfax, Manassas Park, Falls Church, and Alexandria urging the Governor to include funding for the cost of competing for school support staff in the Northern Virginia area and addressing the need to reinstate NVTFA funding for transportation issues.

Mayor Parrish stated that the city will cancel the City Council meeting of November 18 because of back to back Monday meetings. Mayor Parrish also asked Council Members to consider the annual compensation increase and goals for the two elected officials, Commissioner of the Revenue and the Treasurer.

Mayor Parrish asked the Council Members for budget guidance for the Fiscal Year-2021 Budget to be sent to the City Manager and asked Council Members to let him know what their thoughts are on funding for City schools.

STAFF REPORTS

City Manager, Pat Pate, recognized Deputy City Manager Bryan Foster who has been working with ICMA and their fellowship program. Mr. Foster mentioned the City's last ICMA fellow, Kim Short, did a lot of work on behalf of the City. Mr. Foster introduced the new ICMA fellow, Colonel John Novak, who will be retiring from the Army next year.

Mr. Pate called on Fire and Rescue Chief Rob Clemons to talk about strokes. Chief Clemons stated that the American Heart Association recognizes October 29 as World Stroke Day and reviewed the signs of a stroke and discussed ways to prevent strokes.

Mr. Pate stated that staff is still moving forward with the Strategic Plan with the focus groups that Council appointed.

Mr. Pate reminded everyone of election day next Tuesday, November 5.

1. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1.1 Commendation – People Incorporated of Virginia's 55th Anniversary – Robert G. Goldsmith**
- 1.2 Proclaim Veteran's Day and Veteran's Month – Jerry Martin and Matthew Hallinen**
- 1.3 Commend American Legion Auxiliary 100th Anniversary – Carol Campbell
American Legion Auxiliary**
- 1.4 Proclamation – Small Business Saturday – Historic Manassas, Inc.**
- 1.5 Proclamation – Manassas Recycles Day 2019**
- 1.6 Minutes of September 16, 2019 Town Hall and September 23, 2019 Regular Meeting**
- 1.7 Ordinance No. O-2020-03 – Amend and Reenact the Code of Ordinances, City of Manassas, Amending Articles I, II, and III of Chapter 60 Organization of Fire and Rescue Services (Second Reading)**

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

2. **RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

- 2.1 **Ordinance #O-2020-04: An Ordinance to Amend and Reenact the Code of Ordinances, City of Manassas, Virginia (2002), as Amended by Adding in Chapter 14, Amusements and Entertainments, a New Article III Relating to Special Events (First Reading)**

COUNCIL ACTION: Approved Ordinance #O-2020-04, on First Reading, as presented. (6/0)

3. **NEW BUSINESS**

- 3.1 **People Incorporated of Virginia – Annual Report**

Robert Goldsmith gave a presentation on the activities of People Incorporated.

COUNCIL ACTION: No Action

- 3.2 **OmniLink Presentation**

Dr. Robert Schneider gave a presentation on upcoming changes to the OmniLink routes to better serve the needs of Manassas riders.

COUNCIL ACTION: No Action

- 3.3 **Historic Manassas, Inc.**

COUNCIL ACTION: To be rescheduled.

- 3.4 **2020 City Council Calendar**

COUNCIL ACTION: Approved (6/0)

4. **OTHER BUSINESS**

- 4.1 **City Council – Members of General Assembly – Common Sense Gun Safety Legislation (Council Member Wolfe)**

COUNCIL ACTION: Deferred (4/3)

5. **AWARDS, ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS – 7:15 P.M.**

- 5.1 **Proclamation – Manassas Recycles Day 2019 – (Cathy Lemmon – Citizen’s Advisory Committee on Solid Waste and Lynn Forkell Greene – Keep Manassas Beautiful)**

5.2 **Proclaim Veteran's Day and Veteran's Month – Jerry Martin and Matthew Hallinen**

5.3 **Commend American Legion Auxiliary 100th Anniversary – Carol Campbell
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6. **CITIZENS' TIME - 7:30 p.m.**

Lynn Forkell-Greene stated that citizens of City of Manassas are upset about the Grant Avenue Project and how some citizens have not heard about the project. She expressed growing concern about how the City can communicate better about the projects that are included in the Comprehensive Plan and how citizens can find out about how the process works. She stated that the project is 60% complete and if the city is moving forward with the public hearing, then there needs to be communication to the public with the upcoming public hearing date and time. She stated she has been sending out e-mails and informing people to go online. Ms. Forkell Greene stated that after listening to the earlier update from the schools, that the City of Manassas should focus on not building more homes but focus on the overcrowding within City schools. She suggested that we stop all upcoming housing projects.

Karen O'Malley stated that she posted a comment on February 13 right before the one year mark of the Stoneman Douglas High School (Parkland, FL) tragedy. She reads her post aloud to the Council. She complimented Council Member Wolfe in bringing forward his resolution titled Common Sense Gun Safety Legislation.

7. **PUBLIC HEARINGS – 7:30 p.m.**

7.1 **Public Hearing: Appeal of a Denial by the ARB for a Certificate of Appropriateness for 9108 Center Street (ARB #2020-0002)**

COUNCIL ACTION: Public Hearing Closed (6/0)

7.2 **Public Hearing: City Initiated Rezonings (REZ #2020-01, Beauregard Square Shopping Center, REZ #2020-02, Godwin Business Park, REZ #2020-03 Commerce Center)**

COUNCIL ACTION: Public Hearing Closed (6/0)

7.3 **Public Hearing: 2019 Zoning Ordinance Updates (ZTA #2020-01)**

COUNCIL ACTION: Public Hearing Closed (6/0)

8. **AUTHORIZE CLOSED MEETING**

8.1 **Authorize Closed Meeting**

COUNCIL ACTION: Authorized Closed Meeting. (6/0)

9. CERTIFY CLOSED MEETING**9.1 Certify Closed Meeting**

COUNCIL ACTION: Certified Closed Meeting. (6/0)

CLOSED MEETING (CONTINUED)

- **Appointments to Boards, Committees, and Commissions**

David Farajollahi to the **Advisory Board to Social Services** as a regular member to a four-year term ending June 30, 2023.

COUNCIL ACTION: Made an appointment to Boards, Committees and Commissions. (6/0)

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned: 10:06 p.m.