



City of Manassas, Virginia City Council Meeting

ACTION AGENDA
January 13, 2020

ROLL CALL: 5:31 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

Presentation of Election Certificate – John Snider, Chair of the Manassas City Electoral Board, presented Council Member Ralph Smith with the Election Certificate showing his election as a Council Member

Christmas Parade Awards – Mark Olsen, Chair of the Christmas Parade Committee, presented the following 2019 Christmas Parade Awards:

All Saints Catholic School
Appleton Campbell Plumbing Heating and Air Conditioning
Battlefield High School Marching Bobcats – American Disposal
Bull Run Street Rods
Center for the Arts
City of Manassas Public Works
Girl Scouts Service Unit 90-3
K-Force Dance Academy
Lucky Dog Grooming
Manassas Park High School Cheerleaders
Manassas Park High School Marching Cougars – Battlefield Ford Truck Center
Manassas Therapy Dogs
Martin K. Alloy Boys and Girls Club – Stanley Martin
McLean Bible Church – Prince William Campus
Morais Vineyards and Winery
Mud Bunny's
NOVA Jeepers
Old Dominion Historical Fire Society
Osborn High School Skills USA/Center Stage – Burke & Herbert
Salvandi Equestrian
Skate N Fun Zone
Sonus Brass Theater
Spotlight Dance Company
The Life Church Kids
Virginia Dance Center
Walkers Carpet Care and Janitorial

Mr. Olsen announced that the theme for next year's parade is "Right Down Santa Claus Lane" and proclaimed Joe Nelson as "Man of the Year".

Proclamation – Human Trafficking Awareness Month – General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) of Manassas – Vice Mayor Sebesky presented the Proclamation declaring January, 2020, as Human Trafficking Awareness Month in the City of Manassas to representatives of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Manassas.

Manassas City Police Department Employee Recognition Ceremony – Douglas Keen, Chief of Police, recognized the following Police Department employees:

Promotions:

Sergeant Clodfelter to Lieutenant
PSCC Wright to Supervisor
Officer Heinke to Sergeant

Employee of the Month:

September - Sarah Maroney
October - Alisa Dranko

Mayor Parrish performed the Oath of Office for the following new officers:

Officer B. Dillard
Officer J. Hlebinsky
Officer K. Heiderman
Officer T. Duck
Officer S. Vaca
Officer A. Pinto

COUNCIL TIME

Vice Mayor Sebesky: Wished everyone a happy New Year. She congratulated the officers that were promoted and recognized as well as welcomed the new officers. She thanked GFWC for bringing up the topic of human trafficking and urged people to contact the National Human Trafficking hotline to report a tip. She noted that it is a problem seen world-wide, in every country so bringing awareness is a good thing. She reported that Prince William County is closing Central Library from January 14 through June for repairs, adding that the city had nothing to do with this and it was a remodeling time frame the county chose. She stated that residents can go to the City's webpage for updates and information or to sign up for alerts about the library. She stated that there are ways to continue to get information even though Central Library will be closed for awhile. She reported that many of the Council attended a ribbon cutting for the Northern Virginia Community College Manassas Campus Fab Lab and that there will be a community open house this weekend at 10500 Battleview Parkway and no registration is required for the event. She noted that she had the pleasure of attending the installation of officers for the Greater Manassas Volunteer Rescue Squad, which saves taxpayers thousands of dollars. She expressed her appreciation for the dedicated volunteers and noted that Manassas High School has a junior EMT program. She closed with a quote from Henry Ford.

Council Member Wolfe: Had no comments.

Council Member Lovejoy: Had no comments.

Council Member Davis-Younger: – Stated that the Jennie Dean Memorial Fund now has \$129,000 towards the goal of \$175,000 and asked that everyone continue to give. She reminded everyone that the census is coming and that 10 minutes online will keep someone from coming to your house. She stated that this year's Martin Luther King oratory contest theme is Let Freedom Ring and announced that she will be one of the judges. She reminded everyone that Tuesdays are open gym nights. She reported that you can change the language on the Manassas City.org website by scrolling down on the main page to the the right hand corner where you can select one of 40 languages. She reported a need for volunteers for the City's Boards, Commissions and Committees and stated that the Appointments Committee wants to make sure everyone who wants to be involved is included.

Council Member Ellis: Noted that it is great to be back from the holiday break. She stated she entertained her grandsons over the break and there was a lot to see and do in Manassas. She stated they enjoyed ice skating, Crossroads Café, made pottery and played racquet ball. She reported that submissions for the Banner art project are due by January 17 and you can submit your work at www.Visitmanassas.org. She stated the Souper Bowl is coming to the city and that tickets are available for that event at www.visitmanassas.org, as well. She reminded everyone that the Comprehensive Plan public hearing will be January 27 and encouraged everyone to come out.

Council Member Smith: Stated he attended the Virginia Municipal League Newly Elected conference. He notified Council that he will be sworn in as the City's representative to the Virginia Railway Express board.

MAYOR TIME

Mayor Parrish stated that Corliss Udoma has been very generous in her contributions to the Jennie Dean Memorial. He stated he attended the NVCC Fab Lab ribbon cutting and noted that this is a fabulous opportunity for young people who are interested in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math). He stated he attended the Greater Manassas Volunteer Rescue Squad installation of officers. He reminded everyone of the Comprehensive Plan public hearing scheduled for January 27. He stated that ice skating continues at the Harris Pavilion. He stated if someone is interested in keeping bees, they should contact the City Clerk, who can direct them to more information. He congratulated Mr. Sanford Williams and Ms. Kristen Kiefer, who were elected as Chair and Vice Chair of the School Board.

STAFF REPORTS

City Manager, W. Patrick Pate encouraged members of the public to visit the website to sign up for alerts about different topics. He reiterated Council Member Ellis' information about the Banner Art competition. He stated that the U.S. Census is looking for Manassas citizens to work as census takers for up to \$24 per hour and noted that you can apply at 2020census.gov. He stated that live tree curbside recycling will take place throughout January on Mondays.

1. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1.1 **Minutes of November 25, 2019, City Council Regular Meeting, December 2, 2019, Legislative Breakfast, and December 9, 2019, Regular Meeting**

- 1.5 **Proclamation – Human Trafficking Awareness Month – General Federation of Women’s Clubs (GFWC) of Manassas**
- 1.6 **Performance Bond and Erosion Control Bond Release: Aurora Flight Sciences, Parking Expansion Site Plan – SP#2018-2013**

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

2. **RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, AND PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- 2.1 **Public Hearing in Consideration of a Lease of a Portion of the Property at 10580 Gateway Boulevard to Buchanan Manassas, LLC, for Construction of a Parking Lot**

COUNCIL ACTION: Closed the Public Hearing and requested the Resolution be placed on the January 27 agenda for consideration. (6/0)

3. **NEW BUSINESS**

- 3.1 **Annual Report: Community Development Department**

Community Development Director Elizabeth Via-Gossman gave a report on the activities of the Community Development Department for 2019.

COUNCIL ACTION: No Action

4. **OTHER BUSINESS**

- 4.1 **Ordinance #O-2020-11: An Ordinance to Amend and Reenact the Code of Ordinances, City of Manassas, Virginia (2002), as Amended, by Amending Section 110-10 (Penalty and Interest on Delinquent Taxes) of Article 1 of Chapter 10 (Taxation)**

COUNCIL ACTION: Sent to the Finance Committee for consideration. (6/0)

5. **CITIZENS' TIME - 7:30 p.m.**

Chrissy Fauls, Prince William County resident, stated that ACTS (Action in the Community through Service) will be hosting an educational symposium on human trafficking. She stated they also have Movies that Matter on the fourth Thursday of the month at 3 Monkey’s Chophouse and presentations on the second and fourth Thursday of the month.

6. **AUTHORIZE CLOSED MEETING**

- 6.1 **Authorize Closed Meeting**

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

7. **CERTIFY CLOSED MEETING**

- 7.1 **Certify Closed Meeting**

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

CLOSED MEETING (CONTINUED)

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

Arnold G. Simpson to the **Upper Occoquan Service Authority** as a City Representative to fill an unexpired term ending March 1, 2021.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned: 7:34 p.m.