

LAND USE COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, June 26, 2014

City Hall, 2nd Fl, 5:30 pm

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilmember Jonathan L. Way, Chair
Councilmember Mark D. Wolfe
Vice Mayor Andrew L. Harrover

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Elizabeth S. Via-Gossman, AICP, Liaison
W. Patrick Pate, City Manager
Matt Arcieri, Planning and Zoning Services Manager

GUESTS PRESENT: Coleman Rector, Chuck Rector, Kelly Atkinson, Jay DuVon, Chaid Baird, Josh Marshall, Jessica Pfeiffer

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm. A quorum was established.

Adoption of Minutes of May 22, 2014

Vice Mayor Harrover, seconded by Council Member Mark Wolfe, motion to approve the minutes of May 22, 2014. **Motion Carried.**

General Discussion on the City's Ordinances regarding Chickens

Mr. Arcieri presented his memo of June 20, 2014 regarding the City's current ordinances on keeping chickens for personal use. The City currently allows chickens and other domesticated farm animals at the discretion of the Chief of Police if certain conditions are met (performance standards). The City Manager has asked if this ordinance is more appropriately placed in the City's Zoning codes. Mr. Arcieri researched the issue and found that most jurisdictions regulate chickens through the zoning code. The committee directed Staff to include the issue in the update of the zoning ordinance with the same performance standards as currently included in the City Code.

General Discussion on the City's Economic Opportunity Fund (EOF)

Ms. Via-Gossman reviewed the past few years history of the City's EOF outlined in her memorandum of June 20, 2014. She also outlined possible improvements to the program such as more consistent and tighter performance agreements. No action was requested.

Closed Session

Chairman Way moved at 6:35 pm that the Land Use Committee of the City Council convene in closed session to discuss subjects in accordance with the amended Freedom of Information Act, Virginia Code Sec. 2.2-3711 Paragraph A (5) Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry, since no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the City; Vice Mayor Harrover Seconded. Included in the Closed Session were the Committee, City Manager and the Director.

Roll Call	
Chairperson Way	Y
Vice Mayor Harrover	Y
Councilmember Wolfe	Y

Council Member Way moved at 7:10 pm that the Land Use Committee of the City Council certify that, in the closed session just concluded, nothing was discussed except the matter (1) specifically identified in the motion to convene in closed session and 2) lawfully permitted to be discussed under the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information act cited in the motion.

Roll Call	
Chairperson Way	Y
Vice Mayor Harrover	Y
Councilmember Wolfe	Y

Land Use Committee Work Program and Pending Land Use Cases

There was no discussion of the work program.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Way **moved** to adjourn. **Seconded** by Councilmember Mark Wolfe. **Motion carried.** The regular meeting of the Land Use Committee adjourned at 7:12 p.m.