

February 26, 2019

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRISTOL, VIRGINIA, CITY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON FEBRUARY 26TH, AT 6:00PM, 300 LEE STREET, BRISTOL, VIRGINIA WITH MAYOR KEVIN MUMPOWER PRESIDING. COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE VICE MAYOR KEVIN WINGARD, ANTHONY FARNUM, WILLIAM HARTLEY, AND NEAL OSBORNE. CITY MANAGER/INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY, RANDALL EADS, AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TAMRYA SPRADLIN WERE ALSO PRESENT.

Mayor Mumpower called the meeting to order and asked for a moment of silence, followed by the pledge of allegiance. He mentioned that budget meetings would begin soon and asked for public input. Mr. Hartley spoke about the loss of resident Kevin Corbett. Mr. Osborne and Mr. Farnum commented on Deputy Hinkle of the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office.

City Manager Randall Eads thanked first responders for their dedication.

Donald Brown spoke about traffic issues on Portsmouth Avenue. Michael Pollard spoke about major road projects and capital improvement planning. Nancy Marney spoke about the upcoming budget workshops and the importance of police, fire, and public works.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Consider Resolution Adopting the Emergency Operations Plan.

Chief Armstrong of the Fire Department spoke about the Emergency Operations Plan which details procedures that will be followed in emergency situations.

City Manager Randall Eads read the resolution: Resolution, Emergency Operations Plan

WHEREAS the City Council of the City of Bristol, Virginia recognizes the need to prepare for, respond to, and recover from natural and manmade disasters; and

WHEREAS the City of Bristol, Virginia has a responsibility to provide for the safety and well being of its citizens and visitors; and

WHEREAS the City of Bristol, Virginia has established and appointed a Director and Coordinator of Emergency Management.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Bristol, Virginia, this Emergency Operations Plan as revised is officially adopted, and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Director of Emergency Management, or his/her designee, are tasked and authorized to maintain and revise as necessary this document over the next four (4) year period or until such time be ordered to come before this council.

Approved at the regular meeting of the City Council for the City of Bristol, Virginia, February 26, 2019.

Mr. Hartley made a motion to approve the resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Osborne. The motion carried by the following votes:

AYES: Farnum, Hartley, Osborne, Wingard, Mumpower.

2. Consider a Resolution Requesting the Virginia Department of Transportation conduct a *Transportation Mobility Alternatives Analysis Study* of the Piedmont Avenue Corridor.

Director of Public Works Wallace McCulloch spoke about the Piedmont Avenue, a bridge which has weight restrictions that prevent fire trucks from using it. The resolution requests a study to look at access to local businesses during such a major construction project.

City Manager Randall Eads read the resolution:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BRISTOL, VIRGINIA SUPPORTING AND REQUESTING THAT THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (VDOT)

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CONDUCT A TRANSPORTATION MOBILITY ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS STUDY OF THE PIEDMONT AVENUE CORRIDOR

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Transportation is seeking to partner with the City of Bristol, Virginia and their structural engineer to conduct a study that will assess the transportation and mobility impacts associated with various Piedmont Avenue bridge replacement/modifications alternatives; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bristol, Virginia recently conducted an inspection and evaluation of the Piedmont Avenue bridge structure over Beaver Creek, extending from a location approximately 200 feet north of Sycamore Street to a location approximately 100 feet south of State Street; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bristol, Virginia commissioned an inspection of the Piedmont Avenue bridge that identified and confirmed various deficiencies associated with the existing structure that are significantly costly to address in a timely manner through available VDOT and/or Federal funding sources; and,

WHEREAS, the structural deficiencies have resulted in vehicle weight limit restrictions being placed on the bridge segment of Piedmont Avenue for an extended period of time; and

WHEREAS, the vehicle weight limit restrictions dictate Emergency Services (i.e., Fire and Ambulatory) response routes and thus impact response times to those citizens whose health and/or safety may be in jeopardy; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Transportation will partner with the City of Bristol, Virginia and their structural engineer to evaluate and analyze the influence various Piedmont Avenue bridge replacement/modifications alternatives will have on traffic circulation, flow, operations, and overarching mobility; and

WHEREAS, the City is seeking to evaluate and identify practical, fundable, and implementable roadway and bridge infrastructure improvement alternatives that will result in an improved downtown street network that accommodates all modes of mobility, enhances safety, and sustains economic vitality along the Piedmont Avenue corridor in downtown Bristol.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRISTOL, VA:

1. That the City of Bristol, Virginia hereby supports and seeks to partner with the Virginia Department of Transportation to conduct a Transportation Mobility Alternatives Analysis Study of the Piedmont Avenue Corridor in an effort to:
 - a. Identify a Piedmont Avenue roadway and bridge infrastructure improvement alternative that will sustain acceptable levels of traffic circulation, flow, and operations on the downtown street network
 - b. Assist in the identification of roadway and bridge infrastructure improvement alternatives that are practical, fundable and implementable
 - c. Identify opportunities to improve Emergency Services response times
 - d. Improve the downtown street network to accommodate all modes of mobility, enhance safety, and sustain economic vitality along the Piedmont Avenue corridor.
2. That this resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage.

ADOPTED this 26th day of February, 2019

Mr. Osborne made a motion to adopt the resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Farnum. The motion carried by the following votes:

AYES: Farnum, Hartley, Osborne, Wingard, Mumpower.

3. Discussion of Refinance Opportunity.

City Manager Randall Eads discussed an opportunity refinance general obligation bonds for an annual savings of approximately \$18,000 a year for seven years, for a total of approximately

\$140,000. Mr. Eads said it would be about ninety days for the City to get confirmation of the actual interest rates available. Mr. Farnum, Mr. Hartley, and Mr. Osborne expressed support for the refinance opportunity. Mr. Wingard also expressed his support.

4. Consider closed session pursuant to §2.2-3711.A5, Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended. Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community (Unannounced business prospect), pursuant to §2.2-3711.A1, Code of Virginia 1950, as amended. Discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body (personnel), and pursuant to §2.2-3711.A6, Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended. Discussion or consideration of the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, where, if made public initially, the financial interest of the governmental unit would be adversely affected (proprietary).

Mayor Mumpower asked for a motion to go into closed session. Mr. Hartley made a motion to go into executive session for the reasons stated, which was seconded by Mr. Osborne. The motion carried by the following votes:

AYES: Farnum, Hartley, Osborne, Wingard, Mumpower.

Mayor Mumpower asked for a roll call vote to certify the closed session.

AYES: Farnum, Hartley, Osborne, Wingard, Mumpower.

5. Consider Authorization to Hire Director of Community Development and Director of Economic Development.

City Manager Randall Eads said that Chris Wilcox was selected as Director of Economic Development and Bart Poe would become the permanent Director of Community Development.

Mr. Hartley made a motion to approve the positions, which was seconded by Mr. Osborne.

AYES: Farnum, Hartley, Osborne, Wingard, Mumpower.

CONSENT AGENDA

6.1 Consider Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- January 22, 2019
- February 12, 2019
- February 19, 2019

6.2 Consider a supplemental appropriation of \$787,739 to the FY19 Budget per the Items Listed Below.

Code Compliance

Appropriate CDBG transfer of funds to cover salary and benefits for Code Compliance officer.

Expenditure	4-001-82010-1145	Salaries & Wages	\$7,080
Expenditure	4-001-82010-2100	FICA	\$470
Expenditure	4-001-82010-2210	VRS Retirement	\$4,500
Expenditure	4-001-82010-2310	Health Insurance	\$4,392
Expenditure	4-001-82010-2400	VRS Life Insurance	\$352
Expenditure	4-001-82010-2450	VRS Disability Insurance	\$195
Expenditure	4-001-82010-2710	Worker's Compensation	\$846
Revenue	3-001-41020-0004	Transfer Comm Dev Block Grant	\$17,835

Sheriff Department

Appropriate funds received from sales of Holiday Packs.

Expenditure	4-001-33010-6014	Operating Supplies & Materials	\$2,588
Revenue	3-001-16090-0004	Inmate Holiday Revenue	\$2,588

Economic Development

Appropriate payment per the No Net Loss Agreement with the Hotel Bristol.

Expenditure	4-001-81025-5706	Hotel Bristol	\$65,000
Revenue	3-001-12010-0001	Local Sales & Uses Tax	\$33,435
Revenue	3-001-12010-0010	Lodging Tax	\$12,300
Revenue	3-001-12010-0011	Restaurant Meals Tax	\$19,265

Hazardous Materials Emergency

Appropriate additional VDEM funds received for HazMat call.

Expenditure	4-001-35050-6014	Operating Supplies & Materials	\$2,076
Revenue	3-001-24010-0046	Dept. of Emergency Management	\$2,076

Street & Engineering Division

Appropriate a recovered costs to Street & Engineering Department.

Expenditure	4-001-41010-6011	Clothing & Personal Supplies	\$240
Revenue	3-001-19010-0001	Recovered Costs – Street	\$240

Capital Projects Fund

Appropriate additional VDOT funds for Lee Highway Widening Phase 2.

Expenditure	4-009-95755-8112	Other Improvements or Const.	\$500,000
Revenue	3-009-24030-0101	VDOT Lee Hwy Widening Phase2	\$500,000

Appropriate 2016A bond proceeds for capital items to replace City fuel tank.

Expenditure	4-009-41010-8101	Public Works-Other Equipment	\$200,000
Revenue	3-009-41010-0001	Local Bond Issue	\$200,000

6.3 Consider budget transfers for specific items listed below:

Solid Waste Disposal Fund

Appropriate the transfer of budgeted funds between departments for SWDF.

Increase	4-004-12020-3135	Contract Labor-Collection	\$6,500
Decrease	4-004-12010-3135	Contract Labor-Disposal	\$6,500
Increase	4-004-12020-3320	Maintenance of Mach & Equip	\$20,000
Decrease	4-004-12010-8101	Disposal – Other Equipment	\$20,000
Increase	4-004-21010-9120	Long Term Interest	\$59,665
Decrease	4-004-22010-9210	Debt Service Budget Reserve	\$59,665

General Fund

Debt Service

Appropriate the transfer of budgeted funds in accordance with the bond refunding amortization schedules.

Increase	4-001-094035-9141	Debt Service Budget Reserve	\$59,665
Decrease	4-001-094030-9120	Interest on Long Term Debts	\$59,665

6.4 Consider Purchase Requisitions –Total Amount:	\$64,701.18
Police Department; Vehicle purchase	\$31,312.40
Sheriff's Department; Inmate Housing December 2018	\$33,388.78

Mr. Osborne made a motion that Item #6.1 be voted on separately and that the remaining consent agenda items be approved. Mr. Hartley seconded the motion.

AYES: Farnum, Hartley, Osborne, Wingard, Mumpower.

Mayor Mumpower asked that the minutes be voted on individually. Mr. Hartley made a motion to approve the minutes for January 22, which was seconded by Mr. Farnum. The motion carried by the following votes:

AYES: Farnum, Hartley, Osborne, Wingard, Mumpower.

Mr. Osborne made a motion to approve the minutes for February 12, 2019, which was seconded by Mr. Farnum. The motion carried by the following votes:

AYES: Farnum, Hartley, Osborne, Mumpower.

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ABSTAIN: Wingard.

Mr. Osborne made a motion to approve the minutes for February 19, 2019, which was seconded by Mr. Farnum. The motion carried by the following votes:

AYES: Farnum, Hartley, Osborne, Wingard.

ABSTAIN: Mumpower.

Mayor Mumpower asked for a motion to approve the remainder of the consent agenda. Mr. Hartley made the motion to approve which was seconded by Mr. Wingard. Mr. Wingard asked about the vehicle purchase by the police department.


The motion carried by the following votes:

AYES: Farnum, Hartley, Osborne.

No: , Wingard, Mumpower.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

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City Clerk

Mayor