



City of Harrisonburg

409 S. Main Street
Harrisonburg, VA 22801

Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

Tuesday, December 2, 2014

7:00 PM

School Board Office

Joint Meeting with School Board

1. Roll Call

Present: 4 - Vice-Mayor Charles Chenault, Vice-Mayor Richard Baugh, Council Member Kai Degner and Council Member Abe Shearer

Also Present: 3 - City Manager Kurt Hodgen, Assistant City Manager Anne Lewis and City Attorney Chris Brown

School Board Members: Steve S. Barranco, Dany R. Fleming, Polly B. Fravel, Sallie M. Strickler, Nick D. Swayne and Kerri Wilson; administrative staff and faculty members; Amelia Brust and Daily News-Record were also present.

2. Regular Items

2.a. Presentation and discussion of the building project.

The purpose of this joint meeting was for VMDO Architects to make a presentation to City Council on recommendations on the school building project(s), allow for discussion between the School Board and City Council, and also to answer any questions council may have in order to make their decision on funding of the proposed building project(s). Bob Moje and other VMDO Architects attended this meeting. Mr. Bob Moje began the presentation. Council members asked questions at times during the presentation for Mr. Moje and School Board to answer and give further explanation. Questions, comments and discussion were held on: rationale for another middle school; preschool program; utility and operational/energy costs, can they be shared between the proposed new elementary school and prek center; elementary size/capacity; city council funding limitations; and council asked for a cost comparison for one building vs. two different buildings (elementary and pre-k center).

Council members acknowledged the need for a new elementary school and agreed that further discussion was needed to look at the possible amount of funding. Board members acknowledged that a new elementary school was the first step in the building project process and that a decision on council's funding would be needed/appreciated sometime in January in order to stay on schedule for a 2017 opening. However, the board also acknowledged that they would like to discuss a timeline for future building projects in the near future. Council members indicated that in January they would inform the board of their funding decision.

3. Adjournment

At 8:27 p.m., Chair Swayne adjourned the special meeting.

City Clerk

Mayor