



City of Harrisonburg

409 S. Main Street
Harrisonburg, VA 22801

Meeting Agenda - Final-revised City Council

Mayor Christopher B. Jones
Vice-Mayor Richard Baugh
Council Member Ted Byrd
Council Member Kai Degner
Council Member Abe Shearer

Tuesday, October 25, 2016

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. Roll Call
2. Invocation
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Comments from the public, limited to five minutes, on matters not on the regular agenda. (Name and address are required)
5. Consent Agenda (any item placed on the consent agenda shall be removed and taken up as a separate matter, if so requested by any member of Council, otherwise all items will be voted on with one (1) motion)

- 5.a. Minutes from October 11, 2016

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

- 5.b. Consider amending and re-enacting section 7-2-19(b)(4), 7-2-19(b)(6), 7-2-19(b)(7) and 7-2-19(b)(8) of the Harrisonburg City Code, conservation of water during emergencies or drought

Review & Recommendation: Consider amending the current Drought Ordinance to be consistent with the Virginia Water Protection Individual Permit issued effective June 28, 2016..

Attachments: [Memorandum](#)
[Current ordinance reflecting recommended changes](#)
[VWP Permit](#)

- 5.c. Refer a request to Planning Commission for the city to vacate Villa Drive, Pine Court, Spruce Court, Hawthorne Circle and Shank Drive, all east of Park Road

Review & Recommendation: Applicant is requesting that Villa Drive, Pine Court, Spruce Court, Hawthorne Court and Shank Drive all be vacated as part of the Virginia Mennonite Retirement Community (VMRC) in association with the Proposed Master Plan Amendment to the VMRC campus, with the purpose of updating and redeveloping a portion of the Park Village section. Application Fee has been received, the application and the plat are attached.

Attachments: [Application](#)
[Plat](#)

6. Public Hearings

6.a. Consider amendments to the 2014 and 2016 CDBG Action Plans

Review & Recommendation: Consider amending to reflect the following: \$14,104 that was allocated to the 2014-2015 Mercy House Small Mercies Expansion Project (15CDBG02) will be moved to the 2016-2017 Fire Department AED Devices project (17CDBG13). Staff requests that Council hold a Public Hearing on this item. This Public Hearing will mark the opening of the 30-day Public Comment period required by HUD. After the required 30-day public comment period, staff will request Final Approval at the November 29, 2016 Council Meeting.

Attachments: [Memorandum](#)
[Amendment Schedule](#)
[Public Hearing Notice](#)

7. Regular Items

7.a. Consider a resolution for VDOT Revenue Sharing Grant - Grace Street Extension Project

Review & Recommendation: The Public Works Department is requesting City Council to consider adopting a Resolution for the Grace Street Extension Project, which will be funded through the VDOT Revenue Sharing Grant Program.

Attachments: [Memorandum](#)
[Resolution](#)
[Sketch](#)
[BST Extension Plan](#)

7.b. Consider a resolution of support for VDOT Highway Safety Improvement Grant - Audible Pedestrian Signals

Review & Recommendation: The Public Works Department is requesting City Council to consider adopting a Resolution of Support for the purchase and installation of Audible Pedestrian Signals (APS) at signalized intersections throughout the City. This will be funded through the VDOT Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP).

Attachments: [Memorandum](#)
[Resolution - Highway Safety Improvement](#)

7.c. Report on Harrisonburg's Zoning Regulations and its Application toward Limited Residential Lodging Uses

Review & Recommendation: The following information is regarding the 2016 Virginia General Assembly's approved Limited Residential Lodging Act (commonly referred to as the Airbnb bill) and describes, from a land use perspective, how the City currently allows and regulates such residential short-term rental uses. This information was compiled to report on the legislation and to explain how the City must allow these uses if the legislation is reenacted by the 2017 Session of the General Assembly and implemented the way it was approved. At this time, no action is requested.

Attachments: [Memorandum](#)
[Limited Residential Lodging Act \(2016 Session\)](#)

7.d. Preliminary Report on Financial Implications of High School Addition

Review & Recommendation: This report is for informational purposes only and it is recognized that Harrisonburg City Public Schools has not yet finalized their plans or timing for this project. That being said, the past several weeks have seen a number of reports in the local media about the project and the possible need to acquire additional land. Recognizing the costs associated with the same, it is appropriate to present Council with a preliminary report on the financial implications of these possible projects.

The attached memorandum to Council constitutes the preliminary report.

Attachments: [Memorandum and Financial Impact](#)

7.e. Consider request from Build Our Park to place a fundraising sign on City property.

Review & Recommendation: Representatives from Build Our Park (BOP) have requested approval from the City for placement of a fundraising sign on City property fronting on Liberty Street (the former MEI property). Permission for signage had previously been given by Council to the holder of the option on the property in question, but that entity no longer exists. As such, BOP is requesting that Council now grant them approval to place the sign.

While final BOP project parameters and timing have not been determined, staff has no objection to the placement of the sign, subject to appropriate sign approvals from Community Development.

7.f. Consider revising City procedures for administering project proposals under the Virginia Public-Private Education Facilities and Infrastructure Act of 2002

Review & Recommendation: Harrisonburg City Council adopted procedures in October 2004 to enable the City to consider project proposals submitted under the Commonwealth's Public-Private Education Facilities and Infrastructure Act of 2002 (PPEA). These procedures were revised by City Council in September 2008. Harrisonburg is currently operating under the procedures adopted in September 2008.

The Commonwealth provides Model Guidelines to Virginia jurisdictions to help ensure compatibility with the state enabling legislation. Since the City's 2008 revision, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Virginia Code references and number have changed and minor language edits have been suggested. Accordingly, staff has inserted this revised language into the recommended revisions attached.

Staff also took the opportunity to clean up a few repetitions and minor grammatical changes.

Attached you will find the current adopted procedures with redlined recommended changes.

A clean version of the recommended revisions is also attached .

Attachments: [Memorandum](#)
[PPEA Guidelines for City Proposals 2004](#)
[PPEA Guidelines reflecting proposed changes](#)

8. Other Matters**9. Adjournment**

