



City of Harrisonburg

409 South Main Street
Harrisonburg, VA 22801

Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

Mayor Ted Byrd
Vice-Mayor Charles Chenault
Council Member Kai Degner
Council Member Richard Baugh
Council Member Abe Shearer

Tuesday, October 28, 2014

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. Roll Call

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

Absent: 1 - Council Member Kai Degner

Also Present: 5 - City Manager Kurt Hodgen, Assistant City Manager Anne Lewis, City Clerk Erica Kann, City Attorney Chris Brown, and Captain Richard Sites

2. Invocation

Council Member Baugh offered the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Byrd led the Pledge of Allegiance

4. Comments from the public, limited to five minutes, on matters not on the regular agenda. (Name and address are required)

Ramona Sanders, 355 Hartman Drive, stated she has been a volunteer with the Harrisonburg Chapter of Virginia Organizing for the last four years and informed council that there are more than 500 supporters in Harrisonburg and more than 10,000 across the Commonwealth. Mrs. Sanders provided information about Virginia Organizing and stated Virginia Organizing has 11 statements of belief, but stated four of them are related to the presentation and they were as follows: we believe that we should enhance and celebrate diversity in our community and in our state; we believe that our public officials should be held accountable for their actions and decisions; we believe that all people should be treated fairly and with dignity in all aspects of life, regardless of race, class, gender, religion, sexual orientation, age, ability or country of origin; and we believe that those who have positions of authority in our governmental bodies, law enforcement agencies and institutions of learning should reflect the diversity of our communities. Mrs. Sanders stated several members met with city staff asking for information about hiring practices that apply to Chapter 15, Strategy 14.3.4 of the Comprehensive Plan and that information has not been provided. Mrs. Sanders also showed a picture of first responders that was published in the Daily News-Record on September 11, 2014 and stated it showed a lack of diversity and the city employment practices need attention.

John Lutz, Harrisonburg resident, stated his father was a city police officer for 34 years, and he feels that you shouldn't hire someone just for diversity, but that their character should matter more.

Panayotis "Poti" Giannakouros, 98 Emory Street, thanked Virginia Organizing for letting him share some data and analysis relevant to their cause. Mr. Giannakouros stated most city staff members he has meet go beyond their job obligations, but we have to wonder how decision makers who assign jobs can be sensitive to what changes would help staff better serve all people. Mr. Giannakouros referenced handouts he provided to council and stated the following: old Harrisonburg was 95% non-Hispanic white; Harrisonburg of the future is minority non-Hispanic white; working age residents are 1/3 people of color and city staff are whiter than old Harrisonburg. Communities that are disconnected have caused spiraling decay. Mr. Giannakouros stated council has the ability to influence behaviors and referenced the lawn ordinance that was toughened in 2012. Mr. Giannakouros stated the city needs to implement diverse hiring and recruiting strategies as a start, set up good rules and follow them.

Stan Maclin, 17 High Street, stated a group is launching a campaign for diversity within the city. Mr. Maclin stated the city has diversity and noted the International Festival, but he is concerned about the representation within the structures of city government. Mr. Maclin urged council to adopt a plan that promotes diversity and hiring practices within Harrisonburg. Mr. Maclin brought attention to Chapter 15, Strategy 17.3 and 17.4 of the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Maclin requested to have city staff reflect the diversity of the community. Virginia Organizing encourages the city's elected officials to put a policy and culture in place to fulfill the strategy noted.

Vonda Brown, retiring Director of International Festival, stated numbers are unacceptable and suggested we look at city schools because they are doing something right. Mrs. Brown stated it's not who you know, but what you know. Mrs. Brown suggested council implement changes that need to be made.

Judith Wright, Virginia Organizing, asked if job opportunities are made available to everyone. Mrs. Wright asked for data so we can see if there is a problem. Virginia Organizing wants to make the answer yes for all to apply and get a fair chance for job opportunities with the city. Mrs. Wright stated a search committee should be created for the review of applicants and the committee should be composed of 1/3 minorities. Those interviewed for given positions should be at a minimum 1/3 minority and those hired should be the most effective for the community. Mrs. Wright stated the current hiring practices don't reflect the reality, diversity, and Comprehensive Plan.

Daniel Robayo, Senior Pastor of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, stated he takes great pride in telling people that Harrisonburg is increasingly cosmopolitan, because so many languages, cultures, races, and ethnicities are a growing part of the city. Mr. Robayo stated the structures and institutions of the city have been slow to catch up to the reality and the city's workforce doesn't reflect the diversity of Harrisonburg. Mr.

Robayo stated when everyone knows they belong; Harrisonburg will become healthier and stronger. Mr. Robayo noted the Comprehensive Plan and requested for council to dedicate resources, brainpower, and combined efforts to make it a reality.

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)

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Chenault, seconded by Council Member Baugh, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried with a recorded roll call vote taken as follows:

Yes: 4 - Mayor Byrd, Vice-Mayor Chenault, Council Member Baugh, and Council Member Shearer

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Degner

5.a. Approval of minutes

These Minutes were approved.

5.b. Consider a request from Eastern Mennonite University to amend their master plan by rezoning 26.6 +/- acres of property located along Park Road, West Dogwood Drive, and Hillcrest Drive, with minimal street frontages along College Avenue and Smith Avenue and zoned R-3, Medium Density Residential District and I-1, Institutional Overlay District

This Rezoning was approved on second reading.

5.c. Consider a supplemental appropriation for the Police and Fire Departments in the amount of \$218,390.96

This Supplemental Appropriation was approved on second reading.

5.d. Consider an ordinance granting a franchise to use the streets and other public lands of the City of Harrisonburg for the operation of a fiber optic network

This Ordinance was approved on second reading.

6. Public Hearings

6.a. Consider amending and re-enacting Section 4-2-23 of the Harrisonburg City Code granting real estate tax exemption.

City Attorney Brown stated this amendment is required due to a 2014 amendment to the Virginia State Code. City Attorney Brown stated the amendment that is required by state law is expanding the definition of those eligible for such exemption to include

certain trusts and life estates in determining the gross income of the applicant, the income of the owner's relatives living in the dwelling for which the exemption is claimed incomes must be included. However, the income of the relatives or other persons visiting the dwelling and providing bona fide care giving services to the owner is not included for qualifying purposes. City Attorney Brown stated the language that was added reflects what is stated in the state code.

Vice-Mayor Chenault asked if we are required to have the ordinance and if it needed to be consistent with state code. City Attorney Brown stated the city is not required to have the ordinance, but if we do these changes need to be included.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Chenault, seconded by Council Member Shearer to amend and re-enact Section 4-2-23 of the Harrisonburg City Code granting the real estate tax exemption. The motion carried with a recorded roll call vote taken as follows:

Yes: 4 - Mayor Byrd, Vice-Mayor Chenault, Council Member Baugh, and Council Member Shearer

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Degner

- 6.b.** Consider the disposition of real estate, namely 3.3297 acres, more or less, designated as 1630 Driver Drive and shown on the City Block Map as Parcel No. 86-D-2 to the Visitors of James Madison University

City Manager Hodgen stated during the October 14, 2014 Council Meeting, council directed the City Manager to advertise a public hearing for this matter. City Manager Hodgen stated since June the trash burning portion of the Resource Recovery Facility hasn't been operating due to the lack of trash, which has made it impossible for the city to meet its contractual obligation with JMU. City Manager Hodgen noted if enough trash could be obtained, upgrades are needed to the facility costing approximately \$10 million over the next ten years. The discovery of new natural gas resources and technological advances in accessing those resources have resulted in gas prices that make it cheaper for JMU to produce steam for heating and cooling needs via natural gas rather than by trash-generated-steam. While JMU has honored the contract with the city for the purchase of trash-generated-steam, they have advised the city of their intent to not extend the contract, which expires in 2024. City Manager Hodgen noted that through 2024 we would need to obtain enough trash and make \$10 million in repairs to then not have a customer. City Manager Hodgen stated there isn't another customer due to the fact that the plant is in the middle of JMU and all the lines lead to the JMU campus and currently there isn't another identified customer for steam. JMU has submitted an offer to purchase the referenced property from the city in the amount of \$4.2 million, which staff believes is a fair price. City Manager Hodgen noted there are two portions of the facility which are the chiller and steam. The chiller portion would remain in operation and the steam portion would be shut down, but the entire facility would be purchased by JMU. City Manager Hodgen stated that JMU is also willing to assume payment for operations of the chiller facility, which would result in an approximately \$800,000 cost savings to the city per year. City Manager Hodgen

noted that with the offer of \$4.2 million and the costs saving of \$800,000 per year for the next ten years the offer price is approximately \$12 million. City Manager Hodgen also noted that JMU paid for the chiller facility and we currently pay for the staffing. City Manager Hodgen stated he will be providing a report at one of the meetings in November addressing and providing recommendations for what staff is proposing to do with solid waste disposal. City Manager Hodgen noted the most significant influence on the availability of trash is the "glut" of existing, cheaper landfill space throughout the Commonwealth, which in turn gives us opportunities for our trash disposal. City Manager Hodgen noted that landfills of today are a lot different than those that were in place in 2004. City Manager Hodgen stated staff recommends that council accepts the offer subject to the city and JMU finalizing a formal agreement of sale for the property, and authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to execute the appropriate documents, which then would be brought back before council for an official vote. Vice-Mayor Chenault stated if we default on the agreement most of the real estate reverts to JMU without payment. City Manager Hodgen stated there is a deed provision that states if the city discontinues its use of all or any portion of the lands conveyed, title to the land shall revert back to JMU. Vice-Mayor Chenault stated if we continued to run the chiller portion of the facility we would be in compliance with the provision of the deed, but the city would be losing money.

At 7:36 p.m., Mayor Byrd closed the regular session and called the first public hearing to order. A notice appeared in the Daily News-Record on October 20, 2014.

John Lutz, 1065 Hamlet Drive, stated he spoke to someone who disagreed JMU is turning to natural gas. Mr. Lutz stated he has access to resources that could provide turbines, which could keep the facility in operation and ensure the trash stays out of the landfill. This could also produce electricity for city residents at a reduced cost. Mr. Lutz said he is interested in placing a bid to purchase the property.

Vice-Mayor Chenault noted the revisionary clause in the deed.

Helen Shibut, 319K Rockingham Drive, stated she attends council meetings and she has only been informed about this matter through the Daily News-Record. Ms. Shibut stated this might be a good offer, but it isn't something the public knows about and feels they need more time to do their research. Ms. Shibut stated that running the facility isn't economically viable, but deciding to sell the facility without knowing where our trash will be going is poor planning.

At 7:39 p.m., Mayor Byrd closed the public hearing and the regular session reconvened.

Council Member Baugh clarified that due to the revisionary clause the city doesn't actually own the facility. Council Member Baugh stated we own it subject to the condition of operating a waste-to-energy facility and we can't sell something we don't own.

Vice-Mayor Chenault asked Mayor Byrd for a point of order. This was caused to

disruptive behavior by a resident in the audience.

Mayor Byrd stated council is being asked to allow the City Manager and City Attorney to proceed in working with JMU toward a purchase agreement. It was noted a public hearing is not required, but the final agreement will be brought back to council before moving forward.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Chenault, seconded by Council Member Shearer, that this Action Item be approved. The motion carried with a recorded roll call vote taken as follows:

Yes: 4 - Mayor Byrd, Vice-Mayor Chenault, Council Member Baugh, and Council Member Shearer

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Degner

- 6.a.** Consider amending and re-enacting Section 4-2-23 of the Harrisonburg City Code granting real estate tax exemption.

Mayor Byrd noted that he made a procedural error on agenda item 6.a.

A motion was made by Council Member Baugh, seconded by Vice-Mayor Chenault to open the public hearing for agenda item 6.a.

At 7:43 p.m., Mayor Byrd closed the regular session and called the second public hearing to order. A notice appeared in the Daily News-Record on October 21, 2014 and October 28, 2014.

John Lutz, 1065 Hamlet Drive, asked for clarification from what was reported in the media, because it was noted that if someone made over \$30,000, but it was held in a trust, they could be taxed.

Council Member Baugh stated the example Mr. Lutz gave is what the ordinance is going to correct. The changes being made are expanding those eligible for exemption.

At 7:45 p.m., Mayor Byrd closed the public hearing and the regular session reconvened.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Chenault, seconded by Council Member Shearer to amend and re-enact Section 4-2-23 of the Harrisonburg City Code granting the real estate tax exemption. The motion carried with a recorded roll call vote taken as follows:

Yes: 4 - Mayor Byrd, Vice-Mayor Chenault, Council Member Baugh, and Council Member Shearer

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Degner

7. Special Event Application Requests

7.a. Consider the Veterans Day Recognition for a special event request

Katie Yount, Special Event Director Harrisonburg Downtown Renaissance, stated the Veterans Day Recognition and Parade will be held on Sunday, November 9th at 2:00 p.m. The parade will run south down Main Street starting at the Rockingham County Administration Building and end with vehicles rejoining traffic at Martin Luther King Jr. Way.

Vice-Mayor Chenault stated this event has been turned into a first class event with the parade and ceremony afterwards.

A motion was made by Council Member Shearer, seconded by Council Member Baugh, that this Special Event Application be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Yes: 4 - Mayor Byrd, Vice-Mayor Chenault, Council Member Baugh, and Council Member Shearer

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Degner

8. Certificate and Public Necessity and Convenience

Reggie Smith, Director of Public Transportation, stated there have been two applications submitted for Certificates of Public Necessity and Convenience. Mr. Smith stated the Taxi Committee has reviewed these applications and met with current taxi companies about the applications.

8.a. Consider issuing a Certificate of Public Necessity and Convenience for Ride Rite, LLC

Reggie Smith, Director of Public Transportation, stated the Taxi Committee does not recommend approval for a certificate due to the following: color scheme is inconsistent and code section 14-1-33(5) requires a company-wide scheme; applicant intends to do medical transportation only; committee does not see a need for more transportation providers during daylight hours; and finally, need for more providers has not been established per code section 14-1-38. Mr. Smith stated he spoke to the applicant and feels she understands the Taxi Committee's decision.

Vice-Mayor Chenault asked if council approved the certificate would Ride Rite be able to perform taxi services since their application stated their intentions were to haul

medical patients to and from medical facilities. Mr. Smith stated city code states to have a taxi permit you have to provide all types of taxi services. Mr. Smith explained that under state code there is a medical permit that is offered through DMV. Mr. Smith stated Ride Rite can drop passengers off in Harrisonburg, but they can't pick up.

Leslie Smith, Ride Rite Owner, stated Ride Rite operates as a taxi company out of Charlottesville, but they also do non-emergency medical transportation, which is allowed under their taxi operating authority provided that they meet the code of any city they enter. Ms. Smith stated there is a need due to Health Care Reform which allows those individuals with Medicaid to get medical transportation services. Ms. Smith stated she provided letters of reference from UVA and the Virginia Health Care Plan. Ms. Smith noted she has a fleet of 38 vehicles and she assured council her company can make all vehicles entering Harrisonburg match and look different from other operating taxi cab companies. Ms. Smith requested council approve the request or a modification to the request. Ms. Smith stated they are able to be reimbursed by Medicaid and Medicare for the services provided.

The following discussion took place: not ready to vote; don't have to act; feel that there isn't enough evidence showing there is a need for the service; would like to see other information to make it more consistent to our ordinance and a need for the service; good service; suspects there is a need for this type of service; CDBG applicants that do this type of service look for grant programs; Charlottesville is an unregulated environment; nature of taxi companies is a common carrier at anyone, anytime, and any rate; make a level playing field for taxi cabs; reviewing the request according to the code; and local taxi companies could do these services.

Mr. Smith stated the Taxi Committee is reviewing the code and plans to provide a presentation in November.

8.b. Consider issuing a Certificate of Public Necessity and Convenience for Eagle Taxi

Mr. Smith stated the Taxi Committee does not recommend approval for the certificate due to the following: no financial information was submitted with the application per code section 14-1-33(3); vehicle information was not included per code section 14-1-33(5); character, location of terminals or depots was not included per code section 14-1-33(6); experience of the applicant was not listed per code section 14-1-33(8); no facts and circumstances were identified to show evidence for need per code section 14-1-33(9); and no established place of business was identified as required per code section 14-1-36(5). Mr. Smith also noted that it was a single person applying with one vehicle.

9. Regular Items

9.a. Report from Bicycle & Pedestrian Subcommittee on Northend Greenway Project

Thanh Dang, Transportation & Environmental Planning Manager, stated three different meetings were held after council directed the Bicycle & Pedestrian Subcommittee to review and provide recommendations for the Northend Greenway project. Mrs. Dang stated all the meetings were open to the public and well attended. Mrs. Dang stated there were seven different options recognizing funding is limited. Mrs. Dang stated the Subcommittee recommends Option F1 and suggested that segments 2, 3, and 4 represent the first phase.

Brief discussion took place between council members.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Chenault, seconded by Council Member Shearer to allocate the full funding amount for option F1 as presented.

Yes: 4 - Mayor Byrd, Vice-Mayor Chenault, Council Member Baugh, and Council Member Shearer

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Degner

9.b. Consider a resolution for VDOT's FY 2015-2016 Revenue Sharing Program

Jim Baker, Director of Public Works, requested council approve a resolution for additional Revenue Sharing through VDOT for four projects. Mr. Baker reminded council this program requires a local match. Mr. Baker stated applications are due next week, approval will occur in April and official award will happen in July. Mr. Baker reviewed the four projects and they were the following: Reservoir Street Reconstruction Project; Pleasant Valley Road Bridge; extension of the Bluestone Trail within JMU, with JMU paying 100% of the cost; and the annual re-paving program.

A motion was made by Council Member Baugh, seconded by Council Member Shearer, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried with a recorded roll call vote taken as follows:

Yes: 4 - Mayor Byrd, Vice-Mayor Chenault, Council Member Baugh, and Council Member Shearer

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Degner

9.c. Consider a request from Macerich to amend their 2012 Comprehensive Sign Plan for 1925 East Market Street, Valley Mall

Stacy Turner, Director of Community Development, stated this request is to amend a previously approved Comprehensive Sign Plan from July 2012. Mrs. Turner reviewed the amendment, which included adding additional future tenant wall signage and

resizing two future tenant signs. Mrs. Turner noted that with the changes they are still under their allowed square footage for signage and staff recommends approval.

A motion was made by Council Member Baugh, seconded by Council Member Shearer, to approve the request to amend the Comprehensive Sign Plan as presented. The motion carried with a recorded roll call vote taken as follows:

Yes: 4 - Mayor Byrd, Vice-Mayor Chenault, Council Member Baugh, and Council Member Shearer

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Degner

9.d. Consider approval of a Refund Payment Agreement to the Bank of America

City Attorney Brown stated the City of Harrisonburg, like most other localities in the Commonwealth, has enacted a Bank Franchise Tax, which is administered in large part by the Virginia Department of Taxation. Bank of America filed its Virginia Bank Franchise Tax Returns and paid the Bank Franchise Tax for tax years 2010, 2011, and 2012. Bank of America then filed amended returns for those years claiming a refund. The Virginia Department of Taxation audited Bank of America's returns and determined the bank is due a refund of \$13,911,504. The Department of Taxation then apportioned that amount to the various localities in the Commonwealth which received bank franchise taxes from Bank of America. The city's portion of the refund to be paid to Bank of America is \$52,391. Pursuant to the Refund Payment Agreement entered into by the Virginia Department of Taxation and Bank of America, if a locality refunds the amount owed to Bank of America by December 31, 2014, no interest is due on the refund. Under Virginia code Section 58.1-3981(A), if an erroneous assessment has been paid into the treasury of the city, the Commissioner of the Revenue must certify to council that the assessment was erroneous. The certification must also be consented to by the City Attorney. If Council accepts the certification it must direct the treasurer to refund to the taxpayer the amount erroneously paid. The Commissioner of the Revenue has provided the required certification and the City Attorney has consented to the certification. Staff recommends that council approve the Refund Payment Agreement and direct the treasurer to pay the amount erroneously assessed, \$52,391, to Bank of America before December 31, 2014.

A motion was made by Council Member Shearer, seconded by Vice-Mayor Chenault, to approve payment to the Bank of America for the refund payment. The motion carried with a recorded roll call vote taken as follows:

Yes: 4 - Mayor Byrd, Vice-Mayor Chenault, Council Member Baugh, and Council Member Shearer

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Degner

9.e. Consider approval of an Assignment and Assumption of Option Agreement by and

between Greener Harrisonburg, LLC and the City of Harrisonburg

City Attorney Brown stated Greener Harrisonburg, LLC contracted to buy 270 South Liberty Street and 276 South Liberty Street (tax parcels 25-J-20 and 19). Greener Harrisonburg, LLC offered to assign the City of Harrisonburg the option to purchase the real property and improvements located at the two properties. By approving the agreement, the City of Harrisonburg will consent to perform and satisfy all of Greener Harrisonburg, LLC's obligations reflected in the Option Agreement for Purchase of Real Property, dated June 11, 2013, and it would cost \$401,830, but with certain credits the property would cost approximately \$392,000 at the time of closing.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Chenault, seconded by Council Member Baugh, to approve the assumption of the assignment and the option agreement between Greener Harrisonburg, LLC and the City of Harrisonburg. The motion carried with a recorded roll call vote taken as follows:

Yes: 4 - Mayor Byrd, Vice-Mayor Chenault, Council Member Baugh, and Council Member Shearer

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Degner

9.f. Consider a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the sale and renovation of the Harrison House

City Attorney Brown stated the city has been in discussion with the Trustees of the Margaret Grattan Weaver Foundation, and the Trustees of Asbury United Methodist Church regarding the sale and renovation of the Thomas Harrison House on Bruce Street in Harrisonburg. City Attorney Brown stated under the memorandum of understanding the city will purchase a portion of the Thomas Harrison House property containing 7,918 square feet in exchange for a payment to the church of \$565,000 and the conveyance to the church of a small parcel of land adjoining Asbury Church and owned by the city. If council approves this MOU, a public hearing on the conveyance of land to the church will be necessary. Mr. Brown stated work needs to be completed to stabilize the house and renovation will take place for a potential museum. Mr. Brown noted the two-story addition to the front of the original house and part of the commercial building located in the building near Main Street will be removed. The city will pay \$565,000 and convey a parcel of land to the Quilt Museum. Mr. Brown stated the alley and driveway will not be conveyed to the church. Mr. Brown noted that the Margaret Grattan Weaver Foundation is going to donate \$500,000 towards stabilizing and restoration of the building and the city plans to provide a similar amount over the next few years. Mr. Brown stated there will be a Steering Committee which will consist of a member from each organization and reviewed some items that need attention. Mr. Brown noted there are still approvals that need to take place by the church and the Rockingham County Circuit Court.

Vice-Mayor Chenault noted Carol Nash, a JMU Archeologist Professor, expressed

some interest in doing some work in the house. Vice-Mayor Chenault felt that the best time for that work to take place would be between the city taking control of the house and before demolition, so it doesn't interfere with progress.

Mayor Byrd asked if council had any objections towards Sam Koontz speaking.

Sam Koontz, 8th generation descendent of Thomas Harrison, provided history about Mr. Harrison and the property. Mr. Koontz stated he would like to see the property preserved, would provide artifacts and he is willing to help any way he can.

The Virginia Department of Historic Resources recognizes the property as the oldest house in Harrisonburg and the home of its founder.

A motion was made by Council Member Shearer, seconded by Council Member Baugh, that this request be approved. The motion carried with a recorded roll call vote taken as follows:

Yes: 4 - Mayor Byrd, Vice-Mayor Chenault, Council Member Baugh, and Council Member Shearer

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Degner

10. Other Matters

Council Member Baugh stated the street/alley closing that Planning Commission recommended against withdrew their application. Council Member Baugh also stated that the Lutheran Family Services application is continuing negotiations.

Vice-Mayor Chenault apologized for having to raise a point of personal privilege earlier in the meeting, but he was interested in what Council Member Baugh had to say.

Council Member Baugh agreed that the discussion between council members does benefit the decision-making process.

Vice-Mayor Chenault stated it is important to understand the rich fabric of Harrisonburg and the Thomas Harrison House is a key part of that fabric. Vice-Mayor Chenault noted that more space would be needed and other alternatives should be looked at.

11. Boards and Commissions

11.a. Harrisonburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Chenault, seconded by Council Member Shearer, that Thomas Dawson, 1160 Decca Drive, be re-appointed to a second term on the Harrisonburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority to expire November 29, 2018. The motion carried by a voice vote.

12. Adjournment

At 8:40 p.m., there being no further business and on motion adopted, the meeting was adjourned.

City Clerk

Mayor