



City of Harrisonburg

409 S. Main Street
Harrisonburg, VA 22801

Meeting Agenda - Final-revised City Council

Tuesday, January 3, 2017

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

Reorganization Meeting

1. Call to order
2. Oath prescribed by Law, Section of the City Charter
3. Re-organization of City Council

- 3.a. Election of Mayor

Review & Recommendation: Council will appoint a mayor to serve a two year term, per Section 7 of the Harrisonburg City Charter.

Attachments: [The Charter - Section 7](#)

- 3.b. Election of Vice-Mayor

Review & Recommendation: Council will elect a vice-mayor to serve a two year term, per Section 7 of the Harrisonburg City Charter.

Attachments: [The Charter - Section 7](#)

- 3.c. Appoint City Attorney

Review & Recommendation: Council will appoint a city attorney, per Section 3-2-1. Chris Brown currently serves as the City Attorney and was first appointed in 2013.

Attachments: [Section 3-2-1](#)

- 3.d. Appoint City Manager

Review & Recommendation: Kurt Hodgen has served as city manager since 2007. Although code doesn't specify a two year appointment, council has appointed the city manager during past reorganization meetings to a two year term.

Attachments: [The Charter - Section 37](#)

- 3.e. Appoint two members of council to the Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission

Review & Recommendation: Currently, Council Member Shearer and Council Member Byrd serve on this commission with terms expiring June 30, 2019. Appointed members will serve until June 30, 2019.

- 3.f. Appoint two members of council to serve as liaison to the City/County Liaison Committee

Review & Recommendation: Historically, the mayor and vice-mayor get appointed to this committee.

3.g. Appoint one member of council to the Community Criminal Justice Board

Review & Recommendation: Council Member Degner had served on this board.

3.h. Appoint one member of council to the Community Development Block Grant Selection Committee

Review & Recommendation: Council Member Shearer had served on this committee.

3.i. Appoint one member of council to the Deer Population Task Force

Review & Recommendation: Currently, Council Member Byrd serves on this board.

3.j. Appoint one member to the Downtown Parking Advisory Committee

Review & Recommendation: Currently, Council Member Baugh serves on this committee.

3.k. Appoint one member of council to the Environmental Performance Standards Advisory Committee

Review & Recommendation: The Environmental Performance Standards Advisory Committee was created in 2016 and will begin to meet in 2017. The appointed member of council will serve as Ex officio on this committee.

3.l. Appoint two members of council to the Finance Committee

Review & Recommendation: Council Member Shearer had served on this committee along with Council Member Byrd.

3.m. Appoint one member of council to serve on the Harrisonburg Downtown Renaissance Board of Directors

Review & Recommendation: Council Member Degner had served on this board.

3.n. Appoint one member of council to the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Chamber of Commerce Board

Review & Recommendation: Council Member Degner had served on this board.

3.o. Appoint two members of council and two staff members to the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Commission

Review & Recommendation: Council Member Degner had served on the commission along with Council Member Byrd. City Manager Hodgen and Reggie Smith, director of public transportation serve as staff members on the commission. Ande Banks, acting deputy city manager, and Gerald Gatobu, assistant director of public transportation, serve as alternates.

3.p. Appoint two members of council to serve as liaison to the JMU Liaison Committee

Review & Recommendation: Historically, the mayor and vice-mayor has served on this committee.

3.q. Appoint one member of council to the Massanutten Regional Library Board

Review & Recommendation: Council Member Shearer had served on this board.

3.r. Appoint two members of council to serve as liaison to the School Board Liaison

Committee

Review & Recommendation: Historically, the mayor and vice-mayor are appointed to this committee.

3.s. Appoint one member of council to serve as liaison to the Social Services Advisory Board

Review & Recommendation: Council Member Degner had served on this board.

3.t. Appoint one member of council to the Stormwater Advisory Committee

Review & Recommendation: Currently, Council Member Byrd serves as the Ex officio on this committee.

3.u. Appoint one member of council to the Parks and Recreation Commission

Review & Recommendation: Council Member Shearer had served on this commission.

3.v. Appoint one member of council to the Planning Commission

Review & Recommendation: Currently, Council Member Baugh serves on the Planning Commission.

3.w. Appoint two members of council to serve as a liaison to the Plan Our Park Committee

Review & Recommendation: Council Member Baugh and Council Member Shearer had served on this board.

3.x. Designate a regular time and date of City Council meetings

Review & Recommendation: Currently, meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month beginning at 7:00 p.m. Changing the time and/or date would require an amendment to Section 2-2-5 of the Harrisonburg City Code.

3.y. Consider amending and reenacting Section 2-2-23 of the Harrisonburg City Code, General order of business

Review & Recommendation: During the December 13, 2016 council meeting brief discussion was held regarding the movement of the "comment from the public" period on the agenda. Section 2-2-23 was last amended August 8, 2006 when council took action to add a new subsection immediately following the Pledge of Allegiance, titled "comments from the public". Prior to the amendment, public comments were allowed under the "other matters" portion of the agenda, which is just prior to "boards and commissions" and "adjournment". As is the case now, public comment was limited to five minutes, on matters, which are not on the regular agenda.

Attachments: [Memorandum](#)
[Ordinance - Reflecting Proposed Changes](#)

4. Other Matters

5. Boards and Commissions

5.a. Parks and Recreation Commission

**Review &
Recommendation:**

DD Dawson's east term on the Parks and Recreation Commission will expire December 31, 2016 and she does not wish to serve another term at this time. Council Member Elect Deanna Read will no longer be able to serve on the Parks and Recreation Commission as a commissioner as of January 2017. Ms. Reed's unexpired first east term is due to expire December 31, 2017. Two east appointments are needed; one to expire on December 31, 2020 and the on December 31, 2017. There are five applications on file, but only two reside on the east side of the city.

Attachments:

[Chance Ebersold - East](#)

[Joshua Humphries- East](#)

6. Adjournment