



City of Harrisonburg

409 S. Main Street
Harrisonburg, VA 22801

Meeting Agenda - Final-revised City Council

Mayor Deanna R. Reed
Vice-Mayor Richard A. Baugh
Council Member Ted Byrd
Council Member George Hirschmann
Council Member Christopher B. Jones

Tuesday, February 28, 2017

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. Roll Call
2. Invocation
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Special Recognition
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

Attachments: [February 14, 2017 Draft Meeting Minutes](#)
 - 5.b. Joint City Council and School Board Minutes

Attachments: [Joint Draft Meeting Minutes](#)
 - 5.c. Consider a supplemental appropriation for the General Capital Projects Fund in the amount of \$720,511.82

Review & Recommendation: The Public Works Department is currently preparing to award the MLK Jr. Way Improvement and Grace Street Extension (JMU) projects, and James Madison University is providing funds to assist with the construction. This supplemental appropriation will place the received JMU funds into the appropriate project accounts.

Attachments: [Memorandum](#)
 [Supplemental Appropriation](#)
6. Public Hearings
 - 6.a. Consider real estate tax exemption status for Shenandoah Valley Post 188 American Legion Inc located at 350 Waterman Drive

Review & Recommendation: The Constitution of Virginia allows for specific local tax exemption. Prior to January 1, 2003, the General Assembly passed bills exempting an organization from local taxation and as of January 1, 2003, local elected officials were given the authority to make the determination. Harrisonburg City Code §4-2-17 addresses local real and property exemption. Shenandoah Valley Post 188 American Legion Inc is requesting exemption under this code. The assessed value of the property for 2016 was \$473,900 and the taxes assessed by the City for the year 2016 were \$3,696.42; for the year 2015 were \$3,346.56 and for the year 2014 were \$3,283.02.

Attachments: [Memorandum](#)
[Committee Recommendation](#)
[Public Hearing Notice](#)
[Application](#)

6.b. Receive Planning Commission's recommendation for the 2017-2018 through 2021-2022 Capital Improvement Program

Review & Recommendation: Planning Commission voted unanimously (6-0, Chair Way was not present) to recommend endorsing the FY 2017-2018 through 2021-2022 Capital Improvement Program as presented by staff. The endorsement included adding the project (described now on page 107 of the CIP document) from Harrisonburg City Public Schools for the purchase of additional property needed for the planned seventh elementary school.

Attachments: [CIP FY18-22 Memorandum](#)
[Extract CIP FY18-22 Review](#)
[DRAFT CIP FY18-22](#)

7. Regular Items

7.a. Blue Ridge Community College annual update

Review & Recommendation: Dr. Downey will provide an annual update regarding Blue Ridge Community College.

7.b. Consider approving art to be permanently displayed in City Hall that is created from a program called Faces of Diversity

Review & Recommendation: The Faces of Diversity program is an anti-bullying and character development tool for students with the assistance of teachers and administrators. The artist and Faces of Diversity creator, Edwin Gil, will provide experiential activities, hold discussions, as well as create an 8'x8' piece of art created with the help from children within the Harrisonburg School district. The students will be placing their thumb prints on recycled material that will be turned into artwork that is being requested to be displayed behind the volunteer desk at City Hall.

Attachments: [Faces Of Diversity Proposal](#)

7.c. Report from Financial Advisors

Review & Recommendation: Given the ongoing discussions between City Council and the School Board relative to school system space needs and the likelihood of requiring the issuance of general obligation bonds to pay for any building project, staff requested that the city's financial advisors give a presentation to council on our current debt status relative to the bond rating agencies, our existing debt profile, and some preliminary capital funding scenarios for possible school projects.

7.d. Garbers Church Road Share Use Path Project Update

Review & Recommendation: The Public Works Department will provide an update on the Garbers Church Road Shared Use Path project, and discuss phasing options for project implementation.

Attachments: [Memorandum](#)
[Phase 1 Sketch](#)

7.e. Consider approval of the Broker for Voluntary Benefits resolution

Review & Recommendation: The competitive negotiation for the procurement of voluntary benefits offered to employees of the city of Harrisonburg, Virginia (the "city") is neither practicable nor fiscally advantageous for the following reasons: an insurance agent or broker could provide objective analysis of voluntary benefit options offered by the city; an insurance agent or broker could provide recommendations on how to provide for a comprehensive voluntary benefit package and to fill coverage gaps; an insurance agent or broker could meet with and negotiate with insurance carriers on behalf of the city to offer the best products for the lowest prices; an insurance agent or broker could assist employees in understanding their voluntary benefits options as they relate to the employee's needs; an insurance agent or broker could serve as a liaison between the chosen provider(s) and employees and assist with benefits issues; and, an insurance agent or broker could provide single source billing, if the city so desires.

Attachments: [Memorandum](#)
[Resolution](#)

8. Supplementals**8.a. Consider a supplemental appropriation for the General Capital Projects Fund in the amount of \$499,100.00**

Review & Recommendation: The Public Works Department requested and was awarded VDOT State of Good Repair (SGR) funds for the Pleasant Valley Road Bridge replacement project.

Attachments: [Memorandum](#)
[Supplemental Appropriation](#)

9. Other Matters

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

9.b. City Council and Staff

10. Boards and Commissions**11. Adjournment**