



City of Harrisonburg

409 South Main Street
Harrisonburg, VA 22801

Summary Agenda City Council

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

Tuesday, May 13, 2014

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. 7:00 p.m. 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. Approval of minutes of the previous meetings, and dispensing with reading of minutes.

Attachments: [April 22, 2014 Draft Meeting Minutes](#)
 [April 29, 2014 Joint Meeting Draft Minutes.pdf](#)
 - 5.b. Consider enacting City Code Section Title 10, Section 7 "Stormwater Management" and related fees and standards

Recommendation: This ordinance and associated permit program regulates land development and redevelopment projects that disturb certain acreages of land. The Virginia Stormwater Management Law and Regulations, administered by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), requires certain Virginia local governments to implement a Virginia Stormwater Management Permit (VSMP) program beginning July 1, 2014. This program regulates stormwater management practices for new land development and redevelopment projects that disturb certain acreages of land.

DEQ has requested that regulated local jurisdictions submit by May 15 final, locally-approved versions of their VSMP ordinance, fee schedules and standards, sufficient to implement their VSMP programs beginning July 1. New fees, referenced in the proposed ordinance, are included for stormwater management plan review, permitting, permit maintenance and permit transfers. Existing review fees for re-submission of site plans and erosion control plans are also proposed to be reduced slightly from what is current.

These fees are for regulation of, and permitting for, land development and redevelopment projects, and are separate from any fees, taxes, special assessments or other potential funding sources that the City may be considering for funding of other elements of its overall stormwater program.

The City Engineer will ask City Council to approve a new Stormwater Management ordinance, new and modified fee schedules and revisions to the Design and Construction Standards Manual related to this program. Such documents shall become effective on July 1, 2014.

Attachments: [Stormwater Attachment](#)

5.c. Consider a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$10,229.88 for the Police Department.

Recommendation: Staff recommends approval

Attachments: [Supplemental Materials](#)

6. Public Hearings

6.a. FY2014-2015 Budget

Recommendation: A public hearing on the proposed FY 2014-2015 budget will be held following a brief presentation. Following the close of the hearing, Council will be asked to consider adopting the budget on the first reading.

Attachments: [2015 budget advertisement](#)

7. Regular Items

7.a. Consider a request from Theda and Merle Brunk and John Harding and others to preliminarily subdivide three lots totaling 2.26 +/- acres into 19 lots with variance requests to the Subdivision Ordinance Sections 10-2-41 (a), 10-2-42 (c), 10-2-45, 10-2-66, and 10-2-67

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Presented By: Stacy Turner, Community Development Director.

Recommendation: The properties, addressed as 1041 and 1049 Chicago Avenue, are zoned R-7, Medium Density Mixed Residential Planned Community District and R-3, Medium Density Residential District. Planning Commission recommended approval (7-0) of the preliminary plat found on tax map parcels 48-D-26 & 41 and 48-D-25 with variances that would allow for the design of the proposed private cul-de-sac to deviate from the private street standards of the DCSM, allow lots to not have public street frontage, and allow the subdivision to occur without dedicating public street right-of-way and building required street improvements along tax map 48-D-25.

Attachments: [Extract PC - Village at Chicago Park](#)

[Aerial](#)

[Zoning](#)

[11X17 Plat](#)

[Final Preliminary Plat](#)

7.b. Presentation on the recently completed community survey

Recommendation: The city recently partnered with the National Research Center, Inc. to conduct the National Citizen Survey. This survey was conducted earlier in the year (mid-January through the beginning of March). A staff member with the National Research Center, Inc. will present the findings of the survey.

7.c. Consider a request to amend sections of the City Code Sign Ordinance

Recommendation: Staff is recommending modifications to the Sign Regulations in Section 11-7-2, 3, 6, 6.1, 7, 9, 12, and 14 to: 1) allow property owners the ability to have on-site advertising painted on structures; and 2) give M-1 zoned property owners having no street frontage the same ability as is currently allowed for B-2 property owners, in the same situation, the opportunity to apply for a variance to allow off-premises advertising for their use.

Attachments: [Staff Report - Sign Ordinance](#)

7.d. Consider approval of the FY 2014-2015 CDBG Action Plan

Recommendation: The 2014-2015 CDBG Action Plan describes in detail actions to be taken in the coming year to further the priorities described in the the 2012-2016 Strategic Plan for the CDBG Programs. These projects are outlined in attachment #1, and the full 2014-2015 Action Plan is available in the City Manager's Office. A 30-day Public Comment Period was held, and during that time, the City received a number of comments referring to the selection Committee's decision to not recommend the Northeast Neighborhood Association's application. All comments and responses to those comments are detailed in the Public Comments section of the above plan, and will be briefly reviewed at tonight's meeting. Staff requests that Council consider approval of this item.

Attachments: [FINAL FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS](#)

7.e. Receive Planning Commission's Findings, Proposed New Harrisonburg City Hall

Recommendation: Planning Commission's review under Virginia State Code 15.2-2232 finds the general or approximate location, character, and extent of the Project is substantially in accord with the City's adopted Comprehensive Plan.

Attachments: [Extract Annual Report 2013](#)

[Planning Letterhead](#)

7.f. Consider acceptance of low bid for new City Hall project

Recommendation: Bids for the new City Hall project were opened on Thursday, May 1. A copy of the bid results is attached. Local contractor Nielsen was the apparent low bidder at \$9,214,000. Five firms submitted bids and the difference between the lowest and highest bids was \$566,000.00. The low bid was also \$301,000 lower than the architect's estimate. Going back to the early stages of this project, the estimated construction cost was \$7.5M. Since that time, however, the Atrium was added, along with an emergency generator properly, and a basement level for the building. Finally, there were some site changes that resulted from including the Atrium and making changes to the parking plan in order to accommodate a potential future Farmers Market expansion and possible park. Staff and the project architect recommend accepting the low bid.

8. Special Event Requests

- 8.a. Consider a request from the Rockingham Rotary Club to close East Washington Street from Main Street to Vine Street for the All American Soap Box Derby

Recommendation: The event is scheduled for June 14th (Rain date: June 15) from 5:00am until 6:00pm on East Washington Street. All appropriate signatures have been acquired with the following notes: Call Harrisonburg Rescue Squad for EMS standby and approval pending receipt of insurance COI and endorsement.

Attachments: [All American Soap Box Derby Application](#)
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- 8.b. Consider request for police support for the Walk to End Alzheimer's event on October 25

Recommendation: The event will be held on October 25, 2014 from 6:00am until noon at the Rockingham County Administration Lot. Event is only asking for police support.

Attachments: [Walk to End Alzheimers Application](#)
[Course Map](#)
[Signatures Page 6](#)

9. Other Matters

10. Boards and Commissions

- 10.a. Harrisonburg Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization/TAC

Recommendation: Consider appointing Tom Hartman, Assistant Public Works Director to replace Drew William's as an alternate on the HRMPO/TAC.

- 10.b. Community Services Board

Recommendation: Geraldine (Gerry) Rush is approaching the end of her unexpired term. She is interested in being re-appointed to a full term. Mr. Whitmore recommends this reappointment because she has proven to be engaged, knowledgeable, and a contributing member of the CSB.

11. Adjournment