



City of Harrisonburg

409 S. Main Street
Harrisonburg, VA 22801

Meeting Agenda - Final City Council

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

Tuesday, May 26, 2015

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

Attachments: [May 12, 2015 Draft Meeting Minutes](#)
 - 5.b. First Budget Work Session Minutes

Review & Recommendation: These minutes are from the first City Council Budget Work Session held on Tuesday, May 11, 2015.
Attachments: [May 11, 2015 Draft Budget Meeting Minutes](#)
 - 5.c. Second Budget Work Session Minutes

Review & Recommendation: These minutes are from the second City Council Budget Work Session that was held on Tuesday, May 19, 2015.
Attachments: [May 19, 2015 Draft Budget Meeting Minutes](#)
 [May 19, 2015 Amended Draft Meeting Minutes](#)
 - 5.d. Consider amending the Zoning Ordinance Section 10-3-30.1; Parking Lot Landscaping regulations, by proposing minor modifications to add flexibility and to improve and clarify its application

Review & Recommendation: Planning Commission recommended approval (6-0) of the Zoning Ordinance amendments that would modify Section 10-3-30.1, to better clarify the intent of the Parking Lot Landscaping regulations regarding parcels that are being redeveloped, and to provide flexibility for meeting side and rear lot line separation requirements for parking lots adjacent to existing buildings on adjoining lots having established zero lot line setbacks.

Council tabled this item during the April 14, 2015 Council Meeting and Community Development staff forwarded the information on the proposed changes to the Shenandoah Valley Builders Association (SVBA) with a request that any comments be submitted by May 1, 2015, so they could be included in City Council's agenda packet. After receiving no comments on the morning of May 1, 2015, contact again was made with the SVBA Executive Officer, Michelle Wilson-Johnson and a second notice was forwarded with no comments received. No formal presentation will be given, but staff will be available for questions.

Attachments: [Extract ZO Amend Parking Lot Landscape Amend](#)
[Staff Report Parking Lot Landscaping Amendments \(2015\)](#)
[Newspaper Public Hearing Ad](#)
[PowerPoint 4-14-15 Meeting](#)

Legislative History

4/14/15	City Council	tabled
5/12/15	City Council	approved on first reading

- 5.e.** Consider a request from Alan E. Strawderman to rezone a 0.45-acre parcel zoned B-2C, General Business District Conditional by amending existing proffers on the property located at 1320 Port Republic Road

Review & Recommendation: Planning Commission recommended denial (6-0) of the proffer amendment rezoning request for the property identified as tax map parcel 88-C-6.

Attachments: [Planning Commission Extract](#)
[Site Map and Zoning Map](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[Application and Other Support Documents](#)
[DNR Pubic Hearing Notice](#)
[Surrounding Property Owners Mailing](#)
[PowerPoint](#)

Legislative History

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6. Regular Items

- 6.a.** Service Learning Program with Harrisonburg High School Final Project Reports

Review & Recommendation: Sustainability - In an effort to showcase the city's sustainable efforts to be more efficient, conserve and become greener, the students were tasked with creating a project to market these efforts. City departments are making great strides and many of these efforts are worth mentioning and promoting.

Residential Guide - Students were tasked with creating a residential guide to welcome the newest members of our community. The document would serve as a resource and guide residents through setting up city services, while also highlighting the many great things to do in Harrisonburg. In addition to creating the document, students were asked to brainstorm how this would be marketed to get it in the hands of the residents.

Harrisonburg Downtown Business Survey - The Downtown Survey presentation will include the results of the downtown survey and a breakdown of downtown businesses. They are also putting together a pitch for a business or event that would appeal to their demographic downtown.

Fire Station Consideration - The City of Harrisonburg Fire Department has the construction of a new fire station in the City's Capital Improvement Program. Response data indicates that this new station should be in the northwest portion of the city to reduce response times in this area. This service learning group developed recommendations on station location based on impact on response times, National, State and Local guidance and available land.

Bus Transportation - The students developed a video of snapshots showing what the Public Transportation Department does and the services it provides. The students created a meaningful material that could help alleviate new passengers' apprehensions about riding the bus for the first time.

6.b. Consider Electoral Board request for direction on possible JMU voting precinct

Review & Recommendation: The City Manager's Office has been advised by the Registrar, that the Electoral Board is seeking formal direction from City Council both in terms of advising the Board that Council would like to consider the possibility of a establishing a JMU precinct (or relocating an existing one to JMU) and in giving the Board direction as to what information/issues Council would like for them to research and report back on.

In addition, they would like to know if Council also wants a recommendation from the Board as to whether or not a new precinct (or relocated one) should be established or just relevant information such as pros/cons from an operations perspective; cost projections, other potential impacts, etc..

6.c. Update from the Department of Public Works on current Capital and Maintenance Projects

Review & Recommendation: The Department of Public Works currently has the Capital and Maintenance Projects shown in the attached memo under development. These projects vary in phase of development from early design to under construction. This report and presentation will update Council on the status of these projects.

Attachments: [Memorandum](#)

6.d. Harrisonburg Downtown Renaissance biannual update

Review & Recommendation: HDR will provide an update on Main Street organization, promotions, event projects and programs.

6.e. Consider adopting the budget and appropriation ordinance of the City of Harrisonburg, Virginia for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016 for the second

reading

Review &

Recommendation:

A public hearing on the budget was held during the April 28, 2015, Council Meeting. Subsequent budget work session was held on May 11. At the May 12 Council Meeting, a motion was made by Council Member Degner, seconded by Vice Mayor Baugh, to approve the budget as presented with a reduction of the proposed real estate tax increase from \$0.06 to \$0.05, eliminating the proposed \$3.00 solid waste manager fee increase, and reducing utility expenses for the Public Safety Building by \$40,000.

A motion was made by Council Member Degner, seconded by Council Member Byrd to amend the motion to include a second budget work session to be held by council. The motion carried 5-0 with a recorded roll call vote.

At the subsequent budget work session, held on May 19, various budget line items were reduced to produce a sum total reduction of an additional \$194,350, an amount that would allow a further reduction of the proposed real estate tax increase from \$0.05 to \$0.045. The appropriation ordinance will be posted as soon as it is amended to items discussed during the budget work session.

With the changes noted, Council is asked to approve the budget and amended appropriations ordinance on second reading.

Attachments: [Appropriation Ordinance 2015-16](#)

7. Special Event Application Requests

7.a. Consider the All American Soap Box Derby for a special event request

Review &

Recommendation:

The All American Soap Box Derby by the Rockingham Rotary Club will be held June 13th on East Washington Street between Northfield Court to Main Street at 8:00 a.m. A rain date is scheduled for June 14, 2015 and all departments have reviewed.

Attachments: [All American Soap Box Derby 6.13.15](#)

[Insurance](#)

7.b. Consider the 2015 Alpine Loop Gran Fondo for a special event request

Review &

Recommendation:

The 2015 Alpine Loop Gran Fondo presented by Prostate Cancer Awareness Project will be held on Sunday, September 20 in downtown Harrisonburg at 7:00 a.m.

Attachments: [Special Event Application](#)

[Insurance and Maps](#)

8. Supplementals

8.a. Consider a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$1,077,179.40 for the initial buy-in payment to the Middle River Regional Jail

Review &

Recommendation:

At its May 12, 2015 Council meeting, City Council approved the buy-in agreement for membership in the Middle River Regional Jail (MRRJ). This supplemental appropriation budgets the funds for the first required payment to MRRJ that will be made before June 30, 2015.

Attachments: [Supplemental Appropriation \(MRRJ\)](#)

9. Other Matters

10. Boards and Commissions**10.a. Community Policy and Management Team (CPMT)**

Review & Recommendation: The Harrisonburg Rockingham CPMT has provided a letter submitting Ms. Kim Hartzler-Weakley, Director for the Office on Children and Youth, to serve on the CPMT representing a public agency.

Attachments: [CPMT Letter](#)

11. Closed Session

- 11.a.** 2.2-3711(A)(3) Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property
- 11.b.** Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made

12. Adjournment