



# 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*

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Tuesday, February 24, 2015

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

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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:**     [February 10, 2015 Draft Meeting Minutes](#)

5.b. Work Session Minutes

**Attachments:**     [Draft Work Session Minutes](#)

5.c. Consider a supplemental appropriation for Harrisonburg City Schools in the amount of \$379,360.80

**Review & Recommendation:**     These funds are additional State and Federal revenues awarded to the Harrisonburg City Public School Division after the FY 2015 budget was approved. This supplemental appropriation requires no additional local funding from the City.

**Attachments:**     [Supplemental Appropriation \(School Board\)](#)  
[FY15 multiple grants - 1-20-15](#)

**Legislative History**

2/10/15     City Council     approved on first reading

6. Public Hearings

- 6.a. Consider updates to the Solid Waste Management Plan prepared for and submitted to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality

**Review & Recommendation:** This update is required by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality due to the closure of the Resource Recovery Facility. The update includes changes to our Municipal Solid Waste and Recycling operations and disposal programs. A summary of updates made to the SWMP is attached.

**Attachments:** [Summary SWMP 2015 Updates](#)  
[2015 Solid Waste Management Plan](#)

**6.b. Consider amending and re-enacting Section 16-6-58 "Weeds, etc., on lots" of the Harrisonburg City Code**

**Review & Recommendation:** This amendment to Section 16-6-58 "Weeds, etc., on lots" would allow areas the city has qualified as an approved and maintained Best Management Practice for stormwater regulatory compliance and/or stormwater utility fee credit purposes to be exempt from tall grass and weeds regulations.

**Attachments:** [16-6-58 Tall Weeds Ordinance](#)  
[PowerPoint](#)

**6.c. Consider adopting the Stormwater Utility Fee Ordinance and Program**

**Review & Recommendation:** On February 4, 2015, the SWAC voted unanimously in favor of the Stormwater Utility Ordinance and associated documents.

The Stormwater Utility Ordinance establishes a stormwater utility fee that is imposed on every parcel of real property in the city based on the amount of impervious area within the property, establishes a billing unit of five hundred (500) square feet of impervious area, and establishes a billing rate per billing unit of \$10.50 per year. All stormwater utility fees and other income from the fees shall be deposited into the stormwater fund, to be used exclusively to provide services and facilities related to the stormwater management program and efforts to reduce polluted runoff. The proposed effective date is July 1, 2015.

A system of credits for which property owners will receive a fee waiver for installing, operating, and maintaining approved stormwater best management practices is described in the "Stormwater Utility Fee Credit Manual for Residential" and "Stormwater Utility Fee Credit Manual for Non-Residential".

**Attachments:** [NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING](#)  
[Memo to City Council 2015-02-09](#)  
[Stormwater Utility - Enabling State Code](#)  
[Harrisonburg Stormwater Utility Ordinance 2015](#)  
[Stormwater Advisory Committee Bylaws amendment](#)  
[Residential Credit Manual\\_FINAL](#)  
[Non-Residential Credit Manual\\_FINAL](#)  
[Tall Grass and Weeds Ordinance Amendment 2015-01-15](#)  
[Summary of Public Outreach](#)  
[Summary of Public Comments Received](#)  
[Chamber of Commerce Questions](#)  
[PowerPoint](#)

**7. Regular Items**

**7.a. Consider amending and re-enacting Title 10, Chapter 7 “Stormwater Management” of the Harrisonburg City Code**

**Review & Recommendation:** The Stormwater Management (SWM) ordinance establishes requirements for land development projects in regard to stormwater discharge impacts. This ordinance was originally adopted in May 2014 as a necessary part of the City's Virginia Stormwater Management Program mandated by VADEQ. The revisions in this amended ordinance are those requested by VADEQ in their final review, which occurred in Fall, 2014. City Attorney Brown has determined that consideration of this amended ordinance does not require a public hearing.

**Attachments:** [Memo to CC Feb2015 SWM Ord revisions](#)  
[Amended SWM ord Feb 2015 with edits broken out](#)  
[Draft SWM ord Feb 2015 with edits](#)

**7.b. Receive Planning Commission’s 2014 Annual Report**

**Review & Recommendation:** Planning Commissions annual report for all activities conducted in 2014.

**Attachments:** [Extract Planning Commission 2014 Annual Report](#)  
[2014 Annual Report \(PC\)](#)

**7.c. Consider a request from Virginia Mennonite Retirement Community, with representative Marv Nisly, for a comprehensive sign plan as per section 11-7-15(2) of the Sign Regulations**

**Review & Recommendation:** Section 11-7-15(2) of the City Sign Regulations permits signage within the I-1, Institutional Overlay District that does not meet the requirements of the underlying base district.

**Attachments:** [Cover Sheet sign package VMRC](#)  
[VMRC Sign Package staff report](#)  
[2015 VMRC Sign Package](#)  
[2012 VMRC Sign Package](#)  
[PowerPoint](#)

**7.d. Consider a resolution for submitting grant application to the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Program for additional funding for construction of athletic fields and associated amenities**

**Review & Recommendation:** This resolution is required for submitting a grant application to the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Program which is administrated by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation for construction of athletic fields and associated amenities. The grant would be in the amount of \$300,000.00 and would require an equal amount of matching funds from the City. The project would be at Smithland Road Park.

**Attachments:** [2LWC Conservation Fund Authorizing Resolution](#)  
[Land and Water Conservation Resolution Updated](#)

**7.e. Discussion on funding for School Construction projects**

**Review & Recommendation:** Council Member Degner requested that this item be placed on the agenda for further discussion from the February 10, 2015 agenda.

## 8. Other Matters

## 9. Boards and Commissions

### 9.a. Parks and Recreation Commission

**Review & Recommendation:** A vacancy has been caused by Jason Rooney's resignation. Attached are two applications that qualify to serve for the east side of the city. Section 9-1-1 shows where members need to reside. The east side members need to be from the east voting ward, which are streets east of Main Street. The person appointed will serve an unexpired first term to expire December 31, 2017.

**Attachments:** [Burden, Jared](#)  
[Reed, Deanna](#)

### 9.b. Tree Advisory Committee

**Review & Recommendation:** There are four current vacancies on the Tree Advisory Board. Two of the current members, Mike Kulp and Henry Way, are interested in serving another three year term. Roberta Fernandez wishes to provide the opportunity to another resident and the City Clerk has not heard from Tim Weaver if he is interested in continuing.

**Attachments:** [Kulp, Mike - Reappointment Application](#)  
[Way, Henry - Reappointment Application](#)

## 10. Closed Session

10.a. Discussion or consideration of the disposition of real property for a public purpose

## 11. Adjournment