



City of Harrisonburg

409 S. Main Street
Harrisonburg, VA 22801

Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

Saturday, August 26, 2023

8:30 AM

Hotel Madison

Council Retreat

1. Call Meeting to Order

At 8:35 a.m. the meeting was called to order.

Mayor Deanna Reed, Vice Mayor Laura Dent, Council Member Christopher Jones, Council Member Monica Robinson and Council Member Monica Richards were present. Also present were Ande Banks, city manager; Amy Snider, interim deputy city manager; Chris Brown, city attorney; Michael Parks, director of Communications; and Pamela Ulmer, city clerk.

2. Welcome / Session Overview / Local Elected Leadership Model

Tyler St. Clair, meeting facilitator, reviewed the agenda, the schedule, the purpose of the retreat, the goals, the roles, and the Local Elected Leadership Model.

3. Setting the climate for the Session

4. Assessment: Explore Council Perspectives on Strategic Issues

Ms. St. Clair reviewed the work and timeline that went into developing the initial vision, priorities and strategies.

Council Members and staff worked in two groups to review what goals, strategies, assets, projects, relationships, and behaviors they wanted to keep or change in order to lead the City toward the desired future.

5. Visioning: Agree on City Council's Core Vision and Strategic Focus Area

6. Identify Agenda / Assignments for Day Two

Council and staff reviewed the keeps and changes discussed in both groups, there were quite a few similarities between the groups in both categories.

Council Members reviewed the vision and were given homework to independently make edits to the vision as they would like it to look.

7. Adjournment

At 2:15 pm meeting recessed