

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 26, 2019 7:00 P.M.

REGULAR SESSION

PRESENT: The Honorable W. Eugene Hunt, Jr., Mayor
The Honorable Carey L. Freeman, Vice Mayor
The Honorable Herbert R. Green, Jr.
The Honorable Thomas J. Cannella II
The Honorable David A. Hux
The Honorable Charles M. Southall III
The Honorable Jana D. Andrews

J. Randall Wheeler, City Manager
Evie Insley, City Clerk
J. Anderson Mullins, Attorney

ABSENT: D. Wayne Moore, City Attorney

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Mayor Hunt called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Hunt rendered the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AUDIENCE FOR VISITORS:

None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

1. Councilman Green moved, seconded by Councilman Southall, to adopt the minutes of the regular session held on July 22, 2019 as submitted. Recorded vote on the motion:

YES: Councilmembers Cannella, Southall, Hux, Green, Vice Mayor Freeman and Mayor Hunt

NO: None

ABSTAIN: Councilmember Andrews

2. Councilman Green moved, seconded by Councilman Cannella, to adopt the minutes of the work session held on July 22, 2019 as submitted. Recorded vote on the motion:

YES: Councilmembers Hux, Southall, Green, Cannella, Vice Mayor Freeman and Mayor Hunt

NO: None

ABSTAIN: Councilmember Andrews

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Ordinance Making Additional Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2020 - Watermen's Memorial

City Manager Randy Wheeler presented Council with an ordinance making additional appropriations for Fiscal Year 2020 for the Watermen's Memorial.

In August 2015, City Council approved a resolution authorizing a Watermen's Memorial on City owned property at Messick Point. City Council combined donations that were raised approximately 10 years ago for the Heritage Park Clock project with approximately \$1,500 that had been donated specifically for the Watermen's Memorial. These funds remain in the City's General Fund balance as restricted fund balance to be used for this purpose.

At the July 22, 2019 work session, Councilman Green advised City Council that he was obtaining quotes from monument builders for a Watermen's Memorial Monument. The quote of \$6,550 is the cost of the monument and its installation. The Poquoson Exchange Club has graciously offered to install the base using their resources.

Councilman Green moved, seconded by Councilman Southall to adopt the ordinance making additional appropriations for Fiscal Year 2020 for the Watermen's Memorial. Recorded vote on the motion:

YES: Councilmembers Andrews, Southall, Cannella, Hux, Green, Vice Mayor Freeman and Mayor Hunt

NO: None

2. Ordinance Making Additional Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2020 - Electronic Signs

City Manager Randy Wheeler presented Council with an ordinance making additional appropriations for Fiscal Year 2020 for electronic sign to replace existing sign on Victory Boulevard.

At the July 22, 2019 Work Session the City Manager presented Council with streetscape improvement options that would utilize the funding that was appropriated in March 2019 by City Council in the amount of \$37,373. An electronic sign was identified by Council as the preferred streetscape option. The electronic sign would be similar in size to the existing sign post on Victory Boulevard and would be remotely programmed and able to scroll multiple messages and screens with graphics. The estimated project cost is \$53,416.

The project will be funded with the balance of restricted funds in the General Fund remaining from the Watermen's Memorial Monument in the amount of \$12,986, and the funding in the amount of \$37,373 from the Capital Project Fund associated with streetscape improvements would be utilized for the

electronic sign. Staff will work with vendor and contractors associated with this project regarding the estimated project cost which is \$3,057 more than appropriation.

Councilman Green moved, seconded by Councilman Cannella to adopt the ordinance making additional appropriations for Fiscal Year 2020 for an Electronic Sign on Victory Boulevard. Recorded vote on the motion:

YES: Councilmembers Andrews, Cannella, Southall, Hux, Green, Vice Mayor Freeman and Mayor Hunt

NO: None

3. Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into Contract with Carter Machinery Co., Inc. – Excavator

Finance Director Tonya O’Connell presented Council with a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into contract with Carter Machinery Co. Inc. for a Caterpillar 308 CR Mini Hydraulic Excavator.

The Public Works Department recommends a purchase of a Caterpillar 308 CR Mini Hydraulic Excavator from Carter Machinery Co., Inc through the cooperative purchasing agreement established with Nation Joint Powers Alliance (Sourcewell) Contract 032119-CAT. The Caterpillar 308 CR Mini Hydraulic Excavator will replace the Komatsu Excavator which is over 19 years old and is inoperable. The excavator will be used to dig roadside and outfall ditches to ensure proper drainage of streets and to do full depth patching on the City’s roadways when pavement failure exist.

The total cost of the Caterpillar Excavator is \$124,364 which takes into consideration the trade allowance for the Komatsu Excavator of \$12,000 and provides an extended warranty on the powertrain and hydraulics. The funds received from the Virginia Department of Transportation which provides for funding to maintain the paving and drainage programs will be utilized.

Councilman Green moved, seconded by Councilman Southall to adopt the ordinance making additional General Fund appropriations for Fiscal Year 2019. Recorded vote on the motion:

YES: Councilmembers Green, Hux, Cannella, Southall, Andrews, Vice Mayor Freeman and Mayor Hunt

NO: None

4. Resolution Making Appointments to the Board of Zoning Appeals

Mayor Hunt presented the resolution making an appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Councilman Green moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Freeman to appoint Mark T. Lovell (Eastern) to replace Lester E. Nagle and James B. Beach Jr. (Eastern) as the alternate with a term expiring on August 31, 2024. Recorded vote on the motion:

YES: Councilmembers Cannella, Andrews, Green, Southall, Hux, Vice Mayor Freeman and Mayor Hunt

NO: None

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER:

None

COUNCIL DIRECTIVES:

Councilwoman Andrews advised citizens of the very informative information that was received from VDOT at the Work Session that was held prior to the Regular Meeting. Councilwoman Andrews also wanted to wish the teachers and students a safe return back to school and reminded everyone of the bus laws that are put in place to keep the students safe.

Councilman Green reminded everyone of the Food Bank that will be held on August 27th and will be hosted by Emmaus Baptist Church.

Councilman Cannella thanked the Exchange Club for their contribution with the Watermen's Memorial and also wanted to thank all the City's civic groups that contribute and help citizens every year.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Councilman Green moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Freeman to adjourn the meeting. Recorded vote on the motion:

YES: Councilmembers Andrews, Southall, Cannella, Hux, Green, Vice Mayor Freeman and Mayor Hunt.

NO: None

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:12 p.m.