

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 8, 2025 5:45 P.M.
WORK SESSION
Council Chambers

PRESENT: The Honorable David A. Hux, Mayor
The Honorable Debra D. Bunting, Vice Mayor
The Honorable Carey L. Freeman
The Honorable Charles M. Southall III
The Honorable Keith A. Feigh
The Honorable Jeanne D. Hubbard
The Honorable Anjie L. Emmett

J. Randall Wheeler, City Manager
Christina Snapp, City Clerk
D. Wayne Moore, City Attorney

Heather Schott, Planning Commission Chair
Charles Hartley, Planning Commission
David Peterson, Planning Commission
Michael Armentrout, Planning Commission
George Yeager, Planning Commission

Stephen Keatts, Police Chief

ABSENT: Stephen Geissinger, Planning Commission Vice Chair
Jonathan Hirsch, Planning Commission

Mayor Hux opened the work session at approximately 5:45 p.m. in Council Chambers.

**Joint Planning Commission and City Council North Side of Victory Boulevard
Comprehensive Plan Review**

Mayor Hux introduced the Planning Commission and reviewed planning discussions that have been had with City Council and the Planning Commission leading up to this work session. He explained that they have been and will continue to seek public comments in reference to the North side of Victory Boulevard.

Councilman Southall thanked Mayor Hux for clarifying the City's intentions as it relates to the North side of Victory Boulevard because there have been a number of false rumors circulating.

Planning Commission Chairwoman, Heather Schott, reviewed that the Planning Commission has held several meetings and work sessions to include audience for visitors to receive comments.

Commissioner Hartley stated that no one wants a Legacy 2 and people have a hard time with change. He also encouraged staff to put more information out on social media and other public information sources.

Commissioner Yeager supported Commissioner Hartley's comments about providing more information to the public. Mr. Yeager stated it is crucial to get the development of this property right since it is the last large piece of undeveloped property in the City. He also encouraged the public to comment with their thoughts on what they would like to see.

Commissioner Armentrout stated this property is a unique opportunity and it needs to be done right to attract new businesses.

Commissioner Peterson thanked everyone who came out and made comments to provide some insight on what the public would like to see. He also stated the City needs to stay engaged with the public.

Community Development Director, Wally Horton, reviewed the Strategic Initiative #1 provided by City Council and presented zoning and areas of focus for the North side of Victory Boulevard as it relates to the initiative.

Planning Commission Chairwoman Schott provided a list of proposed changes for the Comprehensive Plan. These changes would include making distinctions between Big Woods North Residential versus Commercial, plans should be cohesive like a Master Plan community, traffic flow based on zoning districts, address landlocked properties, and the Research and Development District should be redesigned in favor of General Commercial in the 2018-2038 Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map. Mrs. Schott stated language on environmental and access issues in the area will be retained. Mrs. Schott requested guidance from Council on how to proceed.

Mayor Hux stated that City Council would like some time to digest and discuss the proposed changes and consult with staff and then will follow-up with the Planning Commission in a timely manner.

Councilman Southall stated that traffic and access is an important consideration.

Councilwoman Emmett stated that she is heartened by the discussions that have taken place and that she has been watching the Planning Commission meetings and the information has been very insightful. She thinks the discussion is going in a good direction.

Vice Mayor Bunting thanked the Planning Commission and she looks forward to continuing to work together on this project.

Councilman Feigh stated he has been watching the Planning Commission meetings and that they are doing a great job.

Helmet Ordinance – Police Chief Stephen Keatts

Police Chief, Stephen Keatts, reviewed that he had brought forth an ordinance to require bike helmets while operating bicycles on public rights-of-way for age 14 and under and stated that this has started a lot of conversation so he is presenting the current State laws and local ordinances to provide more insight. He provided definitions and Virginia State Code information on E-Bikes, motorized skateboards and scooters, and electric personal assistive mobility devices. Chief Keatts also reviewed regulations pertaining to golf cart limitations and safety guidelines. He also explained the Police Department's current enforcement standards and provided information on upcoming educational opportunities.

Mayor Hux stated that there are many golf carts in the City, however, only nine are registered and legal. He stated that the City plans to do a much better job of informing and educating the public.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the work session was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.