

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 14, 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
D. Wayne Moore, City Attorney

ABSENT: NONE

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

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

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

Bay Star Homes – Josh Jordan

Josh Jordan was not in attendance.

Introduction of New and Newly Promoted Employees:

Brad Wilkins introduced three new employees to the Public Works Department. David Thomas, Jerome Dailey and Curtis Rowe, all are very excited for the opportunity to work in the City.

City Manager Randy Wheeler introduced newly promoted Mark Boesen. Mark has worked for the City for many years and appreciates the opportunity in his new capacity.

Chad Krejcarek, Utilities Superintendent introduced his two new employees to the Utility Department, Richard Smith and Joshua Tall. Both employees are Poquoson residents and excited for the opportunity to be working in their City.

Police Chief Cliff Bowen introduced returning officer Brandi Gills, who was unable to attend. Chief Bowen also introduced two newly promoted employees; Kelly Waddell, newly promoted to Captain and Ty Farrington, Jr., newly promoted to Lieutenant. Both expressed gratitude for their opportunities.

CLOSED SESSION:

Councilman Green moved, seconded by Councilman Cannella, to go into Closed Session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) and 2.2-3711(A)(7) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended to discuss personnel matters; i.e. City Manager's Contract; and to discuss a specific legal matter requiring the advice of legal counsel. Recorded vote on the motion:

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

NO: None

RECONVENMENT – Certification

Upon reconvening from Closed Session, Councilman Green moved, seconded by Councilman Cannella, to adopt a resolution certifying that only personnel issues and a specific legal matter requiring the advice of legal counsel were discussed during the Closed Session. Recorded vote on the motion:

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

NO: None

AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA:

Councilman Green moved, seconded by Councilman Cannella to amend the agenda to add a Number 4 under Section I. New Business to include a Resolution approving an employment agreement with the City Manager. Recorded vote on the motion:

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

NO: None

ELECTION OF THE VICE MAYOR AND APPOINTMENT OF THE CITY MANAGER, CITY CLERK, CITY ATTORNEY AND DEPUTY CITY CLERK:

A Resolution Electing A Vice Mayor of the City of Poquoson, Virginia

Councilman Green moved, seconded by Councilman Southall to adopt the resolution electing a Vice Mayor of the City of Poquoson, Virginia and inserting the following name: Carey L. Freeman. Recorded vote on the motion:

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

NO: None.

ABSTAIN: Vice Mayor Freeman

A Resolution Appointing the City Manager of the City of Poquoson, Virginia

Councilman Green moved, seconded by Councilman Cannella to adopt the resolution appointing the City Manager of the City of Poquoson, Virginia and inserting the following name: J. Randall Wheeler.
Recorded vote on the motion:

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

NO: None

A Resolution Appointing the City Clerk of the City of Poquoson, Virginia

Councilman Green moved, seconded by Councilman Cannella to adopt the resolution appointing the City Clerk of the City of Poquoson, Virginia and inserting the following name: Evie Insley.
Recorded vote on the motion:

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

NO: None

A Resolution Appointing the City Attorney of the City of Poquoson, Virginia

Councilman Green moved, seconded by Councilman Southall to adopt the resolution appointing the City Attorney of the City of Poquoson, Virginia and inserting the following name: D. Wayne Moore.
Recorded vote on the motion:

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

NO: None

A Resolution Appointing the Deputy City Clerk of the City of Poquoson, Virginia

Councilman Green moved, seconded by Councilman Cannella to adopt the resolution appointing the Deputy City Clerk of the City of Poquoson, Virginia and inserting the following name: Kimberly A. Healy. Recorded vote on the motion:

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

NO: None

AUDIENCE FOR VISITORS:

None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Councilman Green moved, seconded by Councilman Cannella, to adopt the minutes of the regular session held on December 10, 2018 as submitted. Recorded vote on the motion:

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

NO: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into Contract with the Virginia Peninsula Public Service Authority (Special Project Agreement – Curbside Recycling Project) for the Curbside Collection of Recyclables**

Tom Jones, Director of Public Works and Steve Geissler, Executive Director of VPPSA presented Council with a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into contract with the Virginia Peninsula Public Service Authority (VPPSA) (Special Project Agreement – Curbside Recycling Project) for the curbside collection of recyclables. Tom Jones explained that the City of Poquoson has the highest collection rate of recycling than any other locality in the recycling business.

Our current recycling contract is expiring June 30, 2019. VPPSA recently solicited bids for these services and has recommended that the contract be awarded to Tidewater Fibre Corporation (TFC Recycling). The new Agreement between VPPSA and TFC Recycling includes a significant increase in the cost of services, in part, due to import restrictions/bans imposed by China in 2017 concerning mixed paper. Current supply exceeds demands and the revenue from the sale of mixed paper has decreased significantly.

The cost of services in this agreement increase from \$1.58/household/month to \$3.75/household/month plus a processing fee of \$95 per ton of recyclable materials collected (based on house count and total

quantity collected, the processing fee is equivalent to \$1.91/household/month). The new equivalent total cost is \$5.66/household/month. As a result, the total FY20 budget for curbside recycling will increase to \$315,304 from the FY19 budget of \$90,976. This is equivalent to a \$9 increase in the Sewer/Solid Waste Bi-monthly bill paid by homeowners. Staff is currently evaluating both the Sewer and Solid Waste funds to determine if we have the means to reduce the impact this will have on our homeowners in FY20.

Councilman Green asked about the cost of solid waste if recycling were to be discontinued. Public Works Director Tom Jones indicated the loss of the recycling service would necessitate the current recycling materials be added to the solid waste pickup. This could effectively double the amount of solid waste and the increase would be transferred to our citizens. The cost to citizens would be greater since most residents would likely need two containers in lieu of one.

Councilman Green moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Freeman to adopt the resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into contract with the Virginia Peninsula Public Service Authority (Special Project Agreement – Curbside Recycling Project) for the Curbside Collection of Recyclables. Recorded vote on the motion:

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

NO: None

2. Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into Contract with Vision Government Solutions for Statement of Work, Phase II Providing New Real Estate Assessment Software

Assistant City Manager Graham Wilson presented Council with a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into contract with Vision Government Solutions for statement of work, Phase II providing new real estate assessment software. Buddy Faison, City Assessor was present for any questions Council may have had.

City Council previously approved a resolution for the City Manager to enter into contract with Vision Government Solutions to provide a new real estate assessment software package. It was the intent to utilize the new software for the upcoming fiscal year 2020 reassessment; however, during the course of implementation it was determined that an expanded Statement of Work (SOW) was necessary to ensure the software is fully integrated with the City's financial software (Bright) and GIS (GeoDecisions).

The cost for this work is \$24,800 and will be incurred during next fiscal year. The SOW includes completion of Vision to Bright Export feature that will provide the Commissioner of the Revenue with the annual and biennial data required by that office. It fully integrates the CAMA export of needed GIS data to the GIS vendor and provides for a complete data conversion of the assessors data to provide a clean start for the following fiscal year. Further, it provides for all necessary training and consulting to accomplish this task.

The delay in implementing the software for the upcoming fiscal year reassessment will have no impact on the timeliness of the FY20 reassessment. Additionally, this delay will allow York County to complete their implementation of the same software and allow for them to work out any system issues

ahead of Poquoson, as was originally planned prior to a similar delay experienced in York County earlier this year.

Councilman Green moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Freeman to adopt the resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into contract with Vision Government Solutions for statement of work, Phase II providing new Real Estate assessment software. Recorded vote on the motion:

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

NO: None

3. Resolution in Support of Legislation Proposed by Delegate Helsel in Regard to Workers' Compensation; Presumption of Compensability for Certain Diseases

City Manager Randy Wheeler presented Council with a resolution in support of HB1804 and SB1030 Workers' Compensation; Presumption of Compensation for Certain Diseases that Delegate Helsel has introduced as a co-patron for consideration by the Virginia General Assembly during the upcoming 2019 session. The proposed legislation adds cancers of the colon, brain, or testes to the list of cancers that are presumed to be an occupational disease covered by the Virginia Workers' Compensation Act when firefighters and certain employees develop the cancer. The measure removes the compensability requirement that the employee who develops cancer had contact with a toxic substance encountered in the line of duty.

Councilman Green moved, seconded by Councilman Cannella to adopt the resolution in support of Legislation Proposed by delegate Helsel in regard to Workers' Compensation; Presumption of Compensability for Certain Diseases. Recorded vote on the motion:

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

NO: None

4. Resolution Approving an Employment Agreement with the City Manager

Council was presented a resolution approving the employment agreement with the City Manager, Randy Wheeler. The Employment Agreement with the City Manager effective January 14, 2019 through January 31, 2021. The Agreement is essentially the same as the current Agreement entered into on January 23, 2017 except for the incorporation of the salary increases provided to all employees during the previous contract term including the most recent .2% adjustment for each completed, continuous year of service as of January 1, 2019.

Councilman Green moved, seconded by Councilman Cannella to adopt the resolution approving an employment agreement with the City Manager. Recorded vote on the motion:

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

NO: None

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER:

City Manager Randy Wheeler thanked members of Council for a very good 10 years for himself and his family and he is looking forward to the future. Mr. Wheeler thanked the employees that were introduced or re-introduced to the City as well as the families that attended the promotional ceremony that was conducted earlier in the day.

COUNCIL DIRECTIVES:

Councilman Hux congratulated the Fire Department for their successful grant application to cover half the cost of an ambulance.

Councilman Green reminded everyone that Tuesday, January 22nd is the Food Bank and is hosted by the Virginia Peninsula Realtors Association.

Councilman Cannella congratulated the new and promoted employees and thanked Council for the approval of the resolution to support the legislation that Delegate Hesel introduced.

Councilman Southall congratulated City Manager Randy Wheeler on his new contract. He stated what an efficient City government that is greatly organized by Mr. Wheeler that leads a wonderful staff from the public services inside the building to road repair which makes him very proud to be part of the City.

Councilwoman Andrews reminded citizens there are several Boards have upcoming terms expiring and encourages citizens if interested to fill out a Bank Board Application.

Vice Mayor Freeman thanked Council for the support of continuing to serve as Vice Mayor. Vice Mayor Freeman also welcomed new and promoted employees including the re-appointed positions.

Mayor Hunt echoed all comments from Council and thanked all employees for the great job they do for the City.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

NO: None

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:01 p.m.