

Regular Council Meeting

October 1, 2012

The Town Council met in regular session on Monday, October 1, 2012, in the Council Room of the Charles A. Robinson, Jr. Town Hall at 127 Center Street, South in Vienna, Virginia. Mayor Seeman called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. with the following members of Council present: Laurie Genevro Cole, Laurie A. DiRocco, Edythe Frankel Kelleher, Michael J. Polychrones, Carey J. Sienicki and Howard J. Springsteen. Also present were Mercury T. Payton, Town Manager, Steven D. Briglia, Town Attorney and Melanie J. Clark, Town Clerk.

Ms. Whitney Kirby of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Comforter opened the meeting with an invocation. The meeting continued with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved for approval of the Regular Minutes and the Work Session Minutes of September 17, 2012 as submitted.

Motion: Councilmember Kelleher
Second: Councilmember DiRocco
Abstained: Councilmember Cole
Carried - No Poll Vote

RECEIPT OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr. John Shreffler, 900 Echols St., SE, addressed Council regarding a road plan that has been proposed through a forest. After knocking on many doors he found that he was not alone and they organized a group to "Save the Forest." They have had some meetings with Fairfax County, things have moved along but they still have not got what they have asked for, which is to take this plan off the table completely. They held a block party, rally type of event in the forest and much to their delight a number of elected officials stopped by the event; Sharon Bulova, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, Supervisor Cathy Hudgins, Delegate Mark Keam, Delegate Barbara Comstock and Councilmember Sienicki. He understands this is not a Vienna issue but he just wanted to stop by and let Council know how much he appreciates their support.

Lucy Bonacquist, Commons Dr., Vienna addressed Council to announce an event that she is sponsoring called Tai Chi for Veterans being held on Saturday October 13, 2012 in the Louise Archer Elementary School Multipurpose Room from 1:00

p.m. – 3:30 p.m. She is sponsoring this in honor of her father and all the local and tri-state area Veterans who have served our country. The reason she is doing this event is because she has found that Tai Chi is a very profound healing art that can be done by anyone, regardless of their physical limitations. She will have local experts come and explain the history of Tai Chi and demonstrate some popular routines.

REPORT AND INQUIRIES OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilmember DiRocco reported that she had attended the 107th VML Conference with a number of other Councilmembers in Williamsburg. There is always something that you can garner from the seminars that took place. She took a seminar on Transparency which was very interesting; they gave a lot of good ideas about information and how to find it on the web. The Town has almost all of the information that they mentioned on the web already but more of it is putting it in a place that makes it really easy for residents to be able to pull it up and look at it. They also talked about performance management systems and how to measure things which as a Town they should look at. Mayor Seeman stated that as a public body they can never be too transparent, there needs to be constant communication with the public.

Councilmember Sienicki congratulated the more than 350 student athletes from Madison High School that helped out the Town by working on five parks; The Town Green, Southside, Waters Field, Nottoway and Idylwood, by cleaning up around them, they did a total of 800 man hours. It was a great event and a great partnership with Madison High School. She thanked everyone involved.

Councilmember Cole reported that she saw five deer in her back yard and wants to confirm that the Town is coordinating with Fairfax County and the Department of Wildlife on the deer population control effort.

Councilmember Kelleher invited everyone to an Election Issues Forum being sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary on October 17, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the American Legion. Refreshments will be served. Delegate Mark Keam, Delegate Barbara Comstock and Dr. Toni-Michelle Travis will be part of the panel.

Councilmember Springsteen asked if they could get a report on the water meters that have been installed in the Town buildings that did not have meters, showing how much more income these meters have brought in.

Councilmember Springsteen also asked about the status of the meeting with Fairfax Water. Dennis Johnson stated that they did have a meeting with Fairfax Water and things are looking pretty good. There are a couple of meter vaults that they think can be reactivated; they are the ones that had been turned off in 2006. There will be a health department discussion on Tuesday October 2nd, a field

inspection with Fairfax Water, Falls Church and the Town staff on Wednesday October 3rd and then he will promptly give them a report once they have everything nailed down.

Councilmember Springsteen stated that he was approached by a resident that was concerned about how the traffic calming was going on Park & Locust streets; he would like to make sure the Town keeps an eye on things, some people like it and some people don't.

REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER

Mr. Payton reported that on Friday October 5, 2012 it is "Visit a Park Day" and encouraged everyone to visit a park. He also mentioned that they held two more community meetings on the PPEA parking garage proposal that were well attended. There were a lot of good comments and discussion.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Seeman reported that at the VML Conference in Williamsburg, VA the Town was awarded the Gold Certification for successfully implementing environmental policies and taking practical actions to reduce carbon emissions.

Mayor Seeman also reported that she had the pleasure of visiting the 2nd graders at Louise Archer Elementary School, which is always very interesting. They have asked for more parades, a pool, candy land, water park, Lego store, paintball store, movie theater, prank store, speed bump on Blair Road, a rocket ship named after Vienna, a severe storm siren, no more homework, a bungee cord jumping course, more ice cream trucks and one little girl said she didn't need anything from the Town.

Mayor Seeman reported that the County is going to holding a Dialogue on Transportation Funding meeting on October 10, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at Thoreau Middle School to discuss how to generate revenue and to address transportation needs over the next ten years.

Mayor Seeman proposed that they move the re-adoption of the height limitation ordinance to the beginning of the meeting. All were in favor.

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved that the members of the Vienna Town Council be polled to affirm that during the Closed Session convened this date, Monday, October 1, 2012, the Town Council met for purposes of discussion of matters of personnel,

specifically the interviewing of candidates interested in appointment and /or re-appointment to Town boards and commissions.

It was further moved that the Certification Resolution be adopted in accordance with State Statutes, and the Town Clerk is authorized to execute the Certification Resolution.

It was further moved that the closed session be continued to later this date, October 1, 2012, at the conclusion of the Regular Council Meeting, in accordance with Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711.A(1), for purposes of discussion of matters of personnel.

Motion: Councilmember Kelleher
Second: Councilmember DiRocco
Carried – Poll vote

Voting Aye: Cole, DiRocco, Kelleher, Polychrones, Sienicki, Springsteen,
Mayor Seeman

It was moved that Maureen Alonso be re-appointed to the Community Enhancement Commission for a two year term of office, said term to begin October 19, 2012 and will expire October 19, 2014.

It was further moved that Michael Cheselka be appointed to the Board of Architectural Review to fill unexpired term on David Lanphear, said term expires July 11, 2013.

Motion: Councilmember Kelleher
Second: Mayor Seeman
Carried – No Poll vote

AGENDA ITEM #7

ADOPTION OF A PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF VIENNA, CHAPTER 18, ZONING, ARTICLE 12.1, C-1B, PEDESTRIAN COMMERCIAL ZONE REGULATIONS, SECTION 18-87.3.C., AREA REQUIREMENTS - HEIGHT.

It was moved for the adoption of a proposed ordinance to amend the Code of the Town of Vienna, Chapter 18, Zoning, Article 12.1, C-1B, Pedestrian Commercial Zone Regulations, Section 18-87.3.C., Area Requirements - Height.

It was further moved that the Town Clerk be directed to advertise the Notice of Adoption.

Motion: Councilmember DiRocco
Second: Councilmember Kelleher
Carried – Poll vote

Voting Aye: Cole, DiRocco, Kelleher, Sienicki, Springsteen,
Mayor Seeman
Voting Nay: Polychrones

AGENDA ITEM #5

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 11, PERSONNEL CODE.

See Official Minutes

AGENDA ITEM #6

PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT (PPEA) INTERIM AGREEMENT.

It was moved to defer the Interim Agreement with Arrington Properties LLC on the PPEA Parking structure to October 22, 2012.

Motion: Councilmember DiRocco
Second: Mayor Seeman
Carried – Poll vote

Voting Aye: Cole, DiRocco, Kelleher, Polychrones, Sienicki, Springsteen,
Mayor Seeman

AGENDA ITEM #8

APPOINTMENT OF MARION SERFASS AS ACTING TOWN TREASURER.

It was moved for the appointment of Marion Serfass as the Acting Town Treasurer until a new Town Treasurer is appointed.

Motion: Councilmember Kelleher
Second: Councilmember Polychrones
Carried – No Poll vote

AGENDA ITEM #9

APPOINTMENT OF TOWN OFFICIALS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013

It was moved for the re-appointment of the following Town Officials for Fiscal Year 2012-2013:

Steven D. Briglia as Town Attorney, pursuant to contractual agreements between the Town of Vienna and Steven D. Briglia for legal and prosecuting services.

It was further moved for the re-appointment of Melanie J. Clark as Town Clerk.

Motion: Mayor Seeman
Second: Councilmember Cole
Carried – No Poll vote

AGENDA ITEM #10

INCREASE DOG LICENSE FEES FOR ALL DOGS TO \$10, AS PART OF THE 2012 / 2013 BUDGET. PREVIOUSLY THE FEE WAS \$5 FOR DOGS THAT WERE SPAYED OR NEUTERED.

It was moved for Council approval for the adoption of the increase in Dog License fees to \$10 for all dogs, it was further moved that the Town Clerk be directed to advertise a Notice of Adoption.

Motion: Councilmember Cole
Second: Councilmember Sienicki
Carried –Poll vote

Voting Aye: Cole, DiRocco, Kelleher, Sienicki, Polychrones, Springsteen,
Mayor Seeman

AGENDA ITEM #11

REQUEST TO AWARD IFB 13-02 LANDSCAPE: PLANTS, TREES AND RELATED SUPPLIES TO MERRIFIELD GARDEN CENTER FOR OPERATIONAL SUPPLIES AND SIDEWALK PROJECTS.

It was moved for the award of IFB 13-02 to Merrifield Garden Center in an amount not to exceed \$35,000 from the Parks and Recreation account #10713-46003 and various CIP accounts to be determined by the Finance Department.

Motion: Councilmember Springsteen
Second: Councilmember Kelleher
Carried Unanimously –Poll vote

Voting Aye: Cole, DiRocco, Kelleher, Polychrones, Sienicki, Springsteen,
Mayor Seeman

AGENDA ITEM #12

AWARD A CONTRACT TO WILEY|WILSON FOR FOLLIN LANE SE SURVEY AND DESIGN.

It was moved for award of a design contract with Wiley|Wilson under RFP 10-02 for Follin Lane for an estimated cost of \$52,731 from CIP account number 388428-48801.

Motion: Councilmember Kelleher
Second: Councilmember DiRocco
Carried Unanimously –Poll vote

Voting Aye: Cole, DiRocco, Kelleher, Polychrones, Sienicki, Springsteen,
Mayor Seeman

AGENDA ITEM #13

AWARD A SURVEY AND DESIGN CONTRACT FOR MILL STREET NE TO WILEY|WILSON.

It was moved to table this matter until staff can work with the business owners.

Motion: Councilmember Polychrones
Second: Councilmember Springsteen
Carried Unanimously – No Poll vote

It was moved to recess into closed session at 9:32 p.m.

Motion: Councilmember Kelleher
Second: Councilmember DiRocco
Carried Unanimously – No Poll vote

It was moved that the members of the Vienna Town Council be polled to affirm that during the second Closed Session convened this date, Monday, October 1, 2012, the Town Council met for purposes of discussion of matters of personnel.

It was further moved that the Certification Resolution be adopted in accordance with State Statutes, and the Town Clerk is authorized to execute the Certification Resolution.

It was further moved that the closed session be continued to Monday, October 22, 2012 at 7:15 p.m. in accordance with Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711.A(1), for purposes of discussion of matters of personnel, specifically the interviewing of candidates interested in appointment and /or re-appointment to Town boards and commissions.

It was moved to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of October 1, 2012 at 9:53 p.m.

Motion: Councilmember Kelleher
Second: Councilmember DiRocco
Carried Unanimously- No Poll Vote

Signed / Dated: _____

M. Jane Seeman, Mayor

Attest:

Melanie J. Clark, CMC
Town Clerk