

Town of Haymarket
Town Council Meeting - Tuesday, June 21, 2011
15000 Washington Street~Haymarket, Virginia 20169
Mayor Pamela E. Stutz

Mayor calls the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Citizen's Time

Sheila Jarboe

6791 Jefferson Street

She is questioning the 700,000+ surplus that we seem to have. She would like to recommend and other residents that she has spoken with. She recommends that property owners see the money returned in the form of no property tax for this year and next.

Ralph Ring

14920 Greenhill Crossing Drive

He is assuming that the surplus does exist. He agrees that it should be returned to the residents of Haymarket. So lacking in services it should be returned. He would request to know how we got to this kind of surplus. We should learn from whatever

Rebecca Bare

A surplus on funds that haven't been allocated should go back to the residents.

Marchant Schneider

14841 Rising Sun Lane

He has not seen any published materials for this meeting. He recommends that the town's input be solicited. It should be a deliberative process. A cost/benefit analysis. We have a CIP that needs to be funded. We have an annexation process that will need funding. Pedestrian access from Old Carolina. Other items in the CIP that could be funded. Perhaps we should pay down our debt. He assumes that the Council will not take any action tonight.

David Brooks

14938 Greenhill Crossing Drive

He is in favor of the deliberative process that needs to happen. There are a couple of choices. Think about our budget and allocation process. He is not sure what the correct direction is. He encourages more than just a gut reaction. We should insure that it does not happen again this year.

Clerk reads aloud a statement from Jim & Stephanie Graham, sent to Mr. Weir via email.

Council Time

Tobias

There was an initial purpose to this meeting that has now become a secondary purpose. Last year we carried over \$289,000 that became \$307,000. It was allocated to various projects. When he saw the \$700,000 number he was stunned and council should take responsibility. We need to seriously consider how we got here and how we are going to cure this from happening again.

Naradzay

We have been conservative on our revenues. We have the ideas, but we cannot seem to go the extra yardage to spend.

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Weir

Last year's budget discussions, he brought up this very issue. He believes he voted against that budget.

Kenworthy

Agrees with Weir, we should give a percentage of it back. But we need to get the jobs done that need to be done

Scarborough

She doesn't think we should do anything rash tonight.

Cole

We developed a CIP plan, we stopped going down that list. We need to apply funds to these projects. We should identify the need and hold those funds.

Leake

Asks about meal's tax, what did we collect over an above what was budgeted. This year was 360,000 budget. He is supportive of giving back to the residents.

Stutz

She would love to get a check back. Unfortunately, we have to move on. This is a good opportunity for 1 or 2 council members to step forward to help the staff get these projects completed.

Town Attorney Customary Reserve is 20% of the last budget for most jurisdictions

Legal requirement to refund it has to be from real property taxes, pursuant to 15.225.11

**Weir asks the Town Attorney to put the mechanism in place so that we are not arguing when to do it, how to do it. (draft an ordinance)

Tobias motions to instruct the Town Attorney to draft and advertisement for a Public Hearing to be held on July 5, 2011 asking that the following be advertised to solicit the input for the expenditures of the reserves

\$50,000 Museum

\$150,000 Hulfish

\$200,000 Red Rooster

\$100,000 parking lots and travel ways

\$200,000 refund of real property tax, Leake seconds;

Roll Call Vote: Tobias-Yes, Leake-Yes, Cole-Yes, Scarborough-Yes, Kenworthy-Yes

Weir motions to enter into closed session pursuant to 2.2-3711A (1) discussion and consideration of the performance of named town employees and under section A(4), Tobias seconds;

Roll Call Vote: Tobias-Yes, Leake-Yes, Cole-Yes, Scarborough-Yes, Kenworthy-Yes

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Tobias motions certification of the closed session that the only items discussed were those noted in the motion to enter. Scarbrough, Leake, & Stutz released themselves from a portion of the closed session,

Weir seconds;

Discussion: Tobias asks if the Town Attorney and Councilman Weir continued discussions after he left the closed session also. The Town Attorney responded that no, they did not

Tobias-Yes, Leake-Yes, Cole-Yes, Stutz-Yes, Scarbrough-Yes, Kenworthy-Yes, Weir-Yes

**Weir asks for an agenda item for July 5, he would like consideration of waiving the closed session privilege pertaining to the action of elected officials with regard to certain police files.

Cole motions to adjourn the special meeting of the Town Council on Tuesday, June 21, 2011; Tobias seconds;

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Submitted:

Approved:

Jennifer Preli, Town Clerk

Pamela E. Stutz, Mayor