



TOWN OF HAYMARKET TOWN COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING ~ MINUTES ~

David Leake, Mayor
<http://www.townofhaymarket.org/>

15000 Washington St
Haymarket, VA 20169

Friday, June 27, 2014

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

A Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Haymarket, VA, was held this evening in the Board Room, Commencing at 6:30 PM

Mayor David Leake called the meeting to order.

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

Councilman Steve Aitken: Present, Councilwoman Rebecca Bare: Late, Councilwoman Katherine Harnest: Absent, Councilwoman Mary-Lou Scarbrough: Late, Councilman Milt Kenworthy: Present, Vice Mayor Jay Tobias: Present, Mayor David Leake: Present.

3. Agenda Items

A. Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Appropriations

Move to amend the Fiscal Year 2014 Budget, #2014-003, by reducing street scape capital reserves in the amount of \$104,500 and the General Reserves by \$45,500 and appropriate an expenditure of \$150,000 to be allocated among the property owners who have been assessed a real estate tax in the Town of Haymarket for calendar year 2013. Checks to bear the issue date of June 30, 2014

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rebecca Bare, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Mary-Lou Scarbrough, Councilwoman
AYES:	Aitken, Bare, Scarbrough, Kenworthy, Tobias
ABSENT:	Katherine Harnest

B. Authorize Tax Rebate FY 2014

Bare comments that instead of proposing the tax refund in next year's budget, she would like to see it in this current year's budget, FY 2014. The Mayor asks how can we determine our surplus if the year has not even ended.

WHEREAS, the Town of Haymarket anticipates approximately \$150,000 in excess real property tax revenue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 and whereas the return of surplus real property tax revenues is authorized by VA 15.2-2511.1

Now, therefore, be it ordained that the Town Council of the Town of Haymarket meeting this 27th day of June 2014 that the Town Council finds that the real property tax has generated approximately \$150,000 surplus over governmental needs;

Be it further ordained that the refund checks be issued, to the address of record, on or before June 30, 2014 and that the Treasurer reduce the taxpayers refund by the amount of any taxes penalties or interest that are due from such taxpayer or any past due tax penalties and interest that has been assessed within the appropriate period of limitations. For the purposes of this ordinance any taxes includes any taxes assess on any basis, including and without limitations, real estate personal property, BPOL and meal's tax. This Ordinance is effective upon adoption

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rebecca Bare, Councilwoman
AYES:	Aitken, Bare, Scarbrough, Kenworthy, Tobias
ABSENT:	Katherine Harnest

C. Appropriate funds

Move to purchase twenty-four months of prior service for Chief James Roop into the Virginia Retirement System with a check in the amount of \$21,826 to VRS, dated and mailed on June 30, 2014 to be paid from the Public Safety Police Department category.

Discussion: Tobias notes that the Town had in place for year an IRA program, a number of staff participated in the IRA. The employees had the option to buy back some of their service with those IRA funds. Tobias explains that those excess funds in the public safety line items have been allocated to the rebate. He would rather do more research on this and educate us better. Tobias has issues with doing for one employee and not doing for another. Its not that he doesn't necessarily support it, but we need to better educate ourselves. The Mayor reminds that its also about transparency and it may be a good thing, but feels it should have been an agenda items. Tobias agrees that this is a huge transparency issue. Aitken feels he is being blind-sided here. Tobias suggest to adopt the budget with the \$150,000 excess, put \$50,000 to Town Center Master Plan and the rest to employee retirement buy-back. Scarbrough is comfortable with letting this motion go as long as it is budgeted for next year, for consideration.

RESULT:	WITHDRAWN [3 TO 2]
AYES:	Rebecca Bare, Mary-Lou Scarbrough, Milt Kenworthy
NAYS:	Steve Aitken, Jay Tobias
ABSENT:	Katherine Harnest

D. Rescind June 23, 2014 resolution adopting the budget

Tobias asks that Council reconsider the vote of June 23, 2015 adopting the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget. Council agrees to reconsider

Move to rescind the vote of June 23, 2015 adopting the Fiscal Year 2015

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jay Tobias, Vice Mayor
SECONDER:	Mary-Lou Scarbrough, Councilwoman
AYES:	Aitken, Bare, Scarbrough, Kenworthy, Tobias
ABSENT:	Katherine Harnest

E. Fiscal Year 2015 Budget

The Council would like to amend the budget as follows:

- Strike the -\$150,000 in real estate tax revenue:
- Add to expenses: \$40,000 to Town Administration VRS making it \$52,000
- Add to expenses: \$60,000 to Public Safety VRS making it \$81,500
- Add to expenses: \$50,000 to Harrover Master Plan making it \$100,000

Move to adopt resolution 20140627-4 to adopt the annual operating budget, capital improvement budget, and the advertised tax rates in support of the budget for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015 in the amount of \$3,359,264, as included in tonight's packet (reflecting a rebate), but with the changes noted above instead of the rebate.

Discussion: The Mayor comments there has been no notice, no public comment, he does not feel this is the right way to do things. The Mayor feels that the retirement buy back should have been discussed in one of the seven work sessions held. Tobias reminds that the bottom line number has not changed and we are making this change within the law.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Jay Tobias, Vice Mayor
SECONDER: Rebecca Bare, Councilwoman
AYES: Aitken, Bare, Scarbrough, Kenworthy, Tobias
ABSENT: Katherine Harnest

4. Motion to Adjourn

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Rebecca Bare, Councilwoman
SECONDER: Mary-Lou Scarbrough, Councilwoman
AYES: Aitken, Bare, Scarbrough, Kenworthy, Tobias
ABSENT: Katherine Harnest

Submitted:

Approved:

Jennifer Preli, Town Clerk

David Leake, Mayor