

Town of Haymarket Town Council
15000 Washington Street~Haymarket, Virginia 20169
Mayor Pamela E. Stutz
Tuesday, July 21, 2009

The meeting is being held after the Town Council could not convene on their scheduled meeting of July 13, 2009 due to lack of a quorum.

Mayor calls the meeting to order at 7:00

Roll Call: Leake, Cole, Stutz, Edwards, Weir
Shurn & Vazquez are absent

Pledge of Allegiance

Citizen's Time

Jack Kapp

He doesn't think it is a feasible alternative to lease to Mr. Kennedy then sub-lease. He feels the Town Hall should be in the center of town.

Cole responds that we are looking at all of these options and come up with the best plan to move forward. There are challenges with all of the options.

The Mayor would like everyone to know that Mr. Kennedy is still working with banks for financing.

Maria Turner

She comments on Giuseppe's appeal, that he should just put it up anyway because that's what all the other businesses do. She thinks the property should be put back up for sale, because we have no idea. She is offended by the signs up front on the property. People use that green, the signs should come down.

She was driving and saw a lot of people on bicycles congregating at Tyler Elementary. She thinks they don't want to stop because the town looks terrible.

Chuck Carnahan

6654 Hunting Path Road

He more than anyone wants to see this project succeed. However, he has several reservations about the town participating financially in this. We cannot afford to participate financially. He still thinks there is an issue of code and zoning enforcement if we still own it. He would like an update on the street-scape.

Linda Landwehr

Kennedy deal contract is dead. In corporate America you move on. Its time to go through the "break-up". The dream has not happened now and you can't keep hoping it is going to. If Mr. Kennedy comes back with a new deal then we can rethink it then. Lets fix this property, rent it out. If we want a walking town we are not doing anything with our buildings. Nothing is getting done.

Ken Luersen

He was wondering the exact same thing. Would like to see something in the newsletter on what is going on

Minutes

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Edwards motions to approve the minutes of June 1, 2009, Weir seconds;

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Absent: Shuryn & Vazquez

Town Manager's Report

Street-scape. We went through an extensive process with regard to the appraisals. We cannot approach a property owner until VDOT approves and authorizes right-of-way acquisitions. We are off our schedule.

The repairs to the crosswalks have been engineered. He is usually on the phone with VDOT probably once per day. Mayor comments that this would make a good newsletter article to update on the street-scape and cross-walks.

15026 Washington Street

They developed a short term agreement to go ahead and start the cosmetic work so they are prepared for the upcoming school season for DayTime PlayTime. He has 2 bids he hopes to have a 3rd bid tomorrow. We have budgeted \$101,000 for repairs on this property. It will be DayTime PlayTime moving from the Fosters building.

Weir asks about this being a change of use and if the repairs/renovations are necessary. Teaching the Basics was a religious organization this is a for profit business. The county does agree with Mr. Lowery, they really are safety issues for kids. Weir comments that we have current tenants that need to be taken care of.

Edwards motions to enter into closed session 2.2-3711 A (3) property and A (1)

Cole seconds; Discussion:

Weir comments that Council has made a promise to discuss these options in open. We were going to have a town hall meeting and tell everyone everything anyway.

Leake-Yes, Cole-Yes, Stutz-Yes, Shuryn-Yes, Edwards-Yes, Weir-No

Cole motions certification of the closed session that the only items discussed were those noted in the motion to enter, how say each of you:

Leake-Yes, Cole-Yes, Stutz-Yes, Shuryn-Yes, Edwards-Yes, Weir-Yes

Cole motions to authorize the expenditure up to \$40,000 for the renovation of 15026 Washington Street, subject to negotiation and appropriate to the lessee, and get price bids to fix up this building to lease to tenants, Edwards seconds;

Money is to come from the capital improvement fund;

Leake-Yes, Cole-Yes, Shuryn-Yes, Edwards-Yes, Weir-Yes

Police Report

Chief asks if there are questions comments or concerns

Edwards asks about the single lane driveway, is it a safety issue? Police Chief responds no.

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Building Officials Report

Weir would like an explanation on the class E occupancy for DayTime PlayTime, he would like a justification on that, he is not reading it the same in the building code.

Treasurer's Report

We ended the year very positively. He would like to go with SunTrust on the lease of the police cruiser. We have clear direction that the Town Manager can order the cruisers, lease and outfit two police cruisers line item from the budget
4.05% from SunTrust, oth

Weir motions to allocate the funds (\$17,000 annually) for leasing two Dodge police cruisers, one for a 3 year term, one with a 5-year term, to be financed through SunTrust, Shuryn seconds;

Roll Call Vote: Leake-Yes, Cole-Yes, Shuryn-Yes, Edwards-Yes, Weir-Yes

Audit

Treasurer is a bit concerned that out of the 4 or 5 RFP's sent out, Frye & Wolcott \$13,000, the other is \$15,000-\$18,000, income is down, utility taxes are down, retail sales tax is down about 18% from this time last year. Town Manager adds that he spoke with VML and government finance association, they do recommend that you change auditors every 4-6 years, the budget difference is almost not justifiable. He asks that we do the formal bid again next year. Weir asks about the prime time to send out the RFP, we need to put out the next RFP. TA offers \$15,000 to Cox, by default

Weir moves to authorize the Town Treasurer to negotiate a contract with the high bidder for an audit fee not to exceed \$15 K, then \$13,500 for years 2 and 3 and negotiate with Frye & Wolcott to \$12,500 for one year only, Cole seconds;

Roll Call Vote: Leake-Yes, Cole-Yes, Shuryn-Yes, Edwards-Yes, Weir-Yes

**Instruct Town Treasurer to negotiate with SunTrust the necessity of having an annual audit. Mayor and Weir would prefer an annual audit.

Weir asks that if SunTrust allows us to do bi-annual audits, if we are going to do it that it coincide with the election year.

Giuseppe Russo's appeal of ARB decision

Application was turned down because the board members did not feel that the look fit the building.

Edwards motions to defer Giuseppe Russo's appeal of the ARB's denial of his Certificate of Appropriateness application for awnings to August 3, 2009, Cole seconds;

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Absent: Vazquez

There is a question with regard to the validity of the help desk support and it all goes to the OIT investigation going on in the county.

Business Licenses

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Weir moves to approve business license applications for Build 4 Today, Casablanca Electric, R.E. Hardy Plumbing & Heating, all as out-of-town contractors, Shuryn seconds;

**Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Absent: Vazquez**

Roof Repair at 2nd house at Harrover. Roof is leaking. Two things, there are 3 bids on the roof repair.

**Edwards motions to authorize the Town Manager to proceed with the roof repair on the Harrover house at 14740 Washington Street in an amount not to exceed \$6,000 this come from the capital reserve line item from the budget
Leake-Yes, Cole-Yes, Shuryn-Yes, Edwards-Yes, Weir-No**

Personnel Policies

Deferred

Mayor Stutz

Haymarket Day is coming, we need volunteers. She announces our new program SCOPE for kids, there has been a fairly good response and a good response in the 14-17 year old range.

**She would like an article on SCOPE in newsletter

Mayor reminds everyone of the Farmer's Market on Saturdays, please visit us

The Mayor announces that she met with Supervisors Stirrup and Covington regarding annexation. She is asking council to consider proposing annexing the 1-mile radius.

Interchange is in the works at Routes 15 & 55, it is dangerous please be careful. She encourages the residents to come to our meetings.

Weir - When are we getting rid of the signs here on the property advertising the Old Towne Centre?

**Mayor will take care of it this week.

Weir

He comments that he doesn't hold much back, but he plays by the rules, you may not like the viewpoint, when you run for office some times you get kudos, sometimes criticism. He makes it a point to talk to residents throughout the town. He does go out and make the effort to talk with them. He does not think his words should be looked at, approved, or reviewed by this body. He does not feel any obligation to have the council condone his words. There is not one view; there is no right or wrong position.

Cole

Cole reads bullet points from an email sent to the Council from resident Jay Tobias; Cole asks that the clerk enter it into the record.

Edwards motions to adjourn the July 21, 2009 meeting of the Town Council, Shuryn seconds;

**Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Absent: Vazquez**

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Submitted:

Approved:

Jennifer Preli, Town Clerk

Pamela E. Stutz, Mayor