

The regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Front Royal, Virginia was held on February 26, 2018, in the Warren County Government Center’s Board Meeting Room. Mayor Tharpe led Council and those attending in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and a Moment of Silence. The roll was called at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Hollis L. Tharpe
Councilman John P. Connolly
Councilman Gary L. Gillispie
Councilman Jacob L. Meza
Councilman Christopher S. Morrison
Councilman William A. Sealock
Vice Mayor Eugene R. Tewalt
Town Attorney Douglas W. Napier
Town Manager Joseph E. Waltz
Clerk of Council Jennifer E. Berry, CMC

(The above listed members represent the full body of Council as authorized in the Town Charter.)

Vice Mayor Tewalt moved, seconded by Councilman Sealock moved that Council approve the Regular Council Meeting minutes of February 12, 2018 as presented.

Vote: Yes – Connolly, Gillispie, Meza, Morrison, Sealock and Tewalt
No – N/A
Abstain – N/A
Absent – N/A
(Mayor Tharpe did not vote as there was no tie to require his vote)
(By Roll Call)

RECEIPT OF PETITIONS OR CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no receipts or correspondence from the public.

Town Manager, Joseph Waltz, noted that he had no report this evening.

Brandon Davis, Executive Director of the Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission, noted that the NSVRC was working on a Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan and they are attempting to include hazards that are not natural as well as the regular natural hazards everyone generally thinks of. Mr. Davis added that they are also working on a Water Supply Plan for the Shenandoah Valley and they will finish that plan in the next six months. He stated that they are taking into account programs that can be operated through the USDA Rural Development and they are undertaking a Regional Economical Development Plan and that will assist with funding. He explained that they assist with everything from transportation, to planning, to homelessness and other areas of expertise and he encouraged Council to check their website and contact him if they could assist in any way. Mr. Davis added that he was always available to Council for any assistance that NSVRC could provide.

Mayor Tharpe asked if there were any proposals for additions or deletions to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA - NONE

COUNCIL APPROVAL – An Ordinance to Rescind Town Code §180-182
POLICY STATEMENTS (2nd Reading)

Summary: Council is requested to adopt on its second and final reading an Ordinance to rescind Town Code Section 180-182 POLICY STATEMENTS due to these specific policies no longer being in existence as written.

Councilman Connolly moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Tewalt that Council adopt on its second and final reading an Ordinance to rescind Town Code Section 180-182 POLICY STATEMENTS, as presented.

Vote: Yes – Connolly, Gillispie, Meza, Morrison, Sealock and Tewalt
No – N/A
Abstain – N/A
Absent – N/A
(Mayor Tharpe did not vote as there was no tie to require his vote)
(By Roll Call)

COUNCIL APPROVAL – Proffer Amendment to Amend 2010 Proffers for Conditional Rezoning of Approximately 149 Acres – Front Royal Limited Partnership – David Vazanna (2nd Reading)

Summary: A proffer amendment has been submitted by Front Royal Limited Partnership (FRLP), c/o David Vazanna, to amend the 2010 proffers associated with the conditional rezoning of approximately 149 acres that is located within the R1-A Zoning District. The proposed proffers do not alter the maximum allowed density of the development. The proposed proffers include other changes such as, but not limited to: 1) New off-site transportation proffers to be completed by FRLP; 2) The addition of per-unit cash proffers to be paid to the Town for use towards a new police headquarters; 3) Elimination of per-unit cash proffers to be used towards Leach Run Parkway; 4) Removal of the future off-site phases of the East/West Connector Road; 5) Removal of various credits to be received by FRLP from the Town; 6) Adjustment of “when” cash proffers are paid to Warren County for school impacts; 7) Widening of a proposed on-site trail; and 8) Elimination of Energy Star Certification requirements.

Council is requested to adopt on its second and final reading a request to amend the 2010 proffers associated with the conditional rezoning of approximately 149 acres to the R1-A District as presented.

Councilman Sealock moved, seconded by Councilman Morrison that Council adopt on its second and final reading a request from Front Royal Limited Partnership (FRLP) c/o David Vazanna to amend the 2010 proffers associated with the conditional rezoning of approximately 149 acres to the R1-A District, as presented.

Vote: Yes – Connolly, Gillispie, Meza, Morrison, Sealock and Tewalt
No – N/A
Abstain – N/A
Absent – N/A
(Mayor Tharpe did not vote as there was no tie to require his vote)
(By Roll Call)

COUNCIL APPROVAL – Virginia Commission of the Arts Creative Communities Partnership Grant Application for Front Royal Oratorio Society and Blue Ridge Arts Council (BRAC)

Summary: Council has received a request from the Front Royal Oratorio Society and the Blue Ridge Arts Council (BRAC) seeking the Town’s approval of an application for FY19 Virginia Commission of the Arts (VCA) Creative Communities Partnership Grant (*formerly Local Government Challenge Grant*) in the amount of \$5,000.00. The Front Royal Oratorio Society is seeking \$500.00 and the Blue Ridge Arts Council is seeking \$4,500.00. Last year the VCA cut their funding by \$500.00; therefore, the Town only received \$4,500 from VCA but matched \$5,000. The funding is again capped at \$4,500 this year; therefore, Council is requesting that \$4,000 be distributed to BRAC and \$500 to the Oratorio Society. Once the application is approved by VCA the grant monies will not be released until VCA receives a written confirmation from the Town that the matching requirement has been fulfilled.

Budget/Funding: None, as this is only the application process and numbers will be included in the FY2017-2018 Budget if approved as such.

Councilman Connolly moved, seconded by Councilman Gillispie moved that Council approve an application for a Virginia Commission of Arts Creative Communities Partnership Grant in the amount of \$4,5000.00 of which (if approved) \$4,000.00 is for the Blue Ridge Arts Council and \$500.00 is for the Front Royal Oratorio Society. I further move that Council direct the Town Manager to execute the necessary paperwork.

Councilman Connolly noted that Council has supported this for some time. He noted that it allowed the grant money into the community and doubles the funding that the Town places. He added that he has always supports the matter and he will continue to do so.

Councilman Sealock noted that he would support the matter though with reservation, as it is under Tourism and should be placed under "Council" in the budget, rather than Tourism.

Vote: Yes – Connolly, Gillispie, Meza, Morrison, Sealock and Tewalt
No – N/A
Abstain – N/A
Absent – N/A
(Mayor Tharpe did not vote as there was no tie to require his vote)
(By Roll Call)

COUNCIL APPROVAL – Budget Amendment for DMV Animal Friendly License Plate Funds

Summary: Council is requested to consider approval of a Budget Amendment in the amount of \$106.98 from the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) through the “Animal Friendly” license plate program to be dedicated to the Humane Society of Warren County to support the sterilization program for dogs and cats.

Budget/Funding: Animal Friendly Plates – Budget amendment \$106.98
1000-3220104 [Animal Plates] expense will be from same account

Vice Mayor Tewalt moved, seconded by Councilman Morrison that Council approve a Budget Amendment in the amount of \$106.98 from the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) through the "Animal Friendly" license plate program to be dedicated to the Humane Society of Warren County to support the sterilization program for dogs and cats.

Vote: Yes – Connolly, Gillispie, Meza, Morrison, Sealock and Tewalt
No – N/A
Abstain – N/A
Absent – N/A
(Mayor Tharpe did not vote as there was no tie to require his vote)
(By Roll Call)

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

APPROVED:

Jennifer E. Berry
Clerk of Council