

The regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Front Royal, Virginia was held on October 19, 2020, in the Warren County Government Center. The Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence was led by Mayor Tewalt. This meeting can be viewed in its entirety by accessing the video of the same date online via the Town's website at www.frontroyalva.com.

PRESENT: Mayor Eugene R. Tewalt
 Vice Mayor William A. Sealock
 Councilman Lori A. Cockrell
 Councilman Gary L. Gillispie
 Councilman Chris W. Holloway
 Councilman Letasha T. Thompson
 Town Attorney Douglas W. Napier
 Interim Town Manager Matthew A. Tederick
 Clerk of Council Tina L. Presley

ABSENT: Councilman Jacob L. Meza

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Gillispie moved, seconded by Councilman Holloway to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of September 28, 2020, as presented

VOTE: Yes – Unanimous

RECEIPT OF PETITIONS AND/OR CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE PUBLIC

Holly Leach, 480 Stoney Bottom Road expressed her gratitude to the Town for the Influencer Weekend since it brought a large awareness to her business, Shenandoah Axe Throwing Company

Bruce Rappaport, 300 W. Main Street, applauded Council for consideration of a resolution requesting Valley Health and Anthem to negotiate a new healthcare Insurance contract.

REPORTS

a. Report of special committees or Town Officials and Interim Town Manager

Introduced Chief of Police Magalis who hosted a promotion/pinning ceremony for Officer Zachary King. He thanked Ms. Leach for her kind words and gave Council and update on the Influencer weekend that was held October 9 – 11. He also mentioned the leaf traffic currently going on in Town especially on the weekends due to the “leaf lookers”.

b. Requests and inquiries of Council members

Councilman Gillispie and Thompson thanked Ms. Leach for her kind words
 Councilman Thompson urged citizens to send letters to Anthem about the negotiations with Valley Health and also noted that the Influencer Weekend was one of the best weekends thus far, similar to “Black Friday” for small towns.

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c. Report of the Mayor – Mayor Tewalt noted that he attended the Influencer event and expressed the amount of families he met that were here from other states; and thanked everyone responsible for a great weekend.

d. Proposals for addition/deletion of items to the Agenda – Vice Mayor Sealock moved seconded by Councilman Holloway to remove #10 FY21 Budget Transfer Release Portion of Contingency Funds from tonight’s agenda.

Mr. Sealock advised there was a lot of uncertainty due to legislative issues.

VOTE: Yes – Unanimous

COUNCIL APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS –

FY21 Budget Amendment for Purchase of Transformers for New Hospital

Council approved a FY21 Budget Amendment in the amount of \$70,488.70 for the purchase of transformers for the new hospital to be reimbursed by Valley Health.

Liaison Committee Items to Add to October 22 Agenda

Council approved the following items to be added to the October 22, 2020 Liaison Committee Agenda: 1) Joint Substance Abuse Committee 2) Closed Meeting on a contract

Reappointment for Board of Architectural Review (BAR) - Runyan

Council reappointed Lauren Runyan to a 4-year term expiring November 13, 2024.

Councilman Holloway moved, seconded by Councilman Cockrell that Council approve the Consent Agendas as presented.

VOTE: Yes – Unanimous

PUBLIC HEARING – FY21 Budget Amendment, Interfund Transfer and Financing the Construction of the Police Department

Mayor Tewalt opened the public hearing. Paul Gabbert, 1221 Valley View Drive, opined that the loan should had been taken care of a long time ago.

Councilman Thompson moved seconded by Councilman Holloway that Council approve a FY21 Budget Amendment, an Interfund Budget Transfer and award financing construction of the Police Department in the amount of \$8,483,001.15.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Yes – Councilmen Sealock, Cockrell, Gillispie, Holloway, and Thompson

No – N/A

Abstain – N/A

Absent – Councilman Meza

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COUNCIL APPROVAL – Distribution of Remaining CARES Funds Phase I

Councilman Thompson moved seconded by Councilman Gillispie that Council approve Option 1 to distribute the remaining \$309,058.00 for the Town of Front Royal's first allocation of CARES funds from Warren County. Councilman Thompson further moved seconded by Councilman Gillispie to approve Amendment 1 to the Agreement of the Chamber of Commerce.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Yes – Councilmen Sealock, Cockrell, Gillispie, Holloway, and Thompson
 No – N/A
 Abstain – N/A
 Absent – Councilman Meza

COUNCIL APPROVAL – Resolution Requesting Valley Health and Anthem Negotiate a New Healthcare Insurance Contract

Councilman Cockrell moved seconded by Councilman Thompson that Council approve a Resolution requesting Valley Health and Anthem negotiate a new healthcare insurance contract, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Yes – Councilmen Sealock, Cockrell, Gillispie, Holloway, and Thompson
 No – N/A
 Abstain – N/A
 Absent – Councilman Meza

CLOSED MEETING – Public Alley

Councilman Cockrell moved seconded by Councilmen Thompson that Council go into Closed Meeting regarding 1) A Town public alley, the disposition of publicly held real property where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of Town Council, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711.A.3.; 2) Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in Open Meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body; "probable litigation" meaning litigation that has been specifically threatened or on which the public body or its legal counsel has a reasonable basis to believe will be commenced by or against a known party; pursuant to Section 2.2-3711. A. 7. of the Code of Virginia and 3) Consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711. A. 8. of the Code of Virginia.


Councilman Cockrell moved second by Councilman Holloway that the Mayor and Council certify that to the best of each member's knowledge, as recognized by each Mayor and Council member's affirmative vote, that only such public business matters lawfully exempted from Open Meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act as were identified in the motion by which the Closed Meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the Closed Meeting by the Mayor and Council, and that

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the vote of each individual member of the Mayor and Council be taken by roll call and recorded and included in the minutes of the meeting of Town Council.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Yes – Councilmen Sealock, Cockrell, Gillispie, Holloway, and Thompson
No – N/A
Abstain – N/A
Absent – Councilman Meza

APPROVED:



Eugene R. Fewalt, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tina L. Presley Clerk of Council

Councilman Gillispie moved, seconded by Councilman Holloway approved the Regular Council Meeting minutes of October 19, 2020 on October 26, 2020.

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