



The following minutes are a summary of items on the agenda. This meeting may be viewed in its entirety by accessing the video of the same date online via the Town's website at www.frontroyalva.com for a limited time.

Roll Call by Clerk of Council

PRESENT: Mayor Lori A. Cockrell
Councilman Joshua L. Ingram
Councilwoman Amber F. Morris
Councilman H. Bruce Rappaport
Councilman Glenn E. Wood

ABSENT: Vice Mayor R. Wayne Sealock
Councilwoman Melissa DeDomenico-Payne

OTHERS PRESENT: Town Manager Joseph E. Waltz
Town Attorney George M. Sonnett, Jr.
Clerk of Council Tina L. Presley
Various members of the staff and public

CLOSED MEETING

Councilman Ingram moved second by Councilman Wood that Town Council convene a closed meeting, pursuant to Sections 2.2-3711 and 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia, for the following purposes: 1) pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia, for the discussion, consideration, assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body, more specifically Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA)

Vote: Yes – Councilmembers Ingram, Morris, Rappaport, Wood
No – N/A
Absent – Councilmembers Sealock and DeDomenico-Payne
Abstain – N/A

ROLL CALL

Councilwoman Morris moved seconded by Councilman Wood that Council certify that to the best of each member's knowledge, as recognized by each 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 Council, and that the vote of each individual member of Council be taken by roll call and recorded and included in the minutes of the meeting of Town Council.

Vote: Yes – Councilmembers Ingram, Morris, Rappaport, Wood
No – N/A
Absent – Councilmembers Sealock and DeDomenico-Payne
Abstain – N/A

ROLL CALL

ACTION ITEM REQUIRING A VOTE – Resolution Approving Town's Participation in Proposed Settlement of Opioid Related Claims Against Regional Supermarket Pharmacy Kroger Co. with Settlement Funds to be Used to Help Remediate and Abate the Impacts of the Opioid Crisis Caused by the Opioid Epidemic



Mayor Cockrell read the summary and stated that the more localities that joined together to pass a resolution made it more powerful.

Councilwoman Morris moved seconded by Councilman Rappaport that Council approve a resolution for the Town's participation in the proposed settlement of opioid related claims against regional supermarket pharmacy Kroger Co. with settlement funds to be used to remediate and abate the impacts of the opioid crisis, as presented. Councilmembers Morris and Rappaport further moved that Council authorize the Town Manager and Town Attorney to execute all necessary documents.

Councilmembers Morris and Rappaport stated that this was the Town's way of joining and supporting the effort, noting the significance of it being a national problem.

Vote: Yes – Councilmembers Ingram, Morris, Rappaport, Wood

No – N/A

Absent – Councilmembers Sealock and DeDomenico-Payne

Abstain – N/A

ROLL CALL

Old Business

A. McKay Springs Site Evaluation– Stevie Steele from CHA gave a brief presentation [Town of Front Royal Alternative Water Source Evaluation] that included a Project Overview and explanation of two alternative water sources: groundwater wells and quarries. He highlighted that the Town owned the McKay Spring property, an easement plat had been prepared, and that the spring was utilized by a nearby trailer park but was discontinued by VDH (Virginia Department of Health) in 1990. Town Manager Joe Waltz recommended that CHA complete a study to truly identify McKay Spring as a potential alternative water source for the Town, noting it would only be used as a supplement to what was already in place.

Mr. Steele and Public Works Director Robbie Boyer explained that surface water was more expensive to treat than groundwater due to the chemicals needed for treatment and the permits required. Council was encouraged to gather information on what McKay Spring has to offer and decide how to move forward. Mr. Waltz concurred that he was looking for Council's permission to move forward on the evaluation.

Councilwoman Morris suggested the potential of McKay Spring as recreational and/or have the Front Royal EDA explore the site while simultaneously looking into the alternative water source.

Councilman Rappaport voiced concern that construction in the corridor had compromised the quality of the water and whether the depth of the wells would be enough to gather samples. Mr. Steele advised that CHA would use their geologists mapping to drill deep enough to gather the samples. Mr. Steele advised that the Town had a good source of water from the Shenandoah River but urged them to plan for the future.

Councilman Wood confirmed that the \$42,500 did not include the drilling for the test wells and that CHA would come back to Council with pricing for the general cost of drilling. Mr. Waltz explained that the analysis would tell Council if they needed to venture that way. Mr. Steele confirmed that there was the possibility that drilling could affect nearby wells and that they would do their best to account for that.



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There was a brief discussion on the quarry option with appreciation to Mr. Steele for showing this option. Council thanked staff for their forethought in placing this expense in the current budget.

The consensus of Council was to move forward with the evaluation.

B. VDOT STARS Study Update – This item is to be rescheduled as Mr. Campbell from VDOT was not available.

C. Update on Request to Vacate a Portion of an Alley Behind 125 W. 8th Street – Mike McCool – Mr. Waltz advised that the Viewing Committee recommended denial of the application due to the loss of public access by other landowners including the Town. Councilwoman Morris reminded Council that only adjacent property owners could purchase the alley and if there was no interest it could not be vacated. Councilman Rappaport advised that he walked the alley and noted it was difficult to access due to overgrowth, steepness and items such as sheds blocking the way. He stated that the only people who had access were those who were adjoining it, not the general public.

While Council had hoped that the neighborhood would join together to vacate the alley it was realized that to vacate a small section was not doable or responsible for the Town to approve. Town Attorney George reminded them that the application in front of them was for a portion of the alley not the entire alley.

Council agreed to place on the August 26th agenda to take action.

New Business

A. Recognition of Former Mayor John Marlow in the Main Street Gazebo Area – Mayor Cockrell advised that this request was asked of Council a few months ago but explained that the family wanted more time to decide what they would like to see memorialized in Mr. Marlow's name. She further advised that the family contacted her last week stating that they would like to see either the gazebo or the gazebo area memorialized. There was much discussion on what should be named and how it should be named. Since two members of Council were not in attendance Council agreed to place this on a work sessions in September to gather suggestions naming the gazebo or gazebo area and how to incorporate.

CLOSED MEETING

Councilman Morris moved seconded by Councilman Wood that Town Council convene a closed meeting, pursuant to Sections 2.2-3711 and 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia, for the following purposes: 1) pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(8) of the Code of Virginia, for consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel, more specifically FRWCEDA loan defaults and, 2) pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia, for the discussion, consideration, assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body, more specifically the Clerk of Council and Town Attorney.

Vote: Yes – Councilmembers Ingram, Morris, Rappaport, Wood

No – N/A

Absent – Councilmembers Sealock and DeDomenico-Payne

Abstain – N/A

ROLL CALL



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Vote: Yes – Councilmembers Ingram, Morris, Rappaport, Wood

No – N/A

Absent – Councilmembers Sealock and DeDomenico-Payne

Abstain – N/A

ROLL CALL

Adjourned approximately 9:30pm

Approved by Town Council

Date: 8/26/24