



Roll Call by Clerk of Council

PRESENT: Mayor Lori A. Cockrell
Vice Mayor Amber F. Veitenthal
Councilwoman Melissa DeDomenico-Payne
Councilman Joshua L. Ingram
Councilman H. Bruce Rappaport
Councilman Glenn E. Wood

ABSENT: Councilman R. Wayne Sealock

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

NEW BUSINESS

A. Budget Amendment to Accept Donation of Funds from Front Royal Independent Business Alliance (FRIBA) on Behalf of the Festival of Leaves Committee – Community Development and Tourism Director Lizi Lewis advised that FRIBA was donating \$2,250 towards the purchase of new water barricades to be used during public events. Council agreed to add to the May 27th Consent Agenda.

B. Presentation for the Manassas Avenue Disposal, Solar Farm and Firing Range Site – Director of Public Works Robbie Boyer showed Council a sketch of the various areas located at the Town's Manassas Avenue Disposal Site that included the mulch pile, bins for white goods drop off, Solar Farm, Wastewater Treatment Plant and Electric Department. He explained that the current tub grinder was to be sold at auction due to its age and performance, noting that the Town would continue to use grinding services. He reviewed various fees for disposal of yard waste and metal breaking them down between drop off from Town and County residents and Wednesday Yard Waste Collection for Town residents. He explained that the metal was taken to a place in Winchester where it was weighed and the Town received revenue. It was confirmed that mulch was free for Town and County residents but there were fees charged for other items including: items that contained Freon and commercial vehicles who dump. He explained how tickets to dump were purchased at the Finance Department before dumping.

Mayor Cockrell voiced concern that County residents were using the site, but the Town taxpayers were paying for its upkeep and maintenance through monthly solid waste charges. She explained how this coincided with the increase in tipping fees at the Bentonville Transfer Station. She asked if Council wanted to continue providing this service to County residents subsidized by Town taxpayers. After much discussion Council directed Town Manager Joe Petty to review the fees and come back to Council with a recommendation.

C. Ordinance Amendments to Town Code §§158-6 and 158-6.1 for the Re-adoption by Reference of the State Vehicular Laws and for Revision of Penalties – Town Attorney George Sonnet advised that this item was an annual housekeeping matter noting every year the General Assembly tweaked vehicular laws. He explained that the penalty section (158-6.1) needed clarification therefore warranting the proposed amendments. Council directed Mr. Sonnet to write a summary of the new laws in effect July 1st. Council agreed to advertise for a public hearing on June 23rd.

D. Deed of Easement from Rushmark Rockland Road LLC to the Town for Waterline Easement and Rights-of-Way Acquisition for Town Water Facilities Serving Tax Map 12A-116-A3 – Mr. Sonnet advised that utility easements located outside Town limits must be accepted by the locality from the landowner allowing the Town to access infrastructure for repair, maintenance, etc. Council agreed to add to the May 27th Consent Agenda.



UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Special Use Permit (SUP) Submitted by Divinum Auxilium Academy for Private School at 16 N Royal Avenue – Mr. Petty advised that the software for the speed trailer had a glitch therefore there would be no data for Council to review tonight; however, the speed trailer was currently in place on Union Street collecting data again. Director of Planning Lauren Kopishke recapped the request specifically the three options pertaining to the drop-off and pick-up of students, noting this was discussed as a condition of the SUP. Vice Mayor Veitenthal voiced concern with making this a condition, opining it was not Council's job to dictate how to escort children from point A to point B. Councilwoman DeDomenico-Payne suggested allowing flexibility, giving the applicant time to adjust. Ms. Kopishke reiterated that the only condition placed by the Planning Commission was to provide parking because it was required.

Discussion ensued about speeding but noted that it was not Council's responsibility to dictate how drivers are to drive; however, placing a speed camera could be an option if it came to that. The addition of speed tables (raised crosswalks) could be installed if needed. It was confirmed that anything that went into the building would have issues with parking requirements and speeding traffic. Council agreed to continue discussion at their June 2nd work session to review the data from the speed trailer.

Request for Water and Sewer in the Rt. 522 Corridor for Industrial Use from Stafford One Investments LLC (522 Properties LLC) at Winchester Road and Winners Court – Town Manager Joe Petty advised that representatives from Stafford One Investments LLC [Nicholas V. Cumings from Walsh, Colucci, Lubeley & Walsh, P.C., Denar Antelo and Thomas Murray] were in attendance to answer questions. Councilwoman DeDomenico-Payne voiced concern of the many warehouses being built recently and asked whether this request could potentially become a data center in the future. Mr. Petty explained that Council would be approving the waterline size and capacity, noting that any other use such as a data center or manufacturing plant may require substantially more resources, creating an upgrade to the system which would require them going back to the County and the Town with a new request. Mr. Sonnet advised that the Town's only concern was connection size and excess capacity. One of the representatives advised that they had no intention of pursuing a data center. Councilman Ingram voiced concern that the applicant was asking for water before the rezoning was approved by the County. It was explained that a more specific water usage would be determined upon completion of the site plan. There was concern about reserving water for the developments currently being built inside Town limits. Mr. Sonnett advised that industrial use outside the Town limits was on a case-by-case basis. Council agreed to place as a Business Item on the May 27th agenda.

Adjourned approximately 8:16pm.

Approved by Town Council

Date: 5/27/25