



TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES

TUESDAY, September 2, 2014 @ 7:00pm

Front Royal Administration Building

~~2. Presentation from Shenandoah Lodging and Tourism Alliance – Kimberly Hartke – Vice Mayor Parker~~
Item postponed.

3. Non-Compliant Utility Properties – Town Manager

Mayor Darr asked about having the issue resolved if individuals choose not to take the resolution during the window of opportunity. Ms. Breeden suggested that should they not take care of the problem, then they lien is *then* placed on the property at that point when the property is sold at whatever the rate is at that time. She stated that many of the sites are rental properties and the Town has gone out of their way to be specific and clarify the issue. Mayor Darr suggested that the properties should be listed in the resolution.

Mr. Burke noted that a lien may not be able to be placed if the work has not been placed. Mayor Darr stated that should someone blow off the issue and choose not to move forward at the super reduced rate, then they are going to have to go with the future rate at the time and pay the larger rate – it is their choice. Councilman Tewalt stated that if it is on record, then it is going to have to be very specific under the current owner's name. Mr. Napier stated that it could be missed, yes, though if recorded correctly it should not be.

Councilman Funk noted that these individuals were allowed to set up the lines the way they are. He stated that should the property be inherited, it may be different than if it were to be sold. Councilman Hrbek asked if the language needs to clarify the map numbers that it applies to and matters relating to those who may

4. Liaison Committee Items for Liaison Meeting on September 18, 2014

Councilman Tharpe suggested adding the reinstatement the PILOT fees as a separate item. It was noted that Councilman Funk would be the September representative for the Liaison Meeting at the County building.

Councilman Sayre asked about the possible water loop. Mr. Burke noted that Mr. Misowski is looking into other routes and Warren County will be brought into the discussion before bringing the matter back to Council. Mr. Burke stated that there is about \$3 million that Dominion has noted that they would contribute towards the loop system.

5. Continued Discussion to Reinstate Pilot Fees in Rt 522 Corridor – Councilman Hrbek

Councilman Funk recused himself from the item discussion related to PILOT fees, referring to the disclosure on file with the Clerk and the Town Attorney's office. Council discussed how they would choose to use the funding, should the money be received from the Corridor. Mr. Hrbek noted that how they chose to use the money needed to be officially voted on; Mayor Darr voiced his agreement. Mr. Burke suggested that the letter be approved by Council formally at the next meeting. Vice Mayor Parker noted that Mrs. McDonald, of the EDA, could be invited to the Liaison Meeting.

6. Council Discussion/Goals

Vice Mayor Parker asked about having VDOT coming and speaking about the detour of 18h Street onto 17th Street. He suggested 15th Street instead, as it was much wider to handle the increased traffic.

Vice Mayor Parker asked about a fire hydrant along Chester Street that was out of service. He also asked about the trail opening date, including the refuse containers and the signage. Council discussed various dates for the ribbon cutting. Councilman Hrbek noted that coming across the bridge there is a large dumpster in view near the apartments and he asked Mr. Burke about the location and possible screening of the dumpster.

Council chose September 22nd for the Happy Creek Trail ribbon cutting on the Royal Plaza side.

1. Council IPAD Distribution

IT distributed the IPADs to Council.

All Council Present

Mayor Darr, Vice Mayor Parker, Councilman Sayre, Councilman Tewalt, Councilman Tharpe, Councilman Hrbek, Councilman Funk, Town Manager Burke, Town Attorney Napier, Director of Finance Breeden, Planning Director Camp, Police Chief Shiflett, IT Director Jones, Clerk of Council Berry, members of the press and the public.