TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Monday, February 2, 2015 @ 7:00pm
Front Royal Administration Building

Town/Staff Related Issues:

1. Continued Discussion of Solid Waste Management RFP Consultant Evaluations – *Director of Environmental Services*
2. Referrals of Planning Commission – *Director of Planning/Zoning*
   a. Draft Amendment: Sandwich Board Signs
   b. Draft Amendment: Incentives (Tourism Zones)
   c. Resolution of Support for Town Building Inspections
3. Waiver of Sidewalk Requirement on W. 15th Street – Aaron Hike - *Director of Planning/Zoning*
4. FY15-16 Property Tax Rate – *Town Manager*

Council/Mayor Related Items

5. Resolution to General Assembly Pertaining to State Corporation Commission and Regulation of Municipal Electric Utility Rates – *Councilman Connolly*
6. Police Headquarters Architectural Services – *Vice Mayor Tharpe*
7. Council Discussion/Goals *(time permitting)*
8. CLOSED MEETING – Consultation with Legal Counsel

Motion to Go Into Closed Meeting

I move that Council convene and go into Closed Meeting for the purpose of 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.

Motion to Certify Closed Meeting at its Conclusion *[At the conclusion of the Closed Meeting, immediately re-convene in open meeting and take a roll call vote on the following:]*

I move 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 Action 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.

SUMMARY

1. Solid Waste Consultant
Hollis - What will we benefit?
Bebhinn - Can we do this in house? - Andrew they will help roll out? Can we narrow the scope
Tim - Recycling
Gene - Against studies
Regular Agenda

2. A. Planning Commission - Sandwich Board Signs
Jeremy - Changes from Original Draft; Prohibited Signs = crudely
Daryl - Generally support; Concerned about "crudely"; Move 5.p. to item 4 Sandwich Boards and evaluate; "Signs that are … crafted on unfinished…"
Doug - recognize that we are dealing with judgment calls.
Daryl - Advance this separately from Zoning. Address appearance of all signs with Zoning Code Amendment
Tim - Advance to Public Hearing moving 5.P to e.4.

2. B. Planning Commission - Tourism Zones
Jeremy - Code complies with State permitted incentives
Three Zones - Downtown Business; Entrance Corridor; Community Business
Gene - Incentives to convert the chiropractor on 14th back to residents
Bret - Council has to approve incentives?
Daryl - How do we compare to other localities? Is there any reason to vote down?
Advance to Public Hearing

2. C. Planning Commission - Building Inspections
Jeremy - Response to Council's public hearing and desire for public input.
Tim - Inclined to vote on Building Inspection & include PC resolution as back up
Add to 9/9 agenda regular item

3. W15th St Sidewalk Waiver
Jeremy - Council approved waiver request on adjacent properties last year
Hollis - OK with waiver.
Gene - Can we require entire driveway to be concrete; no
Bebhinn - Will vote no; we keep giving waivers
Add to Regular Agenda

4. Property Tax Rate FY15-16
Gene - The day we approve it, we can't adjust it
Tim - We can advertise at a higher rate.
Advertise at current rates

5. SCC Rate Review Legislation
John - No longer a concern; SJR 300 is effectively dead
6. PD Headquarters

Hollis - Go with Design or PPEA? Need to move forward.
Tim - Need to develop guidelines to consideration of PPEA; what's the best way to handle…receipt of one.
Bret - Move forward on architect.
Bebhinn - How long for procedures
Daryl - Move forward with architect
Gene - In favor of PPEA; we'll save $500k
Hollis - We've wasted time investigating the PPEA
Tim - Need to move forward
Gene - Two architects don't want to work with us
Determine commitment from architects; provide proposals from architects to Council.

7. Council Goals
Tim - Retreat - 3/14 doesn't work; still look at dates in April
Tim - Jennifer McDonald Avtex Connector Road –
Include Connector Road on next WS

Daryl - Sign at Chester & Royal should be removed.
Hollis - South on Shenandoah Ave turning left install reflectors in the turn
Gene - Asphalt issues on Shenandoah for Bridge

8. Closed Meeting