

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF VINTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT 6:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2021, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE VINTON MUNICIPAL BUILDING LOCATED AT 311 SOUTH POLLARD STREET, VINTON, VIRGINIA

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bradley E. Grose, Mayor
Sabrina McCarty, Vice Mayor
Keith N. Liles
Laurie J. Mullins
Michael W. Stovall

MEMBER ABSENT: Susan N. Johnson, Executive Assistant/Town Clerk

STAFF PRESENT: Pete Peters, Town Manager
Cody Sexton, Assistant Town Manager
Jeremy Carroll, Town Attorney
Fabricio Drumond, Police Chief
Anita McMillan, Planning & Zoning Director

The Mayor called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Town Manager called the roll with Council Member Liles, Council Member Mullins, Council Member Stovall, Vice Mayor McCarty and Mayor Grose present.

Roll call

After a Moment of Silence, Andrew DiCarlo led the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag.

Under upcoming community events/ announcements, Vice Mayor McCarty announced the following: September 25 – 7-10:00 p.m. – Mingle at the Market with Five Dollar Shake – Farmers’ Market; September 30 – 7:45 a.m. - Tractor Supply Ribbon Cutting - Lake Drive Shopping Center; October 2 – 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. – Vinton Fall Festival in the Downtown and Market area with Pickin’ and Grinnin’ - 3-7:00 p.m. and High-Fidelity Bluegrass Bank – 5:30 p.m. – Farmers’ Market; October 3 – 3-5:00 p.m. - Thrasher Memorial Methodist Crop Walk for Hunger and October 9 – 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. – Unique2 Pop Up Sale – Farmers’ Market. Vice McCarty also commented on the success of the Lee Avenue Street Party and the Senior Expo.

Under requests to postpone, add to or change the order of agenda items, the Mayor announced that Chief Travis Griffith was not able to attend the meeting to give the update on the Update on the Vinton Fire and Rescue Station #2 and would be giving that update at a later meeting.

Council Member Stovall made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented; the motion was seconded by Council Member Mullins and carried by the following vote, with all members voting: Vote 5-0; Yeas (5) – Liles, Mullins, Stovall, McCarty, Grose; Nays (0) – None.

Approved minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of August 17, 2021

Under awards, introductions, presentations and proclamations, Chief Drumond made brief comments concerning a search for a juvenile who ran away from his residence in the Town of Vinton on July 6, 2021. Detective Valerie Cummings and Detective Andrew DiCarlo along with other Detectives and Officers worked for the safe return of the juvenile. Chief Drumond next commented that Paul Miller with the Finance Department recognized the juvenile standing outside the Police Department and aided the juvenile by connecting with him and communicating with the dispatch center. Detective Cummings, Detective DiCarlo and Paul Miller were each presented a Certificate of Excellence followed by comments from the Mayor.

The update on the Vinton Fire and Rescue Station #2 was postponed to a future Council meeting.

The next item on the agenda was a Public Hearing to consider public comments regarding the proposed granting of a lease to VINDOS LLC. for a certain lot lying to the rear of the former Vinton Branch Library on the southeast side of Meadows Street and below the storm water detention basin for the Vinton War Memorial identified as 060.16-06-33.00-000, all of which is located in the Town of Vinton, Virginia, said lease to be for a ten-month period with no more than four additional one-year renewal terms. The Mayor opened the Public Hearing at 6:18 p.m.

Public Hearing opened

The Town Manager commented this is a renewal of the lease with Macado's for the back parking lot for their patron and employee parking. The term of the new Lease Agreement will be for an initial ten-month period ending on June 30, 2022 to align with all of our other leases. There is an option to renew for four additional one-year terms. The Agreement is essentially the same that we have with our other tenants in the community.

Hearing no public comments, the Public Hearing was closed at 6:20 p.m.

Public Hearing closed

The Mayor announced that action would be taken on this matter at the October 5, 2021 Council meeting.

The next item on the agenda was to consider adoption of a Resolution authorizing the Town Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Roanoke, Town of Vinton, Counties of Roanoke and Botetourt, World Triathlon Corporation and Roanoke Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau for the 2021 Ironman 70.3 Race Support Services. The Town Manager commented that on June 6, 2021 the Ironman 70.3 Race was held after being postponed due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. It was the intention of the organizers to host this event in Roanoke for three consecutive years, but to wait until after the first year's event before making the commitments for the next two years.

The MOU is essentially the same as the one that Council authorized in the Spring of 2021. A major change is language that the Blue Ridge Parkway would be the preferred route, but if it is not available another route would be mutually agreed upon by all of the participating local governments for 2022 and 2023. They will again compensate the Town for any overtime expenses of law enforcement and traffic closure.

Council Member Mullins made a motion to adopt the Resolution as presented; the motion was seconded by Vice Mayor McCarty and carried by the following roll call vote, with all members voting: Vote 5-0; Yeas (5) – Liles, Mullins, Stovall, McCarty, Grose; Nays (0) – None.

Adopted Resolution No. 2450 authorizing the Town Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Roanoke, Town of Vinton, Counties of Roanoke and Botetourt, World Triathlon Corporation and Roanoke Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau for the 2021 Ironman 70.3 Race Support Services

In response to a question concerning the Blue Ridge Parkway, the Town Manager commented that the Parkway has a new Superintendent. He understands that conversations are ongoing and there is a process for the permitting, but he does not believe that they can extend it beyond one year at a time.

The next item on the agenda was to consider adoption of a Resolution approving new Grant

Policies and Procedures. Council was briefed on this matter at their August 17, 2021 meeting.

Council Member Stovall made a motion to adopt the Resolution as presented; the motion was seconded by Council Member Liles and carried by the following roll call vote, with all members voting: Vote 5-0; Yeas (5) – Liles, Mullins, Stovall, McCarty, Grose; Nays (0) – None.

The next item on the agenda was to consider adoption of a Resolution accepting the Assignments of Rights to purchase portions of the following real estate Tax Parcel Nos. 060.14-02-19.00-0000, 060.15-02-01.01-0000, and 060.14-02-17.00-0000, located in the Town of Vinton, and authorizing the exercise of the Assignment and closing on the portions of the properties along Walnut Avenue for the Walnut Avenue Bicycle and Pedestrian Accommodations Project from 5th Street to the Town’s West Limits. Anita McMillan first commented that Council was briefed on this matter at their August 17, 2021 meeting. The total amount of the right-of-way and temporary construction easements is \$40,232.00 and she expressed appreciation to Pathfinders for Greenways for their donation of \$15,000 to assist the Town to fund these purchases.

Ms. McMillan next commented that Council was provided with a revised Resolution for their consideration and the Town Attorney commented on the revisions that were made to the original Resolution.

The Mayor requested that the Town Clerk prepare a formal letter of appreciation to send to Pathfinders for the Greenways for their donation.

Council Member Liles made a motion to adopt the Resolution as revised; the motion was seconded by Vice Mayor McCarty and carried by the following roll call vote, with all members voting: Vote 5-0; Yeas (5) – Liles, Mullins, Stovall, McCarty, Grose; Nays (0) – None.

The next item on the agenda was to consider a Resolution authorizing the Town Manager to execute a License Agreement between Norfolk Southern (NS) Railway Company and the Town of Vinton in the amount of \$9,400.00 for a pedestrian

Adopted Resolution No. 2451 approving new Grant Policies and Procedures

Adopted Resolution No. 2452, as revised, accepting the Assignments of Rights to purchase portions of the following real estate Tax Parcel Nos. 060.14-02-19.00-0000, 060.15-02-01.01-0000, and 060.14-02-17.00-0000, located in the Town of Vinton, and authorizing the exercise of the Assignment and closing on the portions of the properties along Walnut Avenue for the Walnut Avenue Bicycle and Pedestrian Accommodations Project from 5th Street to the Town’s West Limits

trail to be constructed on NS's property as part of the Walnut Avenue Bicycle and Pedestrian Accommodations Project from 5th Street to the Town's West Limits. Anita McMillan first commented that Council was briefed on this matter at their August 17, 2021 meeting. This License Agreement will allow the current dirt footpath to be a paved trail to connect with the City of Roanoke onto the sidewalk under the bridge.

In response to a question if the low-water bridge is going to be redone one day, the Town Manager commented that it will eventually be replaced. It will always be a low-water bridge because of the Norfolk Southern overpass, but they plan to widen it to accommodate pedestrians and cycling.

Vice Mayor McCarty made a motion to adopt the Resolution as presented; the motion was seconded by Council Member Mullins and carried by the following roll call vote, with all members voting: Vote 5-0; Yeas (5) – Liles, Mullins, Stovall, McCarty, Grose; Nays (0) – None.

The Town Manager commented that he is in weekly conversations with the developer for the hotel project and has received the initial proposed site plan. He along with Planning & Zoning staff are making initial comments back before they send them to the County and the Town for the official review. With regard to the Gish Mill project, we have received the contract offer from the Department of Historic Resources (DHR) for our initial grant of \$250,000 for stabilization for the project and will be coming back to Council at a future meeting to authorize that Agreement. A lot of design work has been going on during the Summer.

The Town Manager next commented that the City of Roanoke has taken some formal action publicly and Roanoke County continues to meet on the use of their American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds Town Staff has been working pretty consistently on putting budgets and cost estimates together. We have initiated our first purchase at Council's direction for some stormwater improvements for a number of our business owners in the downtown area between Maple and Blair. We will be having some work sessions with to share Staff ideas and get feedback from Council. Some of our delay is

Adopted Resolution No. 2453 authorizing the Town Manager to execute a License Agreement between Norfolk Southern (NS) Railway Company and the Town of Vinton in the amount of \$9,400.00 for a pedestrian trail to be constructed on NS's property as part of the Walnut Avenue Bicycle and Pedestrian Accommodations Project from 5th Street to the Town's West Limits

intentional to see what others are doing because it is new territory for us all and we want to make sure we are doing it correctly.

Council Member Liles asked for an update on the 3rd Street traffic signal. The Town Manager commented that the internal control mechanisms melted in the cabinet and the system could not be re-programmed. The contract was signed last Friday and we are waiting on equipment and materials. As part of our upcoming CIP, we are moving towards getting estimates and planning to replace all of the traffic signals

Council made comments on the “A Penny for your Thoughts” Community Meeting, Mayor’s Update, new Town Employees, new fencing at the Farmers’ Market, the upcoming opening of Tractor Supply and a recent event at the War Memorial that brought individuals back to check out Vinton.

The Mayor made comments on Town Staff, the Mayor’s report, the State of the City address, the Roanoke Regional Partnership Investors Update, a Proclamation that was issued for National Disability Voter Registration Week for the week of September 13-20 and the success of the Lee Avenue party.

Vice Mayor McCarty announced the upcoming Roanoke County 200 Plan for the Bonsack/Vinton Community Planning Area will be held on September 30th from 4-8:00 p.m. at the Charles R. Hill Community Center.

Council Member Liles made a motion to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Vice Mayor McCarty and carried by the following vote, with all members voting: Vote 5-0; Yeas (5) – Liles, Mullins, Stovall, McCarty, Grose; Nays (0) – None. The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Meeting adjourned

APPROVED:



Bradley E. Grose, Mayor

ATTEST:



Richard W. Peters, Jr., Acting Town Clerk