

## REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 14, 1997

At a regular meeting of Council held this evening at 7:30 p.m., there were present: Mayor Rodney Eagle; City Manager Steven E. Stewart; Assistant City Manager Roger Baker; City Attorney Earl Q. Thumma, Jr.; Vice-Mayor Hugh J. Lantz; Council Members John H. Byrd, Jr., Walter F. Green, III, and Larry M. Rogers; City Clerk Yvonne Bonnie Ryan and Chief of Police Donald Harper.

Mayor Eagle delivered the invocation and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Rogers offered a motion to approve the consent agenda, including approval of the minutes of the December 17 and December 30 City Council meetings, and the second reading of an ordinance closing a portion of College Avenue. The motion also included the second reading of a supplement appropriation for the Fire Department and Police Department. The motion was seconded by Council Member Byrd, and approved with a unanimous recorded vote of Council.

City Manager Stewart presented a resolution establishing February 1997 as PetFix Month 1997. The PetFix Coalition has requested that February 1997 be designated as PetFix Month through a proclamation issued by Governor George Allen encouraging citizens to spay or neuter their animals. Council Member Green offered a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rogers, and approved with a unanimous vote of Council.

✓ City Manager Stewart presented for Council's consideration an amendment to the City Code concerning the Transportation Safety Commission. He explained that the Transportation Safety Commission had made a presentation to Council on November 26, 1996 requesting changes that would allow additional membership on the Commission including six voting members, City Council and staff non-voting members, and non-voting representation from colleges and other agencies. However, Council did not take any action on the reorganizational request and if Council wants to make the changes, the City Attorney needs to be directed to draft the changes. Council Member Green suggested that any action be postponed until he could study the proposed change and talk to members who have served on the Transportation Safety Commission. Council Member Rogers offered a motion for Council to study the requested change and make a recommendation at the January 28 Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Green, and approved with a unanimous vote of Council.

✓ City Manager Stewart presented for Council's consideration a request to increase the fee for the Board of Viewers from \$25.00 to \$50.00 each. He explained that the fee has been \$25.00 for years and it is the responsibility of the applicant to pay the Board of Viewer's fee, application fee, advertising cost and assessed value of the property. Council Member Green offered a motion to approve this request for a first reading. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rogers, and approved with a unanimous recorded vote of Council.

City Manager Stewart presented a request for a supplemental appropriation to increase revenue in the Treasurer's budget. These funds will be used for postage for decal forms, second half real estate mailers, second notices on personal property, and office supplies. Vice-Mayor Lantz offered a motion to approve this request for a first reading, and that:

\$10,000 chge. to: 1000-31010 Amount from fund balance

\$ 9,300 approp. to: 1000-121313-45210 Postage  
 500 approp. to: 1000-121313-45230 Telecommunication  
 200 approp. to: 1000-121313-46010 Office supplies

The motion was seconded by Council Member Green, and approved with a unanimous recorded vote of Council.

City Manager Stewart presented a request for a supplemental appropriation for the Fire Department. These funds will be used for fire programs, E-911, Hazmat supplies and purchasing breathing apparatus which has had a delayed delivery. By legislation, these funds may only be used for their intended purpose. Council Member Rogers offered a motion to approve this request for a first reading, and that:

\$89,710 chge. to: 1000-31010 Amount from fund balance

\$29,406 approp. to: 1000-320132-48203 Fire program funds  
 27,001 approp. to: 1000-350532-45240 E-911  
 7,460 approp. to: 1000-350532-46160 Hazmat supplies  
 15,840 approp. to: 1000-320132-46140 Other operating supplies

The motion was seconded by Council Member Byrd, and approved with a unanimous recorded vote of Council.

Council Member Rogers suggested that perhaps the City and County should work together to recommend that VDOT remove the median strip located on Route 42 south in front of Exxon and Dayton Equipment. He explained that it is a very dangerous situation and there should be a wider turn lane. Several Council Members expressed their concern with the narrow turn lane and commented that they had discussed the issue before. They also wanted more information on the issue and suggested that perhaps Jim Baker, Director of Public Works, should attend a future Council meeting.

City Manager Stewart announced that Congressman Goodlatte would like to meet with City Council and the Board of Supervisors to discuss any issues and important concerns and suggested January 30, 1997 at 4:00 p.m. Council members suggested that the meeting should be held in the Municipal Building.

At 7:55 p.m., Vice-Mayor Lantz offered a motion that Council enter an executive session for discussion and consideration of personnel and prospective candidates to be appointed to the Central Shenandoah Emergency Medical Services Council, Blue Ridge Disability Services Board, Industrial Development Authority, Deer Population Task Force and a recommendation to Circuit Court for

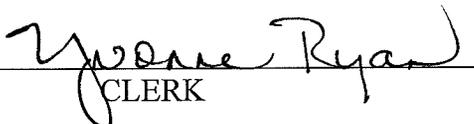
the Board of Zoning Appeals, and the evaluation of a City department, exempt from the public meeting requirements pursuant to Section 2.1-344(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rogers, and approved with a unanimous vote of Council.

At 10:50 p.m., the executive session was declared closed and the regular session reconvened. City Clerk Ryan read the following statement which was agreed to with a unanimous recorded vote of the Council: I hereby certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that (1) only public matters lawfully exempt from open meeting requirements pursuant to Chapter 21 of title 2.1 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the executive or closed meeting were convened were heard, discussed or considered in the executive session by the City Council.

Council asked that the pay study recently completed by the Human Resource Director be implemented as soon as possible.

Council Member Byrd offered a motion for the following people to be appointed to these Boards and Commissions: Dawn Monger to the Deer Population Task Force, Edward J. Baldwin, Jr., to a second term on the Blue Ridge Disability Services Board, Douglas Gaylor to a first term on the Central Shenandoah Emergency Medical Services Council, and that Charles P. Bilbrey should be recommended to the Circuit Court for a second term on the Board of Zoning Appeals. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rogers, and approved with a unanimous vote of Council.

At 10:52 p.m., there being no further business and on motion adopted the meeting was adjourned.

  
CLERK

  
MAYOR