

REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 26, 1997

At a regular meeting of Council this evening at 7:30 p.m., there were present: Mayor Rodney Eagle; City Manager Steven Stewart; Assistant City Manager Roger D. 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; Chief of Police Donald Harper. In the absence of City Clerk Yvonne Bonnie Ryan, Assistant City Manager Roger D. Baker served as Acting Clerk.

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 and second reading of authorization to enter into cooperative agreements with the Natural Resource Conservation Service to repair dam site 22B (Dry Run Dam), dam site 81C (Switzer Dam) and channel shaping in Dry River at the Riven Rock intake structure, also second reading of supplemental appropriations for the Police Department for Community Crime Prevention Services Grant, Drug Interdiction Grant, and School Resource Officer Grant, the re-appropriation of several encumbrances outstanding at June 30, 1997 and approved a loan and management agreement with the Harrisonburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

✓ Parks and Recreation Director Logan gave a brief update of the status of the soccer fields on Smithland Road. She reported that the well had been drilled to a depth of 497 feet and what was felt to be an adequate supply of water had been found. Bids for site grading had been received and opened with Faulconer Construction Company of Charlottesville the low bidder. City forces were scheduled to begin preliminary site preparation the first week of September. Council Member Lantz offered a motion to transfer \$225,000.00 from Reserve for Land and Construction to Soccer Capital Projects Fund. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rogers and passed by a unanimous recorded vote of Council Members.

✓ Fire Chief Shifflett presented for Council's consideration a proposal for a grant from the Fire Services Fund to make repairs to the burn building used for training fire fighters in this region. The grant funds have to be spent by the City and then reimbursed by the State. Council Member Green moved to authorize the signing of the Fire Services Grant Fund Agreement of an amount not to exceed \$94,285.00. The motion was seconded by Council Member Byrd and approved by a unanimous recorded vote of Council Members.

✓ Fire Chief Shifflett presented a proposed amendment to Section 5-2-1 of the Harrisonburg City Code to reflect the date of the latest Fire Prevention Code. Council Member Rogers offered a motion to approve the amendment for first reading. The

motion was seconded by Council Member Lantz and approved by a unanimous recorded vote of Council Members.

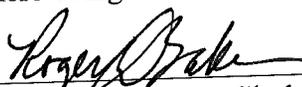
Police Chief Harper requested Council to make a supplemental appropriation of \$6,967.00 to purchase eight (8) new light bars for police cruisers. These funds would come from drug forfeiture funds that can only be used for Police Department expenditures. Council Member Rogers offered a motion to approve the supplemental appropriation for a first reading. The motion was seconded by Council Member Green and passed by a unanimous recorded vote of Council Members.

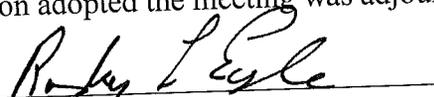
At 7:51 p.m. Council Member Green offered a motion that Council enter an executive session for discussion and consideration of personnel and prospective candidates to be appointed to the Rockingham Development Corporation Board, exempt from the public meeting requirements pursuant to Section 2.1-344(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia; consultation with the city attorney and briefings by staff members pertaining to three (3) existing agreements, requiring the provision of legal advice by the City Attorney, exempt from the public meeting requirements pursuant to Section 2.1-344 (A)(7) of the Code of Virginia; and discussion and consideration of the acquisition of real estate to be used for public purpose, exempt from public meeting requirements pursuant to Section 2.1-344 (A)(3) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rogers, and approved with an unanimous vote of City Council.

At 10:36 p.m., the executive session was declared closed and the regular session reconvened. Acting City Clerk Baker read the following statement which was agreed to with an 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 Member Rogers offered a motion to authorize the purchase of approximately 25 acres of land in the north area of the City, and to transfer \$300,000.00 from the Public Safety Building Capital Projects Fund to the Economic Development Capital Projects Fund. The motion was seconded by Council Member Byrd and approved by an unanimous recorded vote of the City Council.

Council Member Lantz offered a motion to appoint Council Member John Byrd to the Rockingham Development Corporation Board. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rogers and approved by an unanimous vote of City Council. At 10:47 p.m. there being no further business and on motion adopted the meeting was adjourned.


Acting City Clerk


Mayor