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New Hearing Devices Available at Council Meetings

Harrisonburg, VA – The City of Harrisonburg has purchased four receivers to assist anyone, who is hearing impaired, during City Council meetings and other meetings that are held in the Council Chambers.

After receiving an inquiry from a citizen about this service, the City of Harrisonburg determined it was essential to purchase the equipment to better serve the entire community. The equipment and installation cost approximately \$1,000.

“Staff members and members of the Harrisonburg City Council try hard to make citizen involvement easier for everyone,” said Mayor Ted Byrd. “With these new volume enhancing receivers, we hope to engage more citizens and provide the community with another tool to aid in their participation.”

The receivers can be used by the public in one of two ways. If someone already has a hearing aid, the receiver can be worn around the neck and it transmits directly into the hearing aid. For citizens without hearing aids, the receiver can be attached to a headphone provided by the city which will transmit the audio directly to the user.

The frequency used to transmit the audio is also available to anyone who already has a receiver. Information about the specific frequency has been posted in City Council Chambers.

Harrisonburg’s City Council meets the second and fourth Tuesday of every month beginning at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 409 S. Main St. The meetings are broadcast live on CitySpan (Channel 3) and online at www.harrisonburgva.gov/city-council-meeting.

The City of Harrisonburg is centrally located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It is home to approximately 50,000 people. More information about the City of Harrisonburg is online at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov.

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