

TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION
Monday, July 22, 2013
Town Hall Conference Room

Mayor Brinkley called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Present: Mayor Brinkley, Vice Mayor Hillert, Councilwoman Roberts, Councilman Irvine, Councilman Johnson

Also present: Darlene Burcham, Town Manager

Council began with a discussion of replacement trees and shrubs for Ridgeway Street. A previous decision to only replace 5 trees and their location led to agreement that Cleveland pear trees would be purchased and the services of an arborist used to trim/shape the trees on a bi-annual basis. Council looked at pictures of dwarf crepe myrtles (Pocomoke) and dwarf nandinas and agreed to have 3 of each planted in remaining tree beds on Ridgeway.

The need for bicycle racks was highlighted during the Gran Fondo. Town Manager also reminded Council that the updated Comprehensive Plan encouraged the development of bike lanes and bike paths and even a rental shop in the future. Since placement of racks in the Historic area will require ARB approval, the Town Manager suggested we announce a design contest for bike racks and ask the ARB to judge. Council agreed and Mrs. Roberts pointed out that racks will also be needed on Church near the Amphitheatre and Arts School.

The Town Manager passed out a copy of the survey results from Parks and Trails Committee noting that over 80% of the respondents suggested the need for additional picnic group facilities.

Town Manager shared a proposed redesign/refreshment of Washington Park that will involve the creation of a picnic pavilion on the tennis court pad, official parking area in the park, improved basketball goals, and new toddler equipment. Council supported the plan but asked that future plans for parks include refreshment of tennis courts at Linden Park.

A copy of the State Code on trash fines was reviewed. Council agreed to have the Town Attorney prepare an ordinance increasing the fine to \$50 with one warning and Mrs. Roberts asked for clarification on language in the code regarding subsequent violations.

Council asked Mayor Brinkley to make remarks at the next meeting regarding the problem of trash not being placed in sealed containers, current requirements, and Council's plan to have more aggressive enforcement in its efforts to clean up the Town.

Council agreed to consider "On the Right Track Award" twice a year.

Mayor Brinkley briefed Council on the Project Pride program attempted in the past and will send copies of the materials to Council members. The idea of improving

the appearance of homes in the area is one of the focus areas coming out of the Allegheny Foundation strategic planning effort.

Council asked the Mayor to contact the local newspaper to see if Clifton Forge could be given space, similar to Covington and Bath County, to report activities of the Town and discussed the idea of engaging a writer and sharing collective thoughts of Council members on a specific topic, such as “clean up”.

The Town Manager shared recent accidents/hang-ups on Route 606 and asked Council’s permission to renew efforts to have the road closed to thru truck traffic. Bath, Allegheny, and Clifton Forge will have to petition VDOT for consideration of closure.

Hazel Run trail is almost ready for public opening. Council agreed that Friday, August 2, 2013 at 4 PM would be a good time to announce.

CLOSED SESSION – Pursuant to Section Chapter 2.2-3711 A-1 Personnel

Motion Made By: Councilwoman Roberts **Time: 6:55 PM**

Seconded By: Councilman Irvine

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mayor Brinkley	Aye
Vice Mayor Hillert	Aye
Councilwoman Roberts	Aye
Councilman Irvine	Aye
Councilman Johnson	Aye

Motion passed: 5-0

Motion to Return to Open Session Time: 7:30 PM

Motion Made By: Vice Mayor Hillert

Seconded By: Councilman Johnson

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mayor Brinkley	Aye
Vice Mayor Hillert	Aye
Councilwoman Roberts	Aye
Councilman Irvine	Aye
Councilman Johnson	Aye

Motion passed: 5-0

Motion to Certify Only Indicated Items Were Discussed

Motion Made By: Councilman Irvine

Seconded By: Councilwoman Roberts

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mayor Brinkley	Aye
Vice Mayor Hillert	Aye
Councilwoman Roberts	Aye
Councilman Irvine	Aye
Councilman Johnson	Aye

Motion passed: 5-0

Motion to adjourn

Time: 7:32 PM

Motion Made By: Councilwoman Roberts

Seconded By: Councilman Johnson

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mayor Brinkley	Aye
Vice Mayor Hillert	Aye
Councilwoman Roberts	Aye
Councilman Irvine	Aye
Councilman Johnson	Aye

Motion passed: 5-0