

The Town of Washington

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December 17, 2021

Continued Council Meeting

APPROVED Agenda

2:00 p.m.

- CALL TO ORDER Action
- APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Action
- OLD BUSINESS
 - a) Council member to attend a meeting electronically Action
- NEW BUSINESS
 - a) Task Planning Commission to consider a swimming pool ordinance Action
 - b) Resolution to honor John Bennett Action
 - c) Letter of thanks to John Bennett Action
- PUBLIC FORUM
- CLOSED SESSION The Council may vote to enter into closed session in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.2-3711 A.1 of the Va Code for interviews of prospective candidates for employment. Information
- OPEN SESSION
- ADJOURNMENT

NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
JANUARY 10, 2021

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2:00 p.m.

APPROVED Minutes

- CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Fred Catlin opened the continued meeting from December 13 at 2:02 p.m. Council members Jean Goodine, Mary Ann Kuhn, Patrick O'Connell, and Gail Swift were present, with Brad Schneider and Joe Whited absent. Town Clerk Barbara Batson was present.
- APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Mayor Catlin motioned to remove from the agenda, item a) under New Business, the Northern Piedmont Community Foundation payment from the Post Office Enhancement Fund, and add to the agenda, a resolution for the Planning Commission to consider a swimming pool ordinance. Ms. Swift seconded and a roll call vote was taken:

Ms. Goodine voted "yes"

Ms. Kuhn voted "yes"

Mr. O'Connell voted "yes"

Ms. Swift voted "yes"

Mayor Catlin voted "yes"

And the motion passed 5-0 with Mr. Schneider and Mr. Whited absent.

- OLD BUSINESS:

- (a) Allowing a Council member to attend a meeting electronically: Ms. Goodine suggested amending item 4d to say ...Councilperson is limited to three meetings per calendar year..., instead of two meetings.

Ms. Goodine motioned to modify item 4d and approve the policy that allows Council members to attend a meeting electronically and Ms. Kuhn seconded and a roll call vote was taken:

Ms. Goodine voted "yes"

Ms. Kuhn voted "yes"

Mr. O'Connell voted "yes"

Ms. Swift voted "yes"

Mayor Catlin voted "yes"

And the motion passed 5-0 with Mr. Schneider and Mr. Whited absent.

- NEW BUSINESS:

- (a) Swimming pool ordinance: Mayor Catlin motioned to ask the Planning Commission (PC) to consider an ordinance regarding swimming pools and solar panels. Ms. Kuhn suggested tabling the topic of solar panels to the next meeting since the resolution in front of them only pertained to swimming pools.

After discussion Mayor Catlin motioned to approve a resolution to ask the PC to consider an ordinance regarding swimming pools and Ms. Swift seconded and a roll call vote was taken:

Ms. Goodine voted "yes"
Mr. O'Connell voted "yes"
Mayor Catlin voted "yes"

Ms. Kuhn voted "yes"
Ms. Swift voted "yes"

And the motion passed 5-0 with Mr. Schneider and Mr. Whited absent.

- (b) Resolution to honor Mr. John Bennett: Mayor Catlin asked Ms. Kuhn if she would draft a resolution honoring Mr. John Bennett for his years of service as the town attorney. Ms. Kuhn replied that she would draft a resolution for the Council's review.
- (c) Letter of thanks to Mr. Bennett: Mayor Catlin motioned to allow him to send a letter to Mr. Bennett thanking him for his service as Town Attorney and Ms. Swift seconded and a unanimous voice vote was taken.

PUBLIC FORUM: Mayor Catlin opened the public forum at 2:18 p.m. There were no public comments and he closed the public forum.

CLOSED SESSION: Mayor Catlin motioned to go into closed session in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.2-3711 A.1 of the VA Code for interviews of prospective candidates for employment and invite Ms. Batson to attend and Ms. Kuhn seconded and a roll call vote was taken:

Ms. Goodine voted "yes"
Mr. O'Connell voted "yes"
Mayor Catlin voted "yes"

Ms. Kuhn voted "yes"
Ms. Swift voted "yes"

And the motion passed 5-0 with Mr. Schneider and Mr. Whited absent.

OPEN SESSION: Mayor Catlin moved to go into open session and Ms. Swift seconded and a roll call vote was taken:

Ms. Goodine voted "yes"
Mr. O'Connell voted "yes"
Mayor Catlin voted "yes"

Ms. Kuhn voted "yes"
Ms. Swift voted "yes"

And the motion passed 5-0 with Mr. Schneider and Mr. Whited absent.

Ms. Batson asked each member: Do each of you certify that to the best of your knowledge only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in such meeting?

A roll call vote was taken:

Ms. Goodine voted "yes"
Mr. O'Connell voted "yes"
Mayor Catlin voted "yes"

Ms. Kuhn voted "yes"
Ms. Swift voted "yes"

And the motion passed 5-0 with Mr. Schneider and Mr. Whited absent.

- Mayor Catlin motioned to offer Mr. Steve Gyurisin the position of Zoning Administrator and for Ms. Swift to negotiate rates with Mr. Gyurisin and Ms. Kuhn seconded and a roll call vote was taken:

Ms. Goodine voted "yes"
Mr. O'Connell voted "yes"
Mayor Catlin voted "yes"

Ms. Kuhn voted "yes"
Ms. Swift voted "yes"

And the motion passed 5-0 with Mr. Schneider and Mr. Whited absent.

- Mayor Catlin motioned to offer Mr. Martin Crim the positions of Acting Town Attorney and Acting Freedom of Information Act Officer and for Ms. Swift to negotiate rates with Mr. Crim and Mr. O'Connell seconded and a roll call vote was taken:

Ms. Goodine voted "yes"
Mr. O'Connell voted "yes"
Mayor Catlin voted "yes"

Ms. Kuhn voted "yes"
Ms. Swift voted "yes"

And the motion passed 5-0 with Mr. Schneider and Mr. Whited absent.

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Kuhn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:25 p.m. and Ms. Goodine seconded and a roll call vote was taken:

Ms. Goodine voted "yes"
Mr. O'Connell voted "yes"
Mayor Catlin voted "yes"

Ms. Kuhn voted "yes"
Ms. Swift voted "yes"

And the motion passed 5-0 with Mr. Schneider and Mr. Whited absent.

THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL IS
January 10, 2022.

Barbara Batson, Town Clerk

Attachments:

Resolution referring a swimming pool ordinance to the PC
Policy allowing Council members to attend a meeting electronically