

REGULAR MEETING CITY COUNCIL

January 20, 2015

The City Council of the City of Albemarle met in a regular session on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Mayor Ronnie Michael presided, and the following Councilmembers were present, to-wit: Bill Aldridge, Benton H. Dry, II, Martha Sue Hall, Martha E. Hughes, Dexter Townsend, and Chris Whitley. Absent Mayor Pro Tem Troy E. Alexander.

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Mayor Michael gave the invocation.

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Mayor Michael presented the following City of Albemarle Retirement Certificates:

David C. Huneycutt (Public Works) - 33 years

Emily A. Moose (Public Housing) - 5.33 years

Patricia K. Goodman (Planing & Community Development) - 7.083 years

Robert F. Goodman (Public Utilities) - 29.166 years

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Councilmember Whitley requested a correction to the January 5 Regular Session and Councilmember Hughes requested a correction to the January 6 Adjourned Session and minutes.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Aldridge, and unanimously carried, the City Council approved the January 5 Closed Session, January 8 Adjourned Session, January 8 Closed Session, and January 12 Adjourned Session as submitted and January 5 Regular Session and January 6 Adjourned Session minutes as amended.

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The Mayor stated that Council had a copy of the municipal calendar in their agenda packets and asked if anyone had any questions.

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The Mayor and City Council considered approval of the basic facts and assurances for the PARTF Grant Application for Morehead Park. Parks and Recreation Director Toby Thorpe stated that he needs the approval for the grant application and there are only two weeks until the deadline. The match is 50% and the City's amount is \$130,492.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Townsend, and unanimously carried, the City Council approved the basic facts and assurances for the PARTF Grant Application for Morehead Park.

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The Mayor and City Council received an update on the Rock Creek Park picnic shelter. It was noted that the City's building permit application for the Rock Creek Park picnic shelter was denied by the Stanly County Building Inspections Department because of recently-enacted (2012) addition to the Americans with Disabilities Act. This addition requires such structures to have an ADA-compliant path (pavement or packed gravel) to a handicapped-accessible restroom, which must be within 500 feet.

Parks and Recreation Director Toby Thorpe stated this will require relocation of the shelter site. It will also require us to relocate the planned additional shelter at Morehead Park if we receive PARTF funding. After polling staff and the AP&R Advisory Board, the majority of respondents have indicated they would prefer the shelter be built in the grassy area between the RCP ballfield and the RCP pool.

Mr. Thorpe answered any questions that Council had.

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The Mayor and City Council considered adoption of the 2016-2020 Capital Improvement Program. In order to maximize points on a component of the PARTF Application for Morehead Park, the adoption of the CIP will need to occur prior to submitting the application. This is the last meeting prior to the submittal of the PARTF Application and therefore request adoption of the 2016-2020 CIP.

The City Manager stated that final copies will be printed and

distributed to reflect the changes from the January 12 adjourned meeting once the CIP is adopted.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Dry, seconded by Councilmember Hughes, and unanimously carried, the City Council approved the adoption of the 2016-2020 Capital Improvement Program.

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Upon a motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Whitley, and unanimously carried, the City Council approved the following Ordinance:

(Ordinance 15-02. To appropriate portion of Sale of Surplus Property for Repairs to Equipment in Electric Fund and to appropriate Reserved Fund Balance for refund of Gaming License in General Fund.)

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The Mayor and City Council considered a letter of appreciation to a Waste Management Employee Mark Smith. The City Council requested that a letter be drafted for their signatures thanking Mr. Smith with Waste Management who had stopped to help an elderly resident who had fallen. Once the letter is approved it can be signed and sent to Mr. Smith. The City Manager noted he also plans to share a copy of the letter with Mr. Smith's supervisors at Waste Management.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Aldridge, seconded by Councilmember Dry, and unanimously carried, the City Council approved a letter of appreciation to a Waste Management Employee Mark Smith.

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The Mayor and City Council considered the adoption of a proposed FY 2015/2016 Budget Preparation Schedule.

Mayor Michael stated that Council may not need the Planning/Budget Retreat scheduled for Tuesday, February 10 and Thursday, February 12. We can move the Mayor, Council, Manager and Department Executives budget work session from Tuesday February 17 and Thursday, February 19 to Tuesday, February 10 and Thursday, February 12.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Townsend, and unanimously carried, the City Council approved moving the Mayor, Council, Manager and Department executives budget work session from Tuesday February 17 and Thursday, February 19 to Tuesday February 10 and Thursday, February 12 and not meet at all on Tuesday, February 17 and Thursday, February 19 and leave the remainder of the schedule as is.

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The Mayor and City Council were reminded of the National League of Cities (NLC) Congressional City Annual Conference March 7-11, 2015 in Washington, DC. Early Bird registration is valid until January 30, 2015. Please let Paulette know by the week of January 26 so she can register everyone planning to attend. Martha Sue Hall has already registered.

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Mayor Michael stated that today the City received notification from NCDENR that the City's application for a loan of \$2.435 million at 2.21% interest over a 20 year term to construct a sewer force main from the leachate pond to the City's existing sewer system has been approved.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Townsend, and unanimously carried, the City Council accepted the NCDENR Leachate Sewer Line Project loan for \$2.435 million at 2.21% interest over a 20 year term with loan repayments to begin after project completion.

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It was noted that the Martin Luther King Jr. Unity breakfast on Saturday, January 17 was well attended and thanks to Councilmember Townsend and the committees responsible for this breakfast.

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Councilmember Townsend thanked City Council and the City of Albemarle for their attendance and support for the Martin Luther King Jr. Unity breakfast.

Councilmember Townsend stated that at the end of the last fiscal year there were houses on the demolition list where the process was not completed.

He asked that Planning and Community Director Keith Wolf give a report at the next Council meeting on Monday, February 2.

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Councilmember Dry thanked Councilmember Townsend and committee responsible for the Martin Luther King Jr. Unity breakfast and that it was a great event. He commended Orlando Lilly who spoke to more than 300 people at Saturday's event at the E.E. Waddell Community Center in commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

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Councilmember Whitley stated that the past year he had observed people as they retire are coming to the City Council meetings to accept their certificate with a smile. It shows that they left a place of employment where they were happy to work.

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Upon a motion by Councilmember Townsend, seconded by Councilmember Hughes and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.