



ANDREA W. OAKES, MAYOR



BIRTHPLACE OF THE
COUNCIL-MANAGER
FORM OF GOVERNMENT

To: Members of Staunton City Council
From: Andrea Oakes, Mayor
Copy: Steve Rosenberg, City Manager
Leslie Beauregard, Assistant City Manager
Suzanne F. Simmons, Clerk of Council
Douglas L. Guynn, City Attorney
Media
Date: October 20, 2020
Re: Notice of a Special Called Meeting

NOTICE

I hereby call a special meeting of Staunton City Council. The meeting will be held on Thursday, October 29, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., local time, in the Rita S. Wilson Council Chambers located on the 1st floor at City Hall, 116 West Beverley Street. The purpose of the meeting is to conduct a public hearing concerning the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution.

I request that the Clerk of Council provide notice of this memorandum in accordance with Chapter II, Section 7, of the Staunton City Charter, post and otherwise widely publicize notice of this memorandum. I also request that the Clerk of Council email a copy of this memorandum to all members of City Council.

HYBRID IN-PERSON ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS MEETING

This meeting, although to be conducted in-person, will also be conducted by Zoom, with virtual participation of certain members of City Council, given the catastrophic nature of the declared emergency and disaster related to the COVID-19 outbreak, which as part of the total circumstances makes it impracticable or unsafe to assemble in a single location. The meeting will be held consistent with City Council Ordinances 2020-04 and 2020-24, which can be accessed online at: www.staunton.va.us/cogord2020-04 and <https://www.ci.staunton.va.us/home/showdocument?id=9758> respectively.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The public may participate in the meeting either in-person or by telephone on the date of the meeting, or by telephone or electronic mail until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 30, 2020. Detailed instructions for public participation, and other requirements for the meeting, are included in the attached notice of public hearing to be published in *The News Leader*.

Attachment

NOTICE OF SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF STAUNTON CITY COUNCIL

Please take notice that Staunton City Council will conduct a public hearing concerning the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution. The Second Amendment provides as follows: “A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.”

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The public may participate in the meeting either in-person or by telephone on the date of the meeting. In addition, through 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 30, 2020, the public may also communicate comments to City Council by (i) emailing the Clerk of Council at publiccomment@ci.staunton.va.us, or (ii) calling the Clerk of Council at 540.332.3810. Voice mail messages are acceptable. All comments received will become part of the public record of the public hearing. Public comment in-person or by telephone on the date of the meeting will be subject to a time limit imposed by Council. Persons with hearing loss or speech impairment desiring to attend the public hearing may contact Morgan Smith by email at smithmc@ci.staunton.va.us to request an interpreter.

SPECIFIC GUIDELINES FOR IN-PERSON PARTICIPATION

- Entry to City Hall will be restricted to the main level, side entrance on Central Avenue.
- Each individual will be subject to temperature screening. Any individual with a temperature exceeding 100.3° will be denied entry to City Hall and will be provided with information about alternative means to submit input to Council.
- Face coverings are required while inside City Hall. Additionally, 6-foot social distancing must be practiced.
- For this meeting, City Hall accommodates 35 members of the public at any one time (in both Council Chambers and the first floor lobby of City Hall). Individuals will be permitted entry on a first come, first served basis. Once capacity is reached, individuals may wait in a line outside City Hall, managed by city staff, and will be permitted entry one person at a time to address Council.

Please publish this notice on Thursday, October 22, 2020