City Council
WORK SESSION
January 12, 2017
6:15 p.m.

Council Members Present: Mayor Dull, Vice Mayor Kier, Council Members Curren, Harrington, Oakes and Obenschain.

Council Member Absent: Council Member Holmes

The Mayor called the work session of City Council to order. The invocation/moment of silence was given by Ms. Oakes.

1. Consideration of Work Session and Regular Meeting Agendas

Consistent with Procedural Memorandum No. 3, amended by Council at its organization meeting on July 1, 2016, the agendas were presented for Council consideration.

Mr. Obenschain moved to approve the Work Session and the Regular Meeting agendas as presented.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Harrington and carried unanimously as follows:

Dr. Harrington	aye	Mayor Dull	aye
Mr. Obenschain	aye	Ms. Oakes	aye
Vice Mayor Kier	aye	Dr. Curren	aye

2. Discussion of a Resolution to Authorize a Performance Agreement with the Virginia Economic Development Partnership for the Purposes of a Virginia Business Ready Sites Program Site Characterization Grant

Mr. Billy Vaughn, Director of Community Development, stated that the Virginia Business Ready Sites Program (VBRSP) was established to identify and assess the readiness of potential industrial or commercial sites (at least 100 acres) in Virginia for marketing for industrial or commercial economic development purposes, thereby enhancing Virginia's infrastructure and promoting its competitive business environment.

Through VBRSP, localities may obtain grants, the purpose of which is to conduct a site assessment to quantify the level of existing development and the additional development required to bring a site to a level that will enable it to be marketed for industrial or commercial economic development purposes.

The City submitted an application for such a grant to the Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VDEP) to assist with the costs of assessment of Staunton Crossing and has been awarded a grant in the amount of $5,000.

This will be Item D on the regular agenda.

3. Review and Discussion of the Capital Investment Plan

Mr. Steve Owen, City Manager, explained the process for review and discussion of the five year capital investment plan. He noted that the purpose of the capital investment plan was to help inform the budget process.

Ms. Jeanne Colvin, Chief Financial Officer, provided a review of the annual update to the Capital Investment Plan for all City funds and the Education Fund. City and School Board staff updated the plan to review existing projects and revise projects, and to include new projects.

The plan was presented initially to City Council at its work session on January 12, 2017, with additional review and discussion planned for work sessions on January 26, 2017, and February 9, 2017.

The School Board reviewed the school capital projects on December 12, 2016, and is scheduled to consider the Education Fund CIP on January 9, 2017.

On January 19, 2017, an overview of the plan will be presented to the Planning Commission, which will conduct a public hearing and consider the plan at its meeting on February 16, 2017.

Final consideration of the CIP is scheduled for City Council on February 23, 2017.

Mr. Owen stated that staff was taking a look at different strategies for the police and fire department renovations as well as the library.

Discussion ensued regarding the high school project. After much discussion it was the consensus of Council that $40 million be placed in the CIP as a draft figure for funding the school project.

The work session adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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