

Special Meeting

Municipal Building
July 19, 2008

The Council of the Town of Culpeper convened in special session at 9:04 a.m. with Mayor Pranas A. Rimeikis presiding. Present: Calvin L. Coleman, Duke M. duFrane, F. Steve Jenkins, Michael T. Olinger (arrived 9:30 a.m.), James C. Risner, Robert M. Ryan (arrived at 9:35 a.m.), Christopher H. Snider (arrived 9:55 a.m.), William M. Yowell, Council Members. Also present: Thomas E. Huggard, Interim Town Manager; Lisa D. Hutcherson, Deputy Town Clerk; Robert W. Bendall, Town Attorney (arrived 12:25 p.m.).

AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Coleman requested the addition of a brief discussion on the next step in the consolidation process. Vice Mayor Yowell requested the addition of a discussion on increasing council salaries. Mayor Rimeikis added these items as 2.03 and 2.04, respectively.

Councilmember Coleman moved, Vice Mayor Yowell seconded, approval of the amended agenda. The motion carried by voice vote of those members present (6-0—Aye-Coleman, duFrane, Jenkins, Rimeikis, Risner, Yowell; Nay-None; Absent: Olinger, Ryan, Snider).

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Rimeikis moved, Vice Mayor Yowell seconded, council enter closed session to interview prospective candidates for the position of Town Manager pursuant to Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711(A)(1).

The motion carried by unanimous voice vote of those members present. (6-0—Aye-Coleman, duFrane, Jenkins, Rimeikis, Risner, Yowell; Nay-None; Absent-Olinger, Snider, Ryan)

Council entered closed session at 9:07 a.m.

Clerk's Note: Councilmember Olinger arrived at 9:30 a.m., Councilmember Ryan arrived at 9:35 a.m., and Councilmember Snider arrived at 9:55 a.m. and each joined the closed session at their respective arrival times.

Council entered open session at 12:12 p.m.

Certificate of Closed Session: Pursuant to Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3712, Mayor Rimeikis polled the members that to the best of each member's knowledge, only business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711 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 the meeting by the public body.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote: Aye-Coleman, duFrane, Rimeikis, Risner, Snider, Yowell (6); Nay-None; Absent from Vote: Jenkins, Olinger, Ryan(3).

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Rimeikis moved, Councilmember Coleman seconded, Council enter closed session to discuss or consult with staff and/or legal counsel regarding negotiating issues which may become subject to review by the Commission on Local Government relating to interjurisdictional cooperation, a possible boundary adjustment with Culpeper County, and water and sewer agreements generally pursuant to Code of Virginia Sections 2.2-3711(A)(7) and 15.2-2907(D).

Interim Town Manager Huggard questioned if Council wished to discuss appointments to the 250th Anniversary Committee(s) during this closed session. Mayor Rimeikis responded no, he did not believe council would not be making appointments at this meeting.

By general consensus, Council entered closed session at 12:17 p.m. and open session at 1:36 p.m.

Clerk's Note: Councilmembers Jenkins and Olinger left at 1:10 p.m.; Councilmember Ryan left at 1:20 p.m. Attorney Bendall arrived and joined the closed session at 12:25 p.m.

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The motion carried by roll call vote (6-0—Aye-Coleman, duFrane, Rimeikis, Risner, Snider, Yowell; Nay-None; Absent from Vote: Jenkins, Olinger, Ryan).

250th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE(S)

Council and Interim Town Manager Huggard briefly discussed the previously distributed 250th anniversary celebration committee structure and potential committee members. Mr. Huggard suggested council allow Culpeper Renaissance Inc. to proceed with planning the costume ball, and the Tourism Department, Museum of Culpeper History, Chamber of Commerce, local churches, and service organizations to plan their respective events and that all groups work together for the anniversary.

INCREASING COUNCIL SALARIES

Councilmember Coleman moved, Vice Mayor Yowell seconded, that the salary of council members be increased to \$900/month, the vice mayor to \$1,000/month, and the mayor to \$1,100/month retroactive to July 1, 2008.

Councilmember Coleman noted the salary of council members was last increased in 1997, and the proposed salary represents an approximate 2.3% increase. He further stated the Board of Supervisors' salaries have increased a couple times since council's; therefore, he believed council was due for a salary increase.

Councilmember duFrane moved, Vice Mayor Yowell seconded, an amendment that the mayor's salary be increased to \$1,200 per month.

Councilmember Risner stated he could not support the proposed salary increase since it "does not put food on the table or a roof on his house." He further noted employees did not receive larger raises this year, many are struggling to make ends meet, and he did not believe it was a good year to increase their salaries.

A brief discussion ensued on the approved 1.5% COLA and merit increases granted to employees for FY2009 with Vice Mayor Yowell noting the three members who had left the meeting had agreed to this concept.

Councilmember Risner called for the question.

The amendment passed by voice vote (4-2—Aye-Coleman, duFrane, Rimeikis, Yowell; Nay-Risner, Snider; Absent-Jenkins, Olinger, Ryan).

The original motion carried by voice vote (4-2—Aye-Coleman, duFrane, Rimeikis, Yowell; Nay-Risner, Snider; Absent-Jenkins, Olinger, Ryan).

ADJOURNMENT: Council adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Deputy Clerk

Mayor