

CITY OF COLONIAL HEIGHTS, VIRGINIA
Special Meeting of City Council
Tuesday, February 16, 2021

1. Call to Order.

The Special Meeting of City Council was called to order by Mayor Kochuba at 6:00 P.M.

2. Roll Call.

Present: Councilman Michael A. Cherry
Councilman John E. Piotrowski
Councilwoman Dr. Laura F. Poe
Councilman Robert W. Wade
Vice Mayor Elizabeth G. Luck
Mayor T. Gregory Kochuba

Absent: Councilman John T. Wood (arrived at 6:38 P.M.)

Also Present: Mr. Douglas E. Smith, City Manager
Mr. Hugh P. Fisher, III, City Attorney
Mrs. Pamela B. Wallace, City Clerk

3. Declarations of Personal Interest

A Declaration of Personal Interest was read by Dr. Poe and filed with the Clerk.

The Clerk announced the purpose of the meeting.

4. Closed meeting pursuant to the Code of Virginia in accordance with the following provision:

- Paragraph A.1 of Section 2.2-3711, to discuss or consider the performance of the City Clerk.
- Paragraph A.3 of Section 2.2-3711, to discuss or consider the disposition of publicly held real property – specifically, an approximate 20-acre parcel behind the Colonial Heights Technical Center – where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body.

A motion to convene in closed meeting was made by Mayor Kochuba, seconded by Mrs. Luck, at 6:02 P.M.

Vote: 6-0
Yes: Cherry
Piotrowski
Poe

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Wade
Luck
Kochuba
No: None
Absent: Wood (arrived late)
Abstained: None

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5. Voice Vote – Come back into Open Session.

A motion to reconvene in open session was made by Mayor Kochuba, seconded by Mr. Piotrowski, and carried unanimously on roll call vote at 7:03 P.M.

Vote: 7-0
Yes: Cherry
Piotrowski
Poe
Wade
Wood
Luck
Kochuba
No: None
Absent: None
Abstained: None

Motion UNANIMOUS PASS

As stated by the Clerk, Council was in a closed meeting pursuant to the Code of Virginia in accordance with the following provision:

- Paragraph A.1 of Section 2.2-3711, to discuss or consider the performance of the City Clerk.**
- Paragraph A.3 of Section 2.2-3711, to discuss or consider the disposition of publicly held real property – specifically, an approximate 20-acre parcel behind the Colonial Heights Technical Center – where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body.**

Consideration of the following certification:

Each member will now certify that to the best of the member’s knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements of the act and (ii) 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

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public body. Any member who believes there was a departure from the requirements of clauses (i) and (ii), shall so state prior to the vote, indicating the substance of the departure that, in his judgment, has taken place.

Council members approved this certification, without any stating departure from the requirements of clauses (i) and (ii), by the following roll call vote:

<u>Vote:</u>	7-0
Yes:	Cherry
	Piotrowski
	Poe
	Wade
	Wood
	Luck
	Kochuba
No:	None
Absent:	None
Abstained:	None

Motion UNANIMOUS PASS

6. Work Session on the following items:

- A. A RESOLUTION NO. 21-9
Consenting to and confirming the declaration of a local emergency by the
Director of Emergency Services.**

A motion was made by Mayor Kochuba, seconded by Mrs. Luck, to approve Resolution No. 21-9.

Mr. Smith advised the resolution was for the emergency declaration due to the significant ice storm of February 12-13, 2021. Mr. Smith stated that due to the potential for a second storm later in the week, the declaration would remain in effect.

<u>Vote:</u>	7-0
Yes:	Cherry
	Piotrowski
	Poe
	Wade
	Wood
	Luck
	Kochuba
No:	None
Absent:	None
Abstained:	None

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B. AN ORDINANCE NO. 21-3

Awarding the City Attorney a 2% salary increase and a \$2,000 bonus.

A motion was made by Mr. Piotrowski, seconded by Mrs. Luck, to approve Ordinance No. 21-3.

Vote:	7-0
Yes:	Cherry
	Piotrowski
	Poe
	Wade
	Wood
	Luck
	Kochuba
No:	None
Absent:	None
Abstained:	None

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C. Central Virginia Waste Management Authority (CVWMA) Update and Presentation

Ms. Kim Hynes, Executive Director, CVWMA, provided Council with updates relative to trash and recycling collection in the City. Ms. Hynes provided information relative to the new contract with Meridian Waste, replacing Container First Services, and addressed concerns regarding missed collections. Ms. Hynes stated the problems with the performance was due to the transition between contractors and assured Council, CVWMA was aware of the situation and working to ensure service would not be interrupted.

Continuing, Ms. Hynes reported on CVWMA's recycling education efforts and the impact the COVID pandemic has had on these efforts. Additionally, Ms. Hynes advised of upcoming contract renewals for curbside recycling and trash collection. Ms. Hynes stated CVWMA was focusing on a strategic plan to include a regional plan for waste management, the direction for CVWMA, and ways to hear from local leadership.

D. Office on Youth Student Survey Presentation

Mr. Skalak recognized and thanked Becca Lynch for her efforts and support of the Office on Youth and advised that the Office on Youth was now fully staffed. Mr. Skalak then recalled the Pride Survey initiated by the Office on Youth which was administered to Colonial Heights students in grades 6 through 12 and asked that Marquis Mapp,

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Youth Program Coordinator, to provide Council with the purpose and the importance of the survey.

Mr. Mapp shared the results of the survey, which was administered in early 2020 and focused on students' thoughts, knowledge, and experiences with tobacco, alcohol, drugs, guns, and suicide. Mr. Mapp advised that the percentage of the data gathered was higher than that of the national average and was quite alarming for a locality of this size. There was discussion by Council relative to the schools lack of response and willingness to review the data in an effort to address the alarming data.

Mayor Kochuba advised he would reach out to the School Board's Chair and Vice Chair to further discuss action in an effort to address the information presented in the survey.

E. Virginia's Gateway Region Marketing Video

At the request of Mayor Kochuba, Mr. Smith shared a marketing video put together by Virginia's Gateway Region.

F. City Council Retreat Summary

Mr. Smith provided Council with an estimated time-line for action taken on various retreat topics; most notable, water and sewer rate adjustments to be addressed during the upcoming budget sessions and the Downtown Strategy Study to possibly begin in mid-April.

7. Adjournment.

A motion to adjourn the Special Meeting was made by Mayor Kochuba, seconded by Mrs. Luck, and carried unanimously on voice vote at 9:09 P.M.

APPROVED:

T. Gregory Kochuba, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pamela B. Wallace, City Clerk