

**CITY OF COLONIAL HEIGHTS, VIRGINIA
Regular Meeting of City Council
Tuesday, February 9, 2021**

1. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of City Council was called to order by Mayor Kochuba at 7:00 P.M.

2. Roll Call

The following members of Council and Council's staff were present for roll call by the Clerk:

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

Absent: None

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

3. Devotion

A devotional prayer was led by Mr. Cherry.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Kochuba.

5. Adoption of Agenda

At the request of Mr. Fisher due to possible changes to the Memorandum of Understanding noted in Resolution No. 21-8, a motion was made by Mayor Kochuba, seconded by Mr. Piotrowski, to amend the agenda by removing Item 14A.

**Vote: 7-0
Yes: Cherry
Piotrowski**

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**Poe
Wade
Wood
Luck
Kochuba**

No: None

Absent:

Abstained: None

Motion: UNANIMOUS PASS

A motion was then made by Mayor Kochuba, seconded by Mrs. Luck, to approve the agenda as amended.

Vote: 7-0

**Yes: Cherry
Piotrowski
Poe
Wade
Wood
Luck
Kochuba**

No: None

Absent: None

Abstained: None

Motion: UNANIMOUS PASS

6. Declarations of Personal Interest

A declaration was read by Dr. Poe and filed with the Clerk.

7. Commendations and Presentations

A. RESOLUTION NO. 21-7

Recognizing Dennis K. Morris for 50 Years of Service to the Crater Planning District Commission

A motion was made by Mayor Kochuba, seconded by Mr. Piotrowski, to adopt Resolution No. 21-7.

Mayor Kochuba presented Mr. Morris with the framed resolution as well as a City challenge coin and thanked Mr. Morris for his years of dedication and unwavering support to the betterment of Colonial Heights and the

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surrounding localities. Mr. Wood also provided comments recalling his time serving on the Metropolitan Planning Organization and time spent with Mr. Morris on many projects; specifically noting Mr. Morris' dedication to ensuring Fort Lee was removed for the list of facilities that the Defense Base Realignment and Closure Commission recommended for closing.

After Mr. Wood concluded his comments, Mr. Morris offered his comments reflected on his years as a resident of Colonial Heights and recalling the years of support from City staff and Council members particularly noting that the City of Colonial Heights had always been a team player in efforts to support the region.

8. Reading of Manner of Addressing Council.

Mr. Fisher read the Manner of Addressing Council.

9. Written Petitions and Communications

- A. Mr. Kevin Paul, 215 Highland Avenue**
Suggested changes relative to the use of Mobile Food Units in the City

Mr. Paul spoke to the City's ordinance restricting the operation of a Mobile Food Unit (MFU) in the City. Mr. Paul requested that Council consider allowing residents with a MFU businesses registered in the City, to operate in a public area with the property owners permission.

Mayor Kochuba recalled Council's previous discussion regarding MFU advising that Council could revisit and further discuss and consider more lenient restrictions. There was further discussion and questions by Council after which time, Mayor Kochuba asked that Mr. Smith prepare a presentation for a future work session to further consider the operation of MFU.

10. Advertised Public Hearing

There were none.

11. Hearing of Citizens Generally on Non-Agenda Items

There were none.

12. Consideration of Uncontested Minutes, Ordinances, Resolutions, and Motions in Accordance with the Consent Agenda

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- A. AN ORDINANCE NO. 21-FIN-1**
(Second Reading) To amend the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 2, 2020 and ending June 20, 2021, by appropriating \$22,358 consisting of 1) \$1,998 in grant funds for the Fire & EMS Department for the purchase of a tablet; 2) \$5,697 in unassigned fund balance and \$4,303 in current year E-Citation revenue for the purchase of equipment for mobile printers; 3) \$7,360 in donations to the Sheriff's Office; 4) \$2,500 in grant funds from Wal-Mart for the Office on Youth to provide services for the English as a Second Language community; and 5) \$500 in donations in memory of Barbara Gehler for the purchase of artwork for display at the Library.

B. January 12, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Mrs. Luck, seconded by Mr. Piotrowski, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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

Motion: UNANIMOUS PASS

13. Introduction and Consideration of Ordinances and Resolutions

- A. AN ORDINANCE NO. 21-FIN-2**
(First Reading) To amend the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021, by appropriating \$76,000 in grant funds for the regional swift water rescue team.

To amend the Recreation Fund Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021, by appropriating \$12,600 of committed fund balance for the City's

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share of a van purchase in partnership with the Crater District Area Agency on Aging.

A motion was made by Mr. Cherry, seconded by Mr. Piotrowski, to adopt Ordinance No. 21-FIN-2.

At the request of Mr. Wood, Chief Hoover provided additional explanation relative to the appropriation of grant funds for the Swift Water Rescue Team advising that the state was developing a regional Swift Water Rescue Team and Colonial Heights would be organizing the purchase of the equipment for distribution to other participating regions within the Commonwealth.

After further clarification by Mr. Skalak of the City's shared services with the Crater District Area Agency on Aging, Mayor Kochuba asked that they be recognized in an upcoming meeting.

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

Motion: UNANIMOUS PASS

14. Unfinished Business, Contested Ordinances and Resolutions, And Items Removed From the Consent Agenda.

15. Reports of Officers and Documents Related Thereto.

A. City Manager

1. Emergency Management Update

Chief Hoover provided updates relative to COVID-19 reporting the following:

- EMS personnel were seeing just as many patients as in the beginning and did not feel the City had hit the curve yet. Chief Hoover advised that almost all front-line safety officers had**

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received their first and second round of vaccines. Additionally, Chief Hoover reported City employees and school staff had received their first vaccine last Friday with an additional vaccination event being held Friday February 12 for additional City and school staff.

- The state has been looking at a few locations within the City to hold vaccination clinics for citizens.
- City EMS personnel have been monitoring a pending storm system with the potential to produce significant ice for the tri-city area February 11-12.

2. General Activity Report

Mr. Smith reminded Council of the Work Session scheduled for next Tuesday, February 16, 2021.

B. City Attorney

Mr. Fisher reported that the School Board held a Budget Work Session on Thursday, February 4, 2021 and will hold a combination Retreat/Budget Work Session this Thursday, February 11, 2021, and will hold an advertised Public Hearing on its budget on February 23, 2021.

C. Director of Planning and Community Development

Ms. Hall advised that the Planning Commission did not meet in February; however, they plan to meet for their regular meeting in March.

16. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mayor Kochuba, seconded by Mr. Cherry, and carried unanimously on voice vote to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 P.M.

APPROVED:

T. Gregory Kochuba, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Pamela B. Wallace, City Clerk