

**CITY OF COLONIAL HEIGHTS, VIRGINIA  
Special Meeting of City Council  
Tuesday, November 19, 2019**

**1. Call to Order.**

**The Special Meeting of City Council was called to order by Mayor Kochuba at 4:00 P.M.**

**2. Roll Call.**

**Present:** Councilman Michael A. Cherry  
Councilman Kenneth B. Frenier  
Councilman W. Joe Green, Jr.  
Councilman John E. Piotrowski  
Vice Mayor Elizabeth G. Luck  
Mayor T. Gregory Kochuba

**Absent:** Councilman John T. Wood

**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**

**There were no declarations.**

**4. Joint Meeting with Colonial Heights School Board at the High School Technical Center to discuss the following items:**

- A. Overview of School enrollment Data and Student Education Cost**
- B. Overview of Free and Reduced Lunch Data**
- C. Overview of Graduation Data**
- D. Discussion of Teacher Starting Salary Data**
- E. Update on School Projects, Activities, and Plans**
- F. Discussion of High School Improvement Feasibility Study**
- G. Discussion of Green Space Development**
- H. Other Business**

**Dr. Sroufe, School Superintendent, provided information and/or comments relative to the above noted items. Dr. Sroufe addressed any questions presented by Council.**

**5. Council recess to go to City Hall.**

**A motion was made by Mayor Kochuba, seconded by Mr. Cherry, to recess the meeting and return to City Hall.**

**Vote: 6-0**

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<b>Yes:</b>	<b>Cherry</b>
	<b>Frenier</b>
	<b>Green, Jr.</b>
	<b>Piotrowski</b>
	<b>Luck</b>
	<b>Kochuba</b>
<b>No:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Absent:</b>	<b>Wood</b>
<b>Abstained:</b>	<b>None</b>

**Motion UNANIMOUS PASS**

**6. Work Session on the following items:**

**A. Discussion Regarding Gaming Machines**

The City's Commonwealth Attorney, Gray Collins, provided Council with information relative to gambling machines located in City businesses and what provisions the City must make to determine the legal operation of such machines. Mr. Collins provided scenarios to initiate removal of such gambling machines further suggesting the canvassing of businesses by him and/or police officers to determine if the machines were that of skill or chance. Mr. Collins addressed questions from Council relative to the revenue generated from such machines and the impact to the City, if any.

A motion was made by Mr. Piotrowski, seconded by Mayor Kochuba, to allow the Commonwealth's Attorney and PD to canvas stores to determine if the gaming machines were games of chance or skill. This motion was later retracted by Mr. Piotrowski after it was suggested by Mr. Cherry, that Council delay any action in an effort to monitor additional actions made by other localities.

There was no action taken by Council.

**B. Update regarding South Central Wastewater Authority**

Dr. Bob Wickser, Executive Director, South Central Wastewater Authority, provided Council with information relative to the prospective plant upgrade to address the nitrogen phosphorus increase discharged from the water treatment plant. Dr. Wickser advised that the total funding for the proposed project was approximately \$50M and provided a planning level schedule for the project and possible funding sources.

There was no action taken by Council.

**C. Update on shepherd Stadium Improvements**

Mr. Skalak provided update information on improvements made to the stadium in preparation ahead of the Chili Peppers season premiere in May 2020. Addressing some

concerns, Mr. Skalak discussed parking options to accommodate game-day parking options for off-site and on-site parking. Mr. Skalak stated he was confident that all updates would be complete by the start of the baseball season.

There was no action taken by Council.

**D. Economic Development Updates**

Mrs. Epps provided information relative to the following:

- **Business training opportunities**
- **Promotional marketing efforts**
- **Dining brochure updates**
- **Creation of an Economic Development Facebook page**
- **Proposed projects**
- **Completed projects**

There was no action taken by Council.

**E. Discussion of Paragraph E. of City Code Section 244-14, Addressing Placement of Solid Waste and Recycling Containers**

Ms. Hall provided staff's position on the enforcement of solid waste and recycling containers stating that the department had only been enforcing the most egregious cases during the grass cutting season. Ms. Hall clarified the front plane/front line of the principle structure as defined in the City Code and provided photos depicting the correct location and placement of trash receptacles.

There was much discussion by Council as to the enforcement and placement of receptacles and the safety of staff due to the hostility of offenders. At the conclusion of the discussion, it was the consensus of Council to allow Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Smith, and Ms. Hall to make appropriate changes to the current ordinance moving recycling and trash receptacles behind the principle structure which is closer to the street.

Before moving to the next item, Mayor Kochuba called for a five minute recess.

**F. Review of draft City Council Retreat Agenda**

Mayor Kochuba stated there was still time for Council members to forward suggested topics to Mr. Smith.

Mr. Cherry requested Council consider action to show support of the City's position on second amendment rights. Mr. Fisher provided his opinion relative to Mr. Cherry's request, as well as Mr. Collins' providing additional information and suggesting that both Sheriff Wilson and Chief Faries take part in any decision-making relative to changes.

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**Mr. Green requested that Mr. Fisher draft a resolution expressing Council's opinion showing support of the City's stance on second amendment rights. It was the consensus of Council for Mr. Fisher to draft a resolution stating the City's stance on the second amendment.**

**G. AN ORDINANCE NO 19-29  
(First Reading) Awarding the City Clerk a 5% bonus.**

**A motion was made by Mayor Kochuba, seconded by Mr. Cherry, to adopt Ordinance No. 19-29.**

<b>Vote:</b>	<b>6-0</b>
<b>Yes:</b>	<b>Cherry Frenier Green, Jr. Piotrowski Luck Kochuba</b>
<b>No:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Absent:</b>	<b>Wood</b>
<b>Abstained:</b>	<b>None</b>

**Motion UNANIMOUS PASS**

**5. Adjournment**

**There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Piotrowski, seconded by Mr. Frenier, to adjourn the Special Meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 P.M.**

**APPROVED:**

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**T. Gregory Kochuba, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Pamela B. Wallace, City Clerk**