

**CITY OF COLONIAL HEIGHTS, VIRGINIA
Regular Meeting of City Council
Tuesday, August 10, 2021**

1. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of City Council was called to order by Mayor Kochuba at 7:38 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
Mr. Hugh P. Fisher, III, City Attorney
Mrs. Pamela B. Wallace, Clerk

3. Devotion

A devotional prayer was led by Mayor Kochuba.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Kochuba.

5. Adoption of Agenda

A motion was then made by Mr. Piotrowski, seconded by Mr. Cherry, to approve the agenda as presented.

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

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Wood
Luck
Kochuba
No: None
Absent: None
Abstained: None

Motion: UNANIMOUS PASS

6. Declarations of Personal Interest

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

Mayor Kochuba recognized Dr. Krishan Agrawal, representing the School Board.

7. Commendations and Presentations

- A. Presentation of the second Reaccreditation Award to Colonel Jeffrey W. Faries and the Colonial Heights Police Department by DCJS Accreditation Program Manager Derrick Mays**
- B. Introduction of Police Canine Nero with Senior Officer Micaulay Fable**
- C. Recognition of Braxton Lee for his fundraising efforts for the Police Department's Canine Program**
- D. Recognizing Captain Steven C. Groat upon his retirement from the Colonial Heights Police Department**

8. Reading of Manner of Addressing Council.

Mr. Fisher read the Manner of Addressing Council.

9. Written Petitions and Communications

There were none.

10. Advertised Public Hearing

There were none.

11. Hearing of Citizens Generally on Non-Agenda Items

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There were none.

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

A. AN ORDINANCE NO 21-FIN-10

(Second Reading) To amend the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022, by appropriating \$137,801 consisting of 1) \$29,724 in grant funds from the Department of Criminal Justice Services for the Police Department's Body-Worn Camera Program; 2) \$51,470 in grant funds from the Rescue Squad Assistance Fund for Mobile data computers for the Fire & EMS Department; 3) \$8,600 in grant funds from the VA Department of Conservation and Recreation for the summer Youth Conservation Corps Program at Pocahontas State Park; 4) \$21,607 carried forward from FY2021 for an Economic Development website, and 5) \$26,400 in state reimbursement for a legislative increase in the Registrar's salary.

To amend the Capital Projects Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 by appropriating \$156,200 in FEMA grant funds for the replacement of a generator at Colonial Heights Middle School and transferring \$63,800 from the Fire Station #2 insulation project to the Colonial Heights Middle School generator project for the required local match.

B. July 13, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes

C. July 13, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

D. August 2, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes

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

Vote: 7-0
Yes: Cherry
Piotrowski
Poe
Wade
Wood

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Luck
Kochuba
No: None
Absent: None
Abstained: None

Motion: UNANIMOUS PASS

13. Introduction and Consideration of Ordinances and Resolutions

- A. A RESOLUTION NO 21-29**
Declaring the official intent of the City of Colonial Heights, Virginia to reimburse certain expenditures with proceeds of bonds.

A motion was made by Mayor Kochuba, seconded by Mr. Cherry, to adopt Resolution 21-29.

Mrs. Minor advised that typically, debt was issued in the fall; however, currently, there was very little debt to issue; only \$1.7M. With the recommendation of the City's Financial Advisor, Mrs. Minor stated that staff believes it would be most economical and advantageous to the City to delay the issuance of this debt until the spring of 2022, as we anticipate there may be an opportunity to refinance existing 2012 and 2018 obligations at a more attractive rate and the City could benefit from issuing both new and refinancing debt at the same time.

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.

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- A. AN ORDINANCE NO 21-15
(Second Reading) To grant a special use permit, with conditions to Lee S. Robertson to permit a mobile business unit, Quintessential Chiropractic, to conduct business at 1217 Boulevard, also known as parcel identification number 500001000G8, which is zoned GB – General Business District.**

A motion was made by Mr. Cherry, seconded by Mr. Piotrowski, to adopt Ordinance No. 21-15.

There being no discussion, Mayor Kochuba called for the vote.

**Vote: 5-2
Yes: Cherry
Piotrowski
Poe
Luck
Kochuba
No: Wade
Wood
Absent: None
Abstained: None**

Motion: PASS

15. Reports of Officers and Documents Related Thereto.

A. City Manager

1. Tri City Chili Peppers Season Update

Mr. Craig Skalak, Director of Recreation and Parks, provided positive comments relative to the first Chili Pepper season. Mr. Skalak noted the following:

- Although concerned in the beginning, there were no parking issues**
- There had been no issues noted by the Police Department**
- The average attendance on game-days was approximately 800**
- Potential events scheduled in the future at the stadium as part of the Chili Pepper contract**

2. Violet Bank Restoration Project Update

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Mr. Smith advised the project had reached the point of substantial completion with only one additional close-out item. Mr. Skalak provided a PowerPoint presentation showing the renovations related to moisture issues to the front porch ceiling and stucco foundation.

3. Virginia Overtime Wage Act Update

Mr. Smith advised that the initial bill was amended and the governor intended to sign the bill to allow for compensatory time.

4. General Activity Report

Mr. Smith reported on the following:

- Thanked staff for their efforts toward the employee picnic on August 6 at White Bank Park.**
- Removal of two additional clothing bins earlier in the week.**
- Scheduled City Labor Day Holiday**
- Key Stone Truck and Tractor Museum to host Colonial Heights Days at the museum on October 2.**

B. City Attorney

Mr. Fisher provided comments relative to collection bins, advising that final letters had been sent out to multiple persons. Mr. Fisher stated there were three bins still at one location; however, he had been in contact with the property owner and it was moving forward with removal.

C. Director of Planning and Community Development

Mr. Smith advised that the Planning Commission did not meet in August; however, there had been one submission for the September meeting and a possible BZA meeting also in September.

16. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Cherry, seconded by Mrs. Luck, and carried unanimously on voice vote to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

APPROVED:

T. Gregory Kochuba, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pamela B. Wallace, City Clerk