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City Council Special Meeting
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- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Declarations Of Personal Interest**

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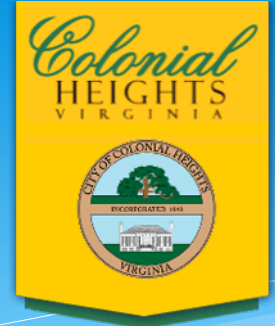


4. Closed Meeting Pursuant To The Code Of Virginia In Accordance With The Following Provision:

- Paragraph A.5 of Section 2.2-3711, to discuss a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry at 401 Temple Avenue, owned by Kroger Limited Partnership I, where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community.

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5. Vote To Come Back Into Open Meeting

The Council has been in a closed meeting pursuant to the Code of Virginia in accordance with the following provision:

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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 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.

Roll Call. An affirmative vote shall constitute certification of compliance.

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6. Work Session On The Following Items:

A. A RESOLUTION NO 19-44

Authorizing the submission to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) of an application for federal FY 2020-21 Transportation Alternatives Program funding; requesting financial assistance in an amount up to \$710,844 for Conduit Road sidewalks and \$369,174 for Phase 5 of the Appomattox River Greenway Trail; committing to pay the 20% local match for each project; and providing for future maintenance and upkeep of the completed projects.

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6. Work Session On The Following Items:

B. A RESOLUTION NO 19-45

Authorizing the submission of a revenue sharing program application to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) for Fiscal Year 2020-21; and requesting financial assistance from VDOT in an amount up to \$330,353 for the reconstruction of Ridge Road.

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6. Work Session On The Following Items:

C. A RESOLUTION NO 19-46

Approving the use of design-build procurement for the Hrouda Pump Station Replacement project.

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6. Work Session On The Following Items:

D. Discussion Of The Community Center Rental Policy Revisions

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6. Work Session On The Following Items:

E. Discussion Regarding Deputy Chief Of Police Position

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6. Work Session On The Following Items:

F. Discussion Of Urban Housing Of Backyard Chickens



BACKYARD CHICKEN REGULATIONS

LOCALITY COMPARISON



Backyard chickens on the rise, despite neighbors' clucks

HEALTH

Why Backyard Chickens Are a Trend

CAROL ANN SAYLE MAY 18, 2009



Backyard chickens have been hip for a while, but building them a \$20,000 coop takes the trend to a whole new level

Ogden's ban on backyard chickens irks urban millennials

Backyard chickens trendier than Teslas among the elite

What can we learn from the affluent's obsession with backyard chickens? As the Silicon Valley elite invest in heritage chickens and fancy coops, modern agriculturalists can take note of what this trend means.

More than 1% of all U.S. households now raise chickens; the USDA estimates that by 2019 urban chicken flocks will increase by 400%. An attorney by trade, Mormino answers questions daily on [her popular Facebook page](#) for her more than 743,000 followers.

Don't Be the Last Person to Get Backyard Chickens



PROS & CONS OF BACKYARD CHICKENS

PROS:

- Pest management, specifically flies, ticks, roaches, and even mice
- Mostly quiet, especially compared to dogs
- Environmental friendly fertilizer
- Divert food scrapes from landfill
- Eggs
- Provides pet companionship

CONS:

- Coop requires maintenance to ensure no smell
- Noise while laying eggs, some hens are noisy
- Attracts predators
- Like any pet, chickens cost money to maintain (food, bedding, coop) and may require veterinary care (parasites, injuries).
- Like any pet, chickens get loose and chickens are abandoned.

BACKYARD CHICKEN COOP



WHERE DO LOCALITIES STAND ON URBAN CHICKENS?

YES

- Petersburg
- Hopewell
- Richmond
- Chesterfield
- Hanover
- Harrisonburg
- Staunton
- Fredericksburg

No

- Colonial Heights
- Henrico
- Prince George
- Dinwiddie

TYPICAL BACKYARD CHICKEN REGULATIONS

- Coop setbacks from property line
- Maximum number of chickens
- No roosters
- Minimum size for coop and run (usually sqft/chicken)
- Cleaned regularly to prevent odor
- Feed must be in secured rodent proof containers
- Animal welfare (fresh water availability, etc)
- If locality requires permits, the permit application and coop inspection is typically conducted through Animal Control

COUNCIL DIRECTION

- Provide direction to maintain current ordinance not allowing backyard chickens

OR

- Provide staff direction to proceed with an ordinance

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6. Work Session On The Following Items:

G. Discussion Of Motorized Scooter Regulations



Scooters

VML Policy Committees

July 18, 2019

Richmond Marriott Hotel

















Common requirements of a pilot program

- Company must provide a contact person and a general manager
- Company pays an application fee
- Requirements for meetings between the company and the locality
- Information that the companies must give to scooter riders
- Required safety feature for the scooters are set out
- Company must provide locality with periodic reports
- Sets a limit on the number of scooters any company can bring into the locality.

Major components of HB 2752

- Allows localities to prohibit the use of motorized scooters on sidewalks
- Prohibits the parking of scooters in ways that would be in the way of pedestrians.
- Sets penalties of up to \$50 for violations of any scooter laws.
- Some provisions can be strengthened by localities

NEEDED ACTIONS

- By December 31, 2019, any locality that thinks that scooters may come its way should adopt an ordinance or enact a pilot program.
- VML should adopt a formal VML position that any future State legislation must continue to assign regulatory responsibility to local governments.
- Localities with existing pilots should meet several times prior to the 2020 Session to discuss what they are finding in their pilots, so that they will be ready to proceed united if further legislation is introduced in 2020.

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7. Adjournment



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