



**Colonial Heights
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. A Work Session On The Following Items:

A. Discussion Regarding Personal Property Taxes


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4. A Work Session On The Following Items:

B. Public Works Project Update

The seal of the City of Colonial Heights, Virginia, is a circular emblem. It features a large green tree in the upper half and a white building with a steeple in the lower half, set against a light blue sky and green ground. The words "CITY OF COLONIAL HEIGHTS" are written in a semi-circle at the top, and "VIRGINIA" is at the bottom. A horizontal band across the middle contains the text "INCORPORATED 1948".

Public Works Project Update

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Public Works Project Update

Completed Projects FY21-22:

- Temple Ave Signalization
- Dupuy Ave Modernization
- Hrouda Pump Station
- North Elementary (Safe Routes to School)

Sidewalks Phase 1

Public Works Project Update

Active Construction FY22-23

(Anticipated End of Construction)

- Boulevard Paving (Summer 2023)
- Lakeview Avenue Modernization (Fall 2023)
- North Elementary (Safe Routes to School)
Sidewalks Phase 2 (Fall 2023)
- Branders Bridge Rd Right Turn Lane (Fall 2023)
- Westover Ave Right Turn Lane (Spring 2024)

Public Works Project Update

Planned FY22-FY23 (Anticipated Start of Construction)

- Appomattox River Greenway Trail (ARGT) PH V (Fall 2023)
- Ridge Road Reconstruction (Summer 2024)
- High School Sidewalks (Summer 2024)
- Boulevard at Temple Intersection Improvements (Spring 2025)

Public Works Project Update

FY 22-23 Grants Awarded

- Boulevard Paving - \$436,231 (100% Fed/State)
- ARGT Boulevard Spur – Partially Funded at \$396,000 (80% Fed/State). Applied through Smart Scale for the outstanding amount (\$145,000)
- Middle School Sidewalks- \$160,407 (80% Fed/State)

FY 22-23 Grants Pending

- Smart Scale – ARGT Phase 6, ARGT Boulevard Spur, Boulevard Sidewalks and Lakeview Modernization.
- Stormwater Local Assistance Fund – TMDL nutrient credits in the amount of \$413,000 (50% State)

Public Works Project Update

- Crews are preparing for upcoming leaf season
- Applications have not been keeping up with open positions
- Vacancies are present in all divisions within Public Works
(Utilities, Engineering, Streets and Fleet)
- Outside assistance has been procured.

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4. A Work Session On The Following Items:

C. Discussion Regarding A New City Vehicle Use Policy

- ▶ The City's current vehicle use policy was approved in 2004.
- ▶ Staff worked on a new vehicle use policy
- ▶ New policy includes provisions for:
 - Take-Home Vehicles
 - Vehicle and Equipment Use Guidelines
 - Use of a Personal Vehicle for City business
 - Vehicle Operation Monitoring
 - Motor Vehicle Accidents
 - Maintenance of City Vehicles

► Take-home vehicles

- Provides opportunity for take-home vehicles by sworn public safety employees, employees on stand-by status, and others when approved by CM.
- Provides opportunity for take-home vehicles on a temporary basis for a seasonal activity/special event or potential emergency/emergency event as approved by the employee's Director.
- Taxability of take-home vehicle use

► Motor Vehicle Violations

- Provides for reporting certain motor vehicle violations/convictions.
- For those driving City vehicles, includes actions that could affect Driver's License status, whether on or off the job.

► Employees will sign Policy Acknowledgement Form

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D. Discussion Regarding Acquisition Of New Tasers For The Police Department And Sheriff's Office



Colonial Heights Police Department

Axon Enterprise

- **Founded in 1993**
- **Scottsdale, AZ headquarters**
- **USA Manufacturing**
- **1000+ employees**
- **Publicly-traded: AXON**





440,000+ OFFICERS

25,000+ AGENCIES

100% OF MAJOR CITIES

2,000+ MAJOR PROSECUTORS

230,000+ CAMERAS

760,000+ TASERS

Current Taser Assessment



- Total Taser Weapon Inventory

- X-26
- X-26P
- X-2

Total of 55

- Originally purchased X-26 in 2006
- X-26 and X-26P devices have reached end of life and are no longer supported.
- We have never made a single large scale procurement of these devices and as a result have never been able to fully deploy a single device.

TASER 7

A yellow and black TASER 7 stun gun is shown from a three-quarter front view. The device has a yellow body with black accents and four circular electrodes arranged in a 2x2 grid on the front. The background is dark blue with vertical lines.

REVOLUTIONARY CONFIDENCE

GIVE OFFICERS THE CONFIDENCE TO DE-ESCALATE
DANGEROUS SITUATIONS WITH THE MOST EFFECTIVE CEW EVER.

225,000+

Lives saved from potential death or serious injury

76% fewer officer injuries
40% fewer suspect injuries

MOST USED

6.98+ MILLION

USES ON HUMANS

4.25 MILLION

FIELD/SUSPECT APPLICATIONS

2.73 MILLION

TRAINING/VOLUNTARY APPLICATIONS

MOST EFFECTIVE

40% FEWER

SUSPECT INJURIES

70% FEWER

OFFICER INJURIES

Source: PERF Report to NIJ, Sept 2009

REDUCTION IN

- LITIGATION
- COMPLAINTS
- WORKER'S COMP CLAIMS

“The overwhelming consensus by all involved was that the TASER 7 CEW proved to be easier to use, more effective during deployments, and easier to maintain by troopers, officers, and supervisors.”

**-TRIAL PARTNER AGENCY
OVER 1,000 SWORN**

“Improved ergonomics in relation to grip, sighting, post-discharge usage, maintenance, and decision-making compatibility. It is more intuitive to use during a high-stress, uncertain, rapidly unfolding, and potentially life-threatening incident.”

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“The TASER 7 is very ergonomic in the hand and has a hardy, robust feeling as compared to other units in the past. The different angles of the probes allows for a much better and effective hit probability.”

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TASER 7 FULLY INTEGRATED WITH AXON EVIDENCE

AGENCY LEVEL
DEVICE SETTINGS

FLEET/DEVICE
INFORMATION

- CEW, BATTERY,
CARTRIDGE

SEAMLESS EVIDENCE
INTEGRATION

INVENTORY
MANAGEMENT

HEALTH DASHBOARD

WEAPON LOGS

PULSE GRAPHS

SEND LOG FEATURE

TASER 7 NEW ADVANCEMENTS

- RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES
- DUAL CARTRIDGE TASER
- DUAL LASERS (Top laser green, bottom laser red)
- WARNING ARC (De-escalation)
- SIGNAL TECHNOLOGY (When Taser is armed, all Axon cameras within a 30-50ft. Radius will start recording)
- TILT SELECT – provides the ability to toggle between Taser 7 bays and gives officers the ability to carry both Close Quarter and Stand-Off Cartridges, and utilize the cartridge best suited to de-escalate the situation (if needed).
- Close Quarter (12 degree) & Stand-Off Cartridges (3.5 degree)
 - Close Quarter cartridge will provide 12 inches of probe spread starting 4 ft. from the suspect. In comparison, the X26P cartridges need at least at 8 ft. from the suspect for 12 inches of probe spread)
 - Stand-Off cartridges will provide 12 inches of probe spread at 11.5 ft. from the suspect and is recommended for longer distances.
- **TASER 7 PROBES**
 - Wire spooled into body of dart - **ACCURACY**
 - Smart Probe barb - **RETENTION**
 - Break-away probe design – **ATTAINMENT**



Local Axon Customers

- Petersburg PD
- James City PD
- Chesterfield County PD
- Dinwiddie County Sheriff's Office
- Virginia Capitol PD



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E. Discussion Regarding Department Presentations At City Council Worksessions

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5. Adjournment