



**Colonial Heights
City Council Special Meeting
July 23, 2025
6:00 pm**

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- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**

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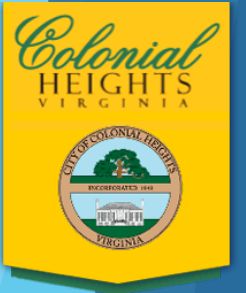
3. A Work Session On The Following Items:

A. Recognizing Hugh P. "Chip" Fisher, III, for 19 years of service as City Attorney.

1. A RESOLUTION NO 25-43

Recognizing Hugh P. Fisher, III, upon his retirement for 19 years of dedicated service to the City of Colonial Heights.

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3. A Work Session On The Following Items:

B. Economic Development Update And Discussion

Economic Development

Reaching New Heights!

6 Month Update

- Building Relationships
- Building a Brand (Logo, Website)
 - Special Events/Tourism Plan
 - Developed a Strategic Plan
- Building Better Communication (Staff/Customer)
 - Identified Available Sites
 - New Business

New Business



What is Economic Development?

Economic Development creates the conditions for economic growth and improved quality of life.

-U.S. Economic Development Administration

Economic development is the intentional practice of improving a community's economic well-being and quality of life.

-International Economic Development Council

Create & Improve

How?

Short-term

We will discuss a few ideas at the end of this presentation...

Long-term

Execute vision, plan, and process. Stay the Course.

What's next? We should focus on 4 Pillars for Success...

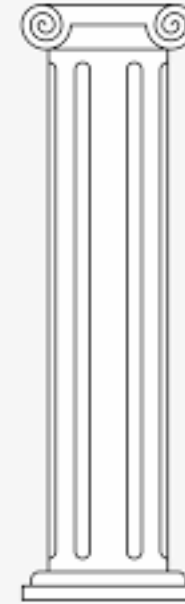
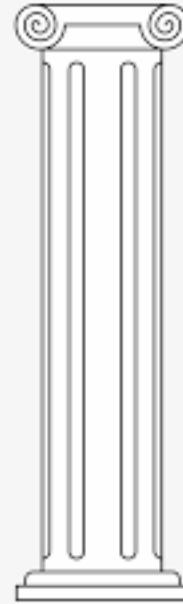
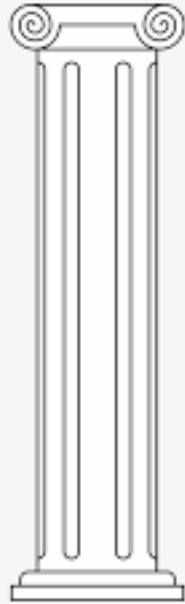
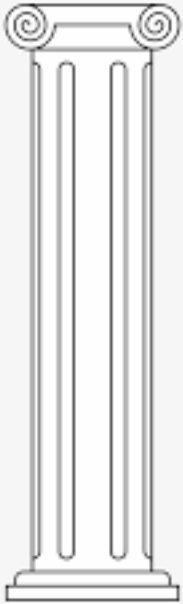
4 Pillars of Success

Sales Tax

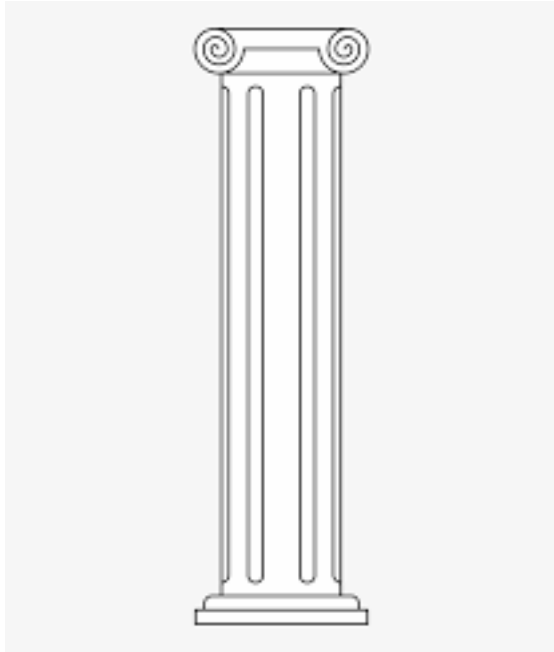
Property Tax

People

Investment



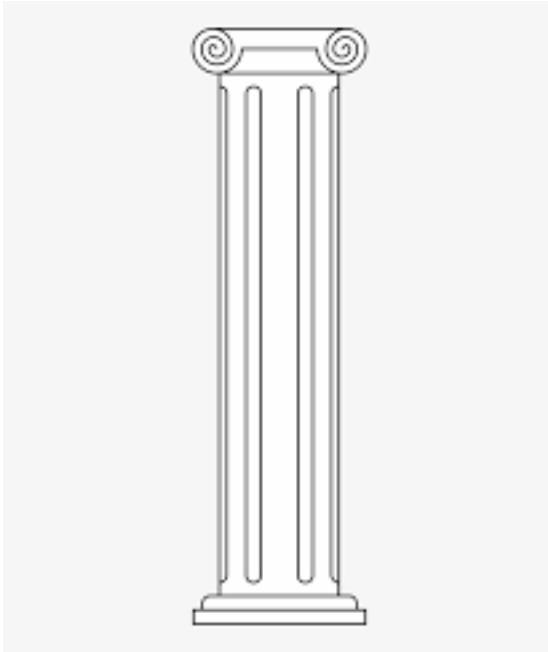
4 Pillars of Success



Sales Tax

- Incentives
- Business Friendly
- Beautification
- Public Safety
- Code Enforcement
- Streets/Drainage
- Active Businesses – Full Spaces

4 Pillars of Success

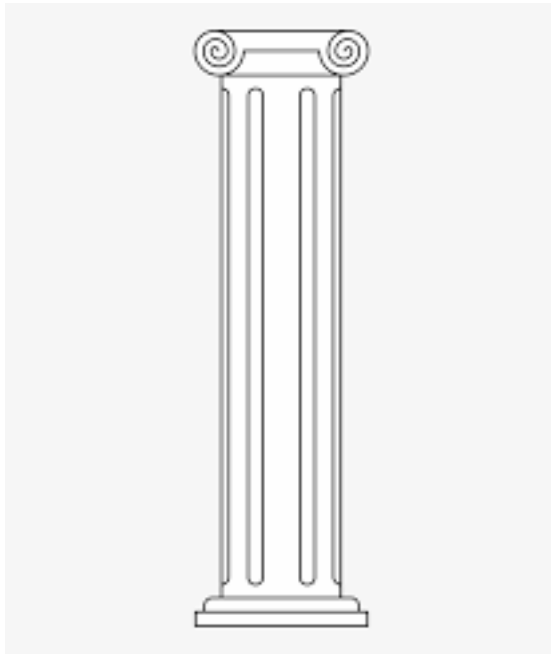


Property Tax

- School District
- Beautification
- Public Safety
- Code Enforcement
- Streets/Drainage
- New Housing Opportunities

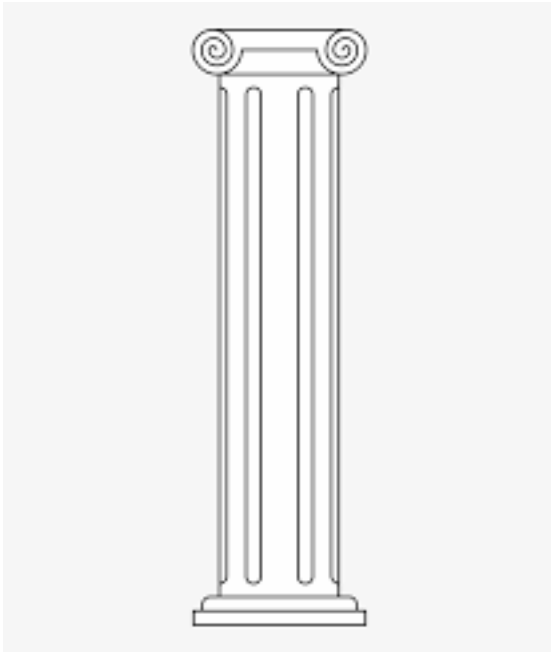
4 Pillars of Success

People – Our Citizens



- Quality of Life Amenities
- School District
- Beautification
- Public Safety
- Code Enforcement
- Responsive Government

4 Pillars of Success



Investment

- Vision
- Strategic Plan
- Commitment from Leaders
- Financial Investment

Where do we go from here?

Economic Drivers - Opportunities

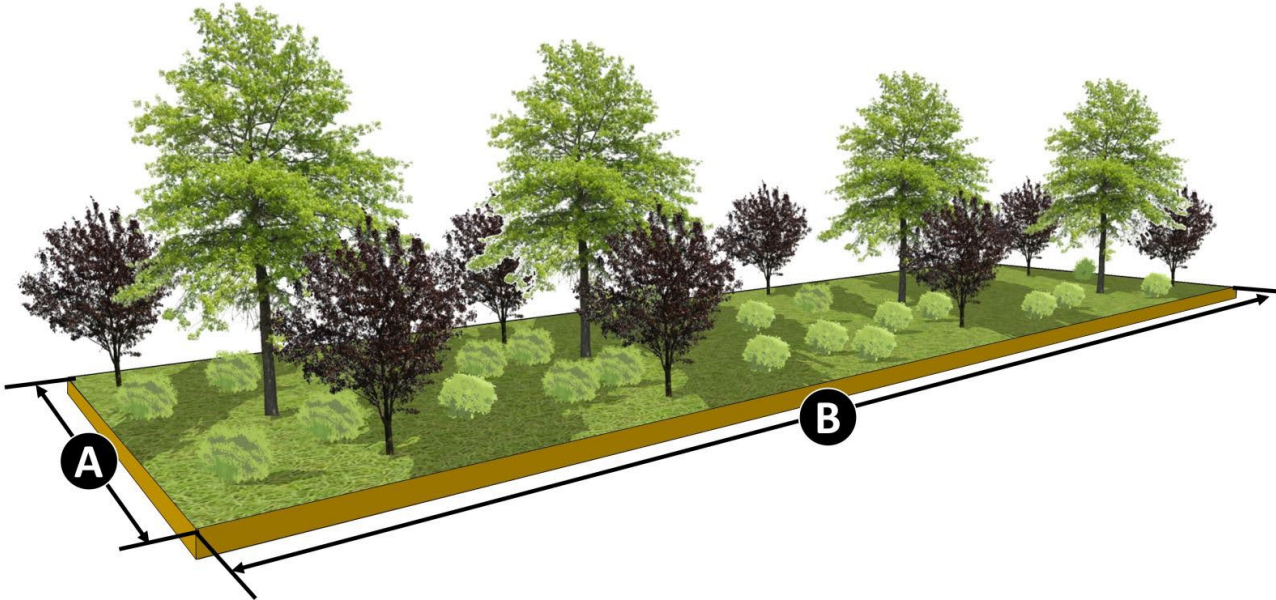
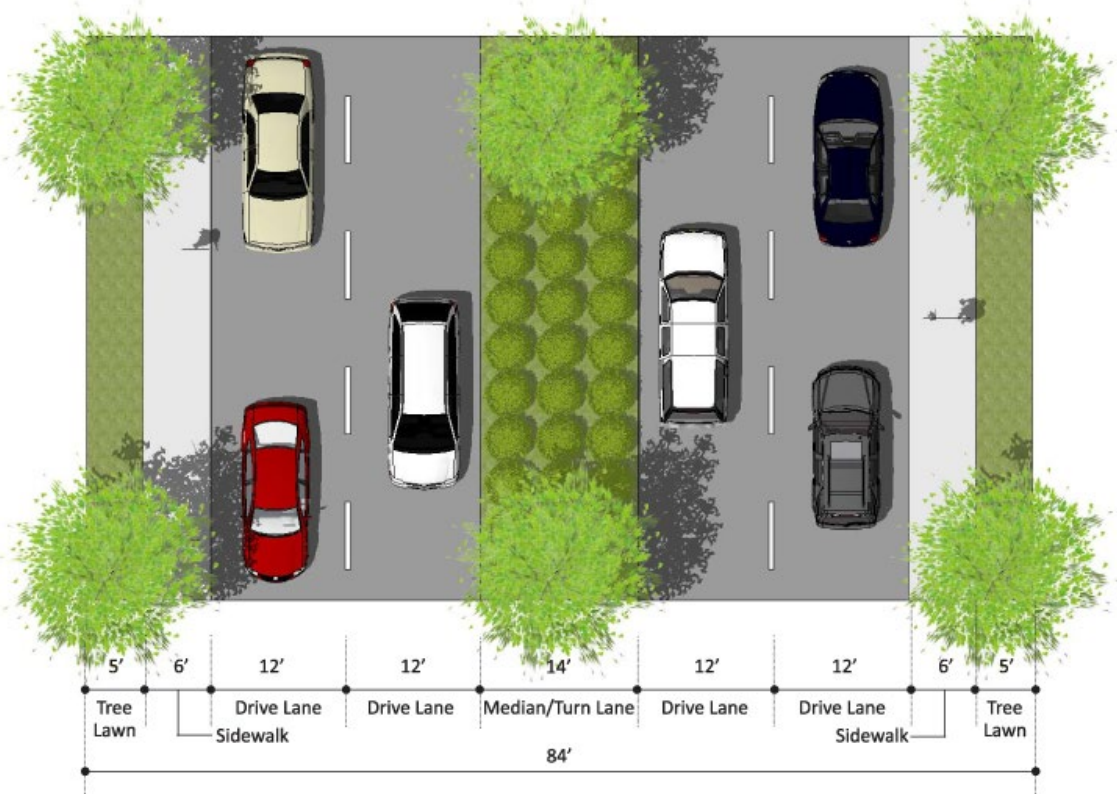
- City Special Events (ex. Oktoberfest, AmericanaFest, Violet Bank Series)
 - Quality of Life Amenities (ex. Trails, Parks, Pickleball)
 - Sports Tourism (ex. Soccer Fields)
 - Shepherd Stadium District
 - Design Standards
 - Beautification Plan
 - New Housing
 - Dimmock Riverfront Plan *
 - Boulevard Revitalization Plan *

Boulevard Opportunities



Beautification Opportunities

BLVD - Temple -Dimmock



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Signage Wayfinding Opportunities



Housing Opportunities

Submitted Proposal:

36 Single Family Homes

64 Town Homes

HOA



Housing Opportunities



804 SHADY GROVE RD., SUITE 200
MECHANICSVILLE, VA 23116
PHONE: 804-240-2018

COLONIAL HEIGHTS TOWNHOMES

REVIEW SET - 04.29.2025



Executive Session

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3. A Work Session On The Following Items:

C. City of Colonial Heights Audit Statement

In accordance with requirements in the Code of Virginia §15.2-2511, if a locality's audit is not completed as required by this statute, the locality must promptly post a statement on its website with the following information:

- That the required audit is pending,
- The reasons for the delay,
- And the estimated date of completion.

City of Colonial Heights Audit Statement

The City of Colonial Heights audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 is pending. The major factor for the delay of the audit is: delay in completion of the audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 resulting in significant delay in the year-end close and audit work for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. Our estimated date of completion for the audit report is August 29, 2025.

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

- Paragraph A.3 of Section 2.2-3711, to discuss or consider the City's acquisition for a public purpose of an approximate 4.44 acre parcel of real property, zoned Boulevard Business, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body; and to discuss or consider the City's disposition of an approximate 19.83 acre parcel of publicly held real property, zoned Industrial, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body.
- Paragraph A.29 of Section 2.2-3711, to discuss the award of a public contract providing for interim City Attorney services, which would involve the expenditure of public funds, and to discuss the terms or scope of such contract, where discussion in an open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body.

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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 provisions:

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5. Vote To Come Back Into Open Meeting continued...

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.



6. Adjournment

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