

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Manassas, Virginia was held in Council Chambers, City Hall, on the above date with the following present: Mayor Harry J. Parrish II, Vice Mayor Jonathan L. Way, Council Members Marc T. Aveni, Sheryl L. Bass, Ken D. Elston, Ian T. Lovejoy and Mark D. Wolfe; Treasurer Robin R. Perkins, Commissioner of the Revenue Douglas Waldron, City Manager W. Patrick Pate, City Attorney Martin R. Crim, City Clerk Andrea P. Madden, Chief of Police Douglas W. Keen, Fire and Rescue Chief Brett Bowman, Deputy Fire and Rescue Chief Wade House, Community Development Director Elizabeth S. Via-Gossman, Planning and Zoning Services Manager Matthew Arcieri, Airport Director Juan Rivera, Finance and Administration Director Paul York, Budget Manager Diane V. Bergeron, Economic Development Director Patrick Small, Acting Utilities Director Tony Dawood, Acting Public Works Director Bruce Goudarzi, and Public Affairs Specialist Patty Prince.

Mayor Parrish called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. giving the invocation and leading those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

City Attorney Report

Mr. Crim reported that there have been some recent federal court decisions regarding panhandling from the Eastern District of Virginia as well as the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond involving ordinances from Charlottesville and Henrico. To ensure compliance, Mr. Crim plans to bring forward for review and consideration an ordinance to replace the City's current panhandling ordinance.

Mr. Crim stated that the City is moving forward with the property purchases for the Prince William Street Improvements, a long-awaited project between Grant Avenue and Wellington Road.

Mr. Crim stated that the property at 9294 Taney Road has been sold for delinquent real estate taxes and the City will recover its \$15,500 in overdue taxes and several thousand in related expenses.

City Manager Report

Mr. Pate stated that he enjoyed the Arbor Day festivities and celebration at Liberia Plantation on Friday, April 24, 2015. Students from the City's schools were awarded prizes for the poster contest and the City was presented with a flag honoring its 25-year designation as a '**Tree City USA**'.

Mr. Pate reported that the City of Manassas was named as the #1 Small City in Virginia by **citydescribed.com** for its charm and southern hospitality.

Mr. Pate noted that through Friday, May 8, Portner Avenue will have lane closures as new sewer lines are placed in the area. Mr. Pate thanked citizens and residents for their patience during this time of improvement.

Mr. Pate commented that the upcoming weekend will be very busy in the City with the Spring Gallery Walk on Friday, a **Manassas Reads** event at the Harris Pavilion on Saturday morning, and the Manassas Air Show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. In addition, there will be a Household Hazardous and eWaste drop-off event at the Manassas Transfer Station from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday. For information on these and future events in the City, Mr. Pate encouraged the public to visit www.visitmanassas.org.

Mr. Pate congratulated Paul York, Finance and Administration Director, and Diane V. Bergeron, Budget Manager, on receiving the GFOA (Government Finance Officers Association) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award.

Chief of Police Report

Chief Keen reminded the City Council of the opening of the *Protecting Manassas* Exhibit at the Manassas Museum on Friday, May 1 at 6:00 p.m. The public is invited to learn

about the history of Manassas' emergency services' departments and the role they have played in protecting the community.

Chief Keen stated that the World Police & Fire Games are coming to the Fairfax and Northern Capital Region from June 26 through July 5. Chief Keen announced that additional information will be forthcoming and shared with the City Council and public.

Council Time

Vice Mayor Way congratulated **H Mart** on its successful grand opening on Saturday, April 25 and wished them well. Vice Mayor Way commented that H Mart is a remarkable grocery store with a variety of products and will serve the community well.

Council Member Aveni encouraged business owners in the City to attend the Business Appreciation Breakfast on May 6 at the Center for the Arts. The event is sponsored by the City and the Prince William Area Chamber of Commerce.

Council Member Wolfe reported that the City hosted an Economic Development Strategic Planning Session on Saturday, April 25 and expressed his appreciation to all those who participated. Council Member Wolfe announced the Third Annual **Virginia Run for the Fallen** is scheduled to begin at Fort Story in Virginia Beach on April 30; runners will arrive at Arlington National Cemetery on May 3. American Legion Post 10 will provide dinner for the runners on May 2 and the public is welcome to stop by and thank the runners and those who serve our country.

Council Member Lovejoy congratulated the remarkable young women who were honored on Sunday, April 26 at the 15th Annual Prince William County Older Girls Organization of the Girl Scouts, including Osbourn High School students Heather Bauer, Sara Taylor and Olivia Davis.

Council Member Bass encouraged everyone to stop by **The Hall** at City Hall and view the incredible work of Osbourn High School students that is being displayed through May. Council Member Bass remarked on Osbourn High School's outstanding production of **Seussical the Musical** and congratulated the students and staff who participated.

Council Member Elston stated the City will honor its many volunteers on the evening of Thursday, April 30 at the Hylton Performing Arts Center. Council Member Elston offered his condolences to a well-known and active family in Manassas who recently lost a loved one and asked the public to keep the family in its thoughts.

Mayor Time

Mayor Parrish asked the City Council to keep in mind the content of a letter sent to the Council by School Board Chairman Tim Demeria as it continues to consider the budget.

Mayor Parrish shared with the City Council and the public a letter he signed encouraging Prince William County Schools to name one of the new schools in honor of Senator Charles Colgan.

Mayor Parrish invited Fire and Rescue Chief Brett Bowman forward to introduce the newest members of the Fire and Rescue Department. Mayor Parrish then administered the Oath of Office to: Stephen Boensel, Dustin Clay, J. Alexander Hall, Benjamin Page, and Craig Seaman.

Consent Agenda

Item 1. Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of April 13, 2015 and Special Meeting of April 20, 2015.

COUNCIL MEMBER WOLFE MOVED that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 13, 2015 and Special Meeting of April 20, 2015 be approved. Seconded by Council Member Aveni. Roll call vote: AYES – Aveni, Bass, Elston, Lovejoy, Way and Wolfe. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Item 2. Consideration of an Eighty Percent (80%) Reduction of the Performance Bond for the Following Project: Villages of Wellington: The Gatherings II – SP#14-08, in Accordance with the Certificate of Compliance Dated April 17, 2015.

COUNCIL MEMBER WOLFE MOVED that the Performance Bond for Villages of Wellington: The Gatherings II – SP#14-08, be reduced by eighty percent (80%) in accordance with the Certificate of Compliance dated April 17, 2015. Seconded by Council Member Aveni. Roll call vote: AYES – Aveni, Bass, Elston, Lovejoy, Way and Wolfe. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Item 3. Consideration of Release of the Performance Bond and Erosion Bond for the Following Project: The Gatherings II, Public Improvement Plan – SP#14-07, in Accordance with the Certificate of Compliance Dated April 17, 2015.

COUNCIL MEMBER WOLFE MOVED that the Performance Bond and Erosion Bond for The Gatherings II, Public Improvement Plan – SP#14-07, be released in accordance with the Certificate of Compliance dated April 17, 2015. Seconded by Council Member Aveni. Roll call vote: AYES – Aveni, Bass, Elston, Lovejoy, Way and Wolfe. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Item 4. Consideration of Upper Occoquan Sewage Authority (UOSA) Service Agreement Amendments Allowing Member Jurisdictions to Partially or Fully Cash Fund Projects and Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Agreement.

COUNCIL MEMBER WOLFE MOVED that the Upper Occoquan Sewage Authority (UOSA) Service Agreement Amendments allowing member jurisdiction to partially or fully cash fund projects be approved and the Mayor be given the authorization to sign the Agreement. Seconded by Council Member Aveni. Roll call vote: AYES – Aveni, Bass, Elston, Lovejoy, Way and Wolfe. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Item 5. Consideration of Commendation Commending Eagle Scout Candidate Logan Moss for His Work Building a Trail at Liberia Plantation.

COUNCIL MEMBER WOLFE MOVED that the Commendation commending Eagle Scout Candidate Logan Moss for his work building a trail at Liberia Plantation be approved. Seconded by Council Member Aveni. Roll call vote: AYES – Aveni, Bass, Elston, Lovejoy, Way and Wolfe. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Item 6. Consideration of Proclamation Designating the Month of May 2015 as *Older Americans Month* in the City of Manassas.

COUNCIL MEMBER WOLFE MOVED that the Proclamation designating the Month of May 2015 as *Older Americans Month* in the City of Manassas be approved. Seconded by Council Member Aveni. Roll call vote: AYES – Aveni, Bass, Elston, Lovejoy, Way and Wolfe. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Item 7. Consideration of Proclamation Designating the Month of May 2015 as *Business Appreciation Month* in the City of Manassas.

COUNCIL MEMBER WOLFE MOVED that the Proclamation designating the Month of May 2015 as *Business Appreciation Month* in the City of Manassas be approved. Seconded by Council Member Aveni. Roll call vote: AYES – Aveni, Bass, Elston, Lovejoy, Way and Wolfe. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Item 8. Consideration of Resolution 2015-13-R Amending the FY 2015 Budget by:

- (A) Budgeting and Appropriating \$2,684 from the State/Local Drug Seizure Funds for Police Department Investigations.
- (B) Budgeting and Appropriating \$57,049 in Additional State Grant Revenue from the Virginia Department of Aviation for the Taxiway D Extension Capital Project.
- (C) Budgeting and Appropriating \$13,469 in State Grant Revenue from the Virginia Department of Aviation for an Air Service Market Assessment Study.
- (D) Budgeting and Appropriating \$2,000 of Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC) Token Revenue for Purchase of High Volume Envelope Opener for the Treasurer's Office.

COUNCIL MEMBER WOLFE MOVED that Resolution 2015-13-R amending the FY 2015 Budget as detailed in items A, B, C and D be approved. Seconded by Council Member Aveni. Roll call vote: AYES – Aveni, Bass, Elston, Lovejoy, Way and Wolfe. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Item 9 was reserved for changes to the Consent Agenda.

Item 10 of the Agenda: Consideration of Resolution 2015-14-R Amending the FY 2015 Budget by Budgeting and Appropriating \$125,000 from General Fund Fund Balance for the Relocation of Old Town Skate Park to Dean Park.

Elizabeth S. Via-Gossman, Community Development Director, explained that the Old Town Skate Park is currently on property owned by the Manassas City School Board. The land is needed for the construction of the new elementary/intermediate school to facilitate the bus loop and other transportation considerations on Price William Street. City staff has been working with the local skateboard community to relocate the existing equipment to Dean Park onto an enhanced skating surface with the addition of some new elements. The skateboard community has committed to service projects at the park, such as cleaning up the picnic area, as well as future fundraising for an expansion of the skate park. The new location will also provide additional facilities for the Boys and Girls Club in Dean Park.

Michael Campos, a local skateboarder, briefly addressed the City Council and explained why he and his friends would like a Skate Park at Dean Park. Mr. Campos explained that the concrete will cause less damage to their boards and stated the presence of others using the ball fields and the Boys and Girls Club will lessen many safety concerns.

COUNCIL MEMBER WOLFE MOVED that Resolution 2015-14-R amending the FY 2015 Budget by budgeting and appropriating \$125,000 from General Fund Fund Balance for the relocation of Old Town Skate Park to Dean Park. Seconded by Council Member Bass. Roll call vote: AYES – Aveni, Bass, Elston, Lovejoy, Way and Wolfe. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Item 11 of the Agenda: First Reading of Ordinance #O-2015-15 Amending and Reenacting the Code of Ordinances, City of Manassas, Virginia (2002), as Amended, by Amending Chapter 130, Article II Interpretations; Definitions, Article III General Regulations, Article VIII Zoning Districts, and Article IX Special Use Permits to Update Definitions, Permitted Uses Throughout the Ordinance, and Related Development and Use Standards. (Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) #2014-02, Zoning Ordinance Update – Phase I.)

Matthew Arcieri, Planning and Zoning Services Manager, stated that the City Council initiated ZTA #2014-02 on March 10, 2014 and on January 14, 2015, the Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of ZTA #2014-02, Zoning Ordinance Update – Phase 1. The City Council Land Use Committee received a presentation on February 18, 2015 and a City Council Public Hearing was held on March 16, 2015. Mr. Arcieri explained that the City Council considered feedback from the Public Hearing and Land Use Committee presentation at work sessions on April 6 and April 20, 2015. The changes

requested and approved at both work sessions have been incorporated into the final ordinance (attached to the Minutes as **Attachment 1**).

Mayor Parrish commented that there is some misconception about what is taking place (tonight) and he encouraged everyone to take a moment and look closely at what action the Council will be taking and consider the hard work of staff, the Planning Commission and ZORC. Mayor Parrish stated that the revisions to the City's zoning ordinance, like all zoning ordinances, are about reasonable regulations of land use to protect the public health, safety, and welfare, while respecting the rights of citizens and private property owners. Zoning ordinances protect adjacent property owners and the public from land use impacts, such as noise, odors, light pollution, parking overflow and traffic congestion.

Mayor Parrish stated that zoning ordinances also promote prosperity by creating orderly plans for development and redevelopment. The Planning staff and Planning Commission worked long and hard to bring forward an ordinance that serves the purpose of zoning as set out in Virginia law. The Zoning Text Amendment before the Council is comprehensive and sweeping in its scope, changing the City's definitions, zoning districts, general zoning regulations, and the process for applying for a special use permit. It will benefit the City for many years to come by creating a clear ordinance that promotes development while limiting land use impacts on neighborhood properties and the public. Council has heard from the public and has concluded that certain land uses ought to come to City Council for approval with a special use permit. The specific land use impacts of a proposal can be evaluated in light of the intensity of the use, the specific location, the character of the surrounding properties, the transportation impacts, and other zoning considerations.

Council Member Way made the following statement prior to the vote on Council Member Wolfe's substitute motion:

First, to the extent practical, the public should be heard during the deliberative processes of city government before a decision is made. This is particularly important for significant controversial subjects.

Second, as is stated in the ordinance preamble, a special use permit requirement is not a prohibition or an end-run around the Constitution. It's admittedly less convenient for the applicant, but all the Constitutional rights enjoyed by the applicant and its clients are the same as they would be in a "by right" administrative approval process. Both approaches must pass Constitutional muster.

Thirdly, medical care is rapidly and dramatically evolving such that we can barely imagine what will be delivered and how it will be delivered in 10 or 15 years. Our zoning code needs to anticipate and cope with such uncertainties in real time as they occur, something the SUP process accommodates.

Council Member Elson stated (prior to the vote on Council Member Wolfe's substitute motion) that he seconded Council Member Wolfe's motion because based on a year of professional, impartial, and expert guidance from the Planning Commission and staff, both bodies recommended the original ordinance be passed and he supports it.

COUNCIL MEMBER AVENI MOVED that Ordinance #O-2015-15 Amending and Reenacting the Code of Ordinances, City of Manassas, Virginia (2002), as Amended, by Amending Chapter 130, Article II Interpretations; Definitions, Article III General Regulations, Article VIII Zoning Districts, and Article IX Special Use Permits to Update Definitions, Permitted Uses Throughout the Ordinance, and Related Development and Use Standards (Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) #2014-02, Zoning Ordinance Update – Phase I) be approved on first reading. Seconded by Council Member Lovejoy.

IN A SUBSTITUTE MOTION, COUNCIL MEMBER WOLFE MOVED that Ordinance #O-2015-15 be amended to reflect the original recommendations from the Planning Commission and staff as encompassed in the Planning Commission DRAFT dated January 14, 2015. Seconded by Council Member Elston. Roll call vote: AYES – Bass, Elston, and Wolfe.

NAYS – Aveni, Lovejoy and Way. **TIE VOTE.** Mayor Parrish voted “NO” and broke the TIE VOTE. **MOTION FAILED.**

Roll call vote on the **ORIGINAL MOTION** of Council Member Aveni: AYES – Aveni, Lovejoy and Way. NAYS – Bass, Elston and Wolfe. **TIE VOTE.** Mayor Parrish voted “YES” and broke the TIE VOTE. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Item 12 of the Agenda: First Reading of Ordinance #O-2015-19 Amending and Reenacting the Code of Ordinances, City of Manassas, Virginia (2002), As Amended, by Amending Chapter 14 of Said Code, Amusements and Entertainments.

Matthew Arcieri, Planning and Zoning Services Manager, stated that Chapter 14 of the City Code regulates a number of entertainment activities, including dancehalls and special events and must be updated to be consistent with the new zoning ordinance. City Council will continue to have final approval on dancehalls.

COUNCIL MEMBER AVENI MOVED that Ordinance #O-2015-19 amending and reenacting the Code of Ordinances, City of Manassas, Virginia (2002), as amended by amending Chapter 14 of Said Code, Amusements and Entertainments, be approved on first reading. Seconded by Vice Mayor Way. Roll call vote: AYES – Aveni, Bass, Elston, Lovejoy, Way and Wolfe. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Item 13 of the Agenda: First Reading of Ordinance #O-2015-22 Amending for a Second Time the Franchise Agreement for the Lease between the City of Manassas and FlightWorks, Inc. for Parcel N-1-A, and Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Agreement.

Juan Rivera, Manassas Regional Airport Director, explained that FlightWorks, Inc. has requested that their Franchise Agreement (#O-2006-17) for Parcel N-1-A be amended to allow the following uses on the leased parcel: (a) Conducting aircraft maintenance on aircraft being development or modified and (b) Engineering, manufacture and assembly of unmanned aerial vehicles, including hardware and software modifications, installation integration, and flight testing of aircraft. FlightWorks has also requested City approval of a sublease for a period not to exceed five years of Lease Parcel N-1-A together with all improvements thereon to Aurora Flight Sciences.

COUNCIL MEMBER WOLFE MOVED that Ordinance #O-2015-22 amending for a second time the Franchise Agreement for the lease between the City of Manassas and FlightWorks, Inc. for Parcel N-1-A be approved on first reading and the Mayor be authorized to sign the Agreement. Seconded by Council Member Bass. Roll call vote: AYES – Aveni, Bass, Elston, Lovejoy, Way and Wolfe. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Item 14 of the Agenda: First Reading of Ordinance #O-2015-23, Amending and Reenacting the Code of Ordinances, City of Manassas, Virginia (2002), as Amended, by Amending Section 110-33.1 Relating to Machinery and Tools Tax Rates.

Douglas Waldron, Commissioner of the Revenue, stated that the Code of Virginia authorizes the Commissioner of the Revenue to determine the method of depreciation for assessment purposes. The depreciation factors for Machinery and Tools used in semiconductor manufacturing have been revised. The tax ladder in City Code Section 110-33.1 (a) (2) is no longer applicable because it was adopted during a period of phased growth involving the City’s largest tax payer. Ordinance #O-2015-23 removes the table from Section 110-33.1.

COUNCIL MEMBER AVENI MOVED that Ordinance #O-2015-23, Amending and Reenacting the Code of Ordinances, City of Manassas, Virginia (2002), as Amended, by Amending Section 110-33.1 Relating to Machinery and Tools Tax Rates be approved on first reading. Seconded by Council Member Wolfe. Roll call vote: AYES – Aveni, Bass, Elston, Lovejoy, Way and Wolfe. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Items 15, 16 and 17 were reserved for changes to the Agenda.

Item 18 of the Agenda: Consideration of the Establishment of a Parking District on a Portion of Artillery Road between Cavalry Lane to Weems Road.

Bruce Goudarzi, Acting Public Works Director, stated that a public hearing regarding the appeal of a proposed parking district on Artillery Road was held on Monday, April 20, 2015. Staff evaluated the comments and feedback provided at the public hearing and recommend a parking district be established on a portion of Artillery Lane, from Cavalry Lane to 8514 and 8521 Weems Road, essentially splitting Artillery Road in half.

W. Patrick Pate, City Manager, explained that a number of questions were raised at the public hearing, including the posted time-frame of 8 p.m. to 8 a.m., the use of guest passes, and the ability for adjacent property owners to join an established parking district. Additionally, two members of the Council were not a part of the body when the parking districts were considered and the rules and regulations initially approved. Consequently, a work session on the matter has been scheduled for May 5, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. and any agreed upon changes can be brought back before the Council for approval at a later date.

COUNCIL MEMBER AVENI MOVED that a parking district be established on the identified portion of Artillery Road between Cavalry Road Weems Road. Seconded by Council Member Wolfe. Roll call vote: AYES – Aveni, Bass, Elston, Lovejoy, Way and Wolfe. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Item 19 of the Agenda: Prince William County Library Presentation.

Connie Gilman, Director of the Prince William County Library System, reported on the many valuable services offered to citizens and updated the City Council on upcoming activities throughout the System.

Item 20 of the Agenda: Annual Report from the Prince William Area Agency on Aging, by Sarah Henry, Acting Director, Prince William Area Agency on Aging.

Sarah Henry, Acting Director of the Prince William Area Agency on Aging presented to the City Council the agency's Annual Report.

Item 21 was reserved for changes to the Agenda.

Item 22 of the Agenda: Presentation of Commendation Commending Eagle Scout Logan Moss for His Work Building a Trail at Liberia Plantation.

Vice Mayor Way presented to Eagle Scout Logan Moss a Commendation recognizing his work building a trail at Liberia Plantation.

Item 23 of the Agenda: Presentation of Proclamation Designating the Month of May 2015 as *Older Americans Month* in the City of Manassas.

Vice Mayor Way and Council Member Ian Lovejoy presented to Sarah Henry, Acting Director of the Prince William Area Agency on Aging, a Proclamation designating the Month of May 2015 as *Older Americans Month* in the City of Manassas.

Item 24 of the Agenda: Presentation of Proclamation Designating the Month of May 2015 as *Business Appreciation Month* in the City of Manassas.

Vice Mayor Way presented a Proclamation designating the Month of May 2015 as *Business Appreciation Month* in the City of Manassas to Patrick Small (City of Manassas), Brendon Shaw (PW Area Chamber of Commerce), Debbie Haight (HMI), and Charles Patullo (HMI).

Item 25 of the Agenda: Citizens' Time

The following individuals spoke in support of the Special Use Permit requirement for hospital and medical care facilities in the City of Manassas:

- Michael McManus, City of Manassas
- Kelly McGinn, Prince William County
- Jeanne Ostrich, Prince William County
- Joan Duda, City of Manassas
- Lynn O'Neill, City of Manassas
- Brian Shaw, Prince William County
- Andrew Perlik, Nokesville
- John Nagurny, Prince William County
- Ryan Orr, Bristow
- Steven Hayden, Alliance Defending Freedom, Washington D.C.
- Christina (last name unknown)
- Fran Van de Voorde, City of Manassas
- Linda White, Prince William County
- Maureen (last name unknown), City of Manassas
- Mary Salmon, Clifton

The following individuals spoke in opposition to the Special Use Permit requirement for hospitals and medical care facilities in the City of Manassas:

- Raymond Beverage, City of Manassas
- Brian Devine, Arlington
- Kathy Greenier, ACLU of VA, Richmond
- Janice Craft-Henry, NARAL, Richmond
- Noah Mamber, Washington, D.C.
- Michelle Kinsey-Bruns, Alexandria
- Kristen Hayden Safdie, Centreville

Timothy Oshiki, a resident of the City of Manassas, spoke in support of the Joint Budget Resolution (Revenue Sharing Agreement) between the City and the MCPS and encouraged the City to uphold the agreed upon terms.

Greg Letiecq, a resident of Prince William County, stated that he lives in the County because of the lower tax rate. In addition, Mr. Letiecq asked for assistance in establishing a memorial within the City to unborn children aborted at a local clinic.

David Mattick, a resident of the City of Manassas, encouraged the City Council to honor its commitment to the MCPS System and fund it at its current level.

Clare Shoeb, a resident of the City of Manassas, encouraged the City Council to continue funding the MCPS system, stating that she has seen some great improvements and would like the momentum to continue.

Theresa Ellis, a resident of the City of Manassas, stated that she has seen a great deal of progress in the public schools and encouraged the Council to fully fund the MCPS system and continue the spirit of cooperation.

Patricia Richie-Folks, a resident of the City of Manassas, encouraged the City Council to adhere to the Joint Budget Resolution and share the agreed upon revenue with the MCPS. Ms. Richie-Folks also stated that she supports the advertised tax rate of \$1.398.

Public Hearings

Mayor Parrish read an affidavit of publication that was before him signed by an authorized agent of the Prince William Times newspaper certifying that the Public Hearings listed on the evening's agenda were published in conformance with Virginia law and City ordinances.

Item 26 of the Agenda: Public Hearing on the Proposed Fiscal Year 2016 Annual Operating Budget and Capital Five-Year Improvement Program (CIP).

Mayor Parrish announced that there would be no presentation by staff on the Proposed FY 2016 Annual Operating Budget and Capital Five-Year Improvement Program (CIP).

Mayor Parrish opened the Public Hearing.

Mayor Parrish invited anyone wishing to speak in support of or in opposition to the Proposed Fiscal Year 2016 Annual Operating Budget and Capital Five-Year Improvement Program (CIP) to come forward and address the Council.

The following individuals spoke in support of the proposed FY 2016 Annual Operating Budget and Capital Five-Year Improvement Program (CIP) as previously presented by the City Manager, encouraged the City Council to adhere to the Joint Budget Resolution and its Revenue Sharing Agreement with the School Board, and supported the current and/or advertised tax rate:

- Raymond Beverage, City of Manassas
- Anna Spall, City of Manassas
- Sarah Harrover, City of Manassas
- Andy Harrover, City of Manassas
- David Core, City of Manassas
- Brenda Wambold, City of Manassas
- Marcia Goodman
- Trisha Spitler, City of Manassas
- Claire O'Hanlon, City of Manassas
- Lianne Best, City of Manassas
- Ed Spall, City of Manassas

The following individuals spoke in opposition to the proposed FY 2016 Annual Operating Budget and Capital Five-Year Improvement Program (CIP) as presented by the City Manager and encouraged the City Council to lower taxes:

- Greg Letiecq, Prince William County

Steve Thomas, a resident of the City of Manassas, encouraged the City Council to move forward with the plans for bathrooms at the Liberia Plantation.

Mark Olsen, a member of the Historic Resources Board, encouraged the City Council to continue funding the restoration of Liberia Plantation and to move forward with plans to build permanent bathroom facilities on site.

Andrew Lopez, a resident of the City of Manassas, suggested that the City Council invest in the public school system instead of the relocation or building of a Skate Park.

COUNCIL MEMBER WOLFE MOVED to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by Council Member Lovejoy and **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Public Hearing was closed at 9:05 p.m.

Item 27 of the Agenda: Public Hearing on the Proposed Effective Real Property Tax Rate.

Mayor Parrish announced that there would be no presentation by staff on the Proposed Effective Real Property Tax Rate.

Mayor Parrish opened the Public Hearing.

Mayor Parrish invited anyone wishing to speak in support of or in opposition to the Proposed Effective Real Property Tax Rate to come forward and address the Council.

The following individuals spoke in support of a reduced real estate tax rate and in opposition to any increase in the real estate tax rate:

- Greg Tsukalas, City of Manassas
- Lucille Comignani, City of Manassas
- Alfredo Comignani, City of Manassas
- Mark Boston, City of Manassas
- Karen Huff, City of Manassas

COUNCIL MEMBER WOLFE MOVED to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by Council Member Aveni and **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

The Public Hearing was closed at 9:21 p.m.

Closed Session

Item 28 of the Agenda: Consideration of a Motion Authorizing a Closed Meeting on Subjects in Accordance with the Amended Freedom of Information Act.

COUNCIL MEMBER AVENI MOVED that the City Council convene in closed session to discuss or consider the acquisition of real property within the City for a public purpose, or the disposition of publicly held real property, as permitted by Virginia Code § 2.2-3711 Paragraph A (3), for which the Virginia Freedom of Information Act permits discussion in closed session. Seconded by Vice Mayor Way. Roll call vote: AYES – Aveni, Bass, Elston, Lovejoy, Way and Wolfe. **MOTION CARRIED**.

Mayor Parrish announced that the Mayor and City Council, and the City Manager would be included in the closed meeting discussion.

Council retired to the closed meeting at 9:21 p.m.

Item 29 of the Agenda: Consideration of a Motion Certifying That the Closed Meeting was Conducted in Conformity with Virginia Law.

COUNCIL MEMBER AVENI MOVED that the City Council certify that, in the closed meeting just concluded, nothing was discussed except the matters specifically identified in the motion to convene in closed meeting and lawfully permitted to be discussed under the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act cited in the motion. Seconded by Vice Mayor Way. Roll call vote: AYES – Aveni, Bass, Elston, Lovejoy, Way and Wolfe. **MOTION CARRIED**.

Council returned from the closed meeting at 10:15 p.m.

Motion was duly made, seconded and **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor Parrish declared the meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK

DATE APPROVED