

**MINUTES
HAMILTON TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Simpson called the regular meeting to order at 7:00PM.

PRESENT: David R. Simpson, Mayor
Brent Campbell, Council member
Craig Green, Council member
John Unger, Council member
Dimitri Kesari, Council member

ABSENT: Kenneth C. Wine, Vice Mayor
Michael Snyder, Council member

STAFF: Maureen Gilmore, Town Attorney
Lori Jones, Treasurer
Daniel Galindo, Zoning Administrator
Jennifer Helbert, Recorder

GUESTS:

Deputy Wade Boyer, Western Loudoun Community Resource Officer

Carrie Michon came forward to speak about Hamilton Day. She stated that she received a lot of positive feedback and things that people would like to see in the future and believes that she can build upon that feedback. She indicated that she did receive a “snarly” letter from a resident that was unsigned and with no address saying that she had done a disservice to the Town in taking over Hamilton Day for the past five years. Ms. Michon stated that if this anonymous person would like to come forward and take over Hamilton Day she would gladly hand it over to them.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None Scheduled

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council member Unger made a motion to approve the minutes of August 11, 2014 as presented

Motion: Council member Unger
Second: Council member Kesari
Carried: 5-0-2

Simpson - Aye
Unger - Aye
Kesari - Aye
Green - Aye
Campbell - Aye
Snyder - Absent
Wine - Absent

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Verizon – Mayor Simpson stated that tomorrow morning at 9AM he would be meeting with Verizon at the pole site with all interested parties. He would be reporting back at the next meeting the outcome of the meeting.

Speeding Signs – Mayor Simpson stated that the speed signs are up and seem to be having a good affect.

WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE:

Sewer Tax District Issue – Council member Campbell stated that as he understands it there was an option to hook up to Town sewer until the loan was paid off, since the loan will be paid off early then that has the potential to create some conflicts, therefore the discussion was around whether or not the Town would allow people in that tax district the amount of time that they would have had had the Town not paid it off early. He stated that the thought of the Committee was for the Town to notify the people affected and try to amend the agreement to provide for the ability to hook up until the original pay off date in 2019. The Council believe that that seemed fair.

Grinder Pump Contracts – Council member Campbell stated that this was an issue that was talked about as well, how that will be handled moving forward. He stated that the thought was that it is a very important piece of equipment given the consequences if it ceases to function and the quality of service and the cost would be better if the Town can continue to negotiate a blanket contract for all of the grinder pumps and have those periodically maintained and examined. The other recommendation from the Committee was that the Town periodically rebid for the maintenance.

Water and Sewer Surcharges – Council member Campbell stated that this was another issue discussed at the Water and Sewer Committee meeting and the Committee feels that this is a way to begin to begin a long term program to set money aside to begin to systematically replace aging infrastructure so the thought here was that people are already paying this so rather than reduce it, take that money set it aside to prepare to replace so many of the failing portions of the system. Ms. Gilmore stated that she would work on the proposed changes and prepare a draft for next month's meeting.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Council member Unger stated that Reston Century Ride went off very well and they cleaned the park well when they were done.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Monthly Treasurer's Report – Ms. Jones issued a report to the Council and answered any questions that they had about the report.

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Council member Kesari made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Motion: Council member Unger
Second: Council member Kesari
Carried: 5-0-2

Simpson - Aye
Unger - Aye
Kesari - Aye
Green - Aye
Campbell - Aye
Snyder - Absent
Wine - Absent

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Finance Committee Meeting with Auditor – Council member Unger stated that they would be meeting with the auditors next month and would assume that right after that they will present the audit to the Town Council at their meeting in October.

PUBLIC SAFETY & ZONING ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE:

Speed Sign Data – Mayor Simpson stated that the speed signs are up and the Town is beginning to collect data from the signs. Ms. Jones stated that she would have the data to present at the October 20th Town Council meeting.

Meeting with Jim Bishoff – Mayor Simpson stated that he and Council member Green and Council member Snyder met with Mr. Bishoff regarding sidewalks within the Town and possibly obtaining grants. Mayor Simpson stated that Council members' Green and Snyder will be working on the grants for the Town.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

None Scheduled

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Sprint Waiver of Landscaping Condition & Alignment of Fiber Optic Cable– Chairman McCann stated that the Planning Commission met on August 20th, 2014 regarding the request from Sprint, at that time the Planning Commission acted on the application by recommending having a joint public hearing with the Town Council on October 20th for action.

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OLD BUSINESS:

Comcast Franchise Agreement Draft – Mayor Simpson stated that apparently the Town has not had an agreement with Comcast for quite some time and he would like the Council to look at the draft presented and give him feedback over the next couple of weeks.

NEW BUSINESS:

Schedule Joint Public Hearing for Sprint Waiver of Landscaping Conditions & Realignment Fiber Optic Cable for October 20th, 2014 at 7:00 PM - Council member Green made a motion to schedule a joint public hearing with the Planning Commission on October 20, 2014 to discuss the Special Exception request for the Sprint Waiver of Landscaping Conditions & Realignment of Fiber Optic Cable.

Motion: Council member Green
Second: Council member Kesari
Carried: 5-0-2

Simpson - Aye
Unger - Aye
Kesari - Aye
Green - Aye
Campbell - Aye
Snyder - Absent
Wine - Absent

Resolution 2014-10 VRS Zoning Amendment 2014-01 to Rezone Hamilton Community Park – Ms. Gilmore gave a brief summary of this item. Council member Kesari made a motion to initiate the Zoning Amendment 2014-01 to Rezone the Hamilton Community Park from Residential-2 (R-2) District to public Semi-Public (“PSP”) District.

Motion: Council member Kesari
Second: Council member Green
Carried: 5-0-2

Simpson - Aye
Unger - Aye
Kesari - Aye
Green - Aye
Campbell - Aye
Snyder - Absent
Wine - Absent

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Council member Kesari made a motion that the Council give the Mayor the power to “shepherd” this through.

Motion: Council member Kesari
Second: Council member Green
Carried: 5-0-2

Simpson -	Aye
Unger -	Aye
Kesari -	Aye
Green -	Aye
Campbell -	Aye
Snyder -	Absent
Wine -	Absent

CLOSED SESSION:

Council member Green made a motion that the Hamilton Town Council recess its regular meeting and convene a closed session to discuss actual litigation entitled Town Council of Hamilton v. Board of Supervisors of Loudoun County, Case No: 63974, Circuit Court of Loudoun County, and matters requiring the advice of legal counsel regarding the Well 14 special exception as authorized by Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711(A)(7) as amended. The following individuals are invited to attend the closed session:

All Town Council Members
Maureen K. Gilmore, Town Attorney
Lori Jones, Town Treasurer
Jennifer Helbert, Recorder

Motion: Council member Green
Second: Council member Kesari
Carried: 5-0-2

Simpson -	Aye
Unger -	Aye
Kesari -	Aye
Green -	Aye
Campbell -	Aye
Snyder -	Absent
Wine -	Absent

Council member Green made a motion that the Hamilton Town Council adjourn its closed session and reconvene its regular meeting.

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Motion: Council member Green
Second: Council member Kesari
Carried: 5-0-2

Simpson - Aye
Unger - Aye
Kesari - Aye
Green - Aye
Campbell - Aye
Snyder - Absent
Wine - Absent

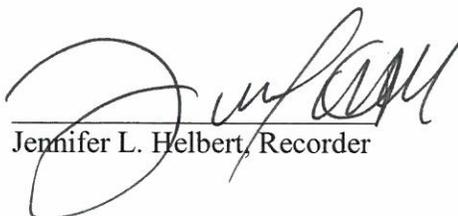
Council member Green made a motion that the Hamilton Town Council adopt Resolution No: 2014-11, to certify that while in closed session, the participants discussed only those matters for which the closed session was convened.

Motion: Council member Kesari
Second: Council member Green
Carried: 5-0-2

Simpson - Aye
Unger - Aye
Kesari - Aye
Green - Aye
Campbell - Aye
Snyder - Absent
Wine - Absent

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM.


David Simpson, Mayor
Jennifer L. Helbert, Recorder