

**MINUTES
HAMILTON TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 9, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Simpson called to order the regular meeting of the Hamilton Town Council at 7:00PM.

TOWN COUNCIL

PRESENT: David R. Simpson, Mayor
Kenneth C. Wine, Vice Mayor
Michael Snyder, Council member
Dimitri Kesari, Council member
Matthew Clark, Council member

ABSENT: John Unger, Council member
Craig Green, Council member

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

GUESTS:

Joylyn Hannahs came forward to speak. She indicated that she had three items she would like to discuss with Council. The first item is the sidewalks, specifically the people that do not shovel their sidewalks after it snows. She stated that she had to drive her child to school because of the sidewalks not being cleared so that he could walk to school. She asked if the Town could enforce the Ordinance and compel people to shovel the sidewalks and if the Town cannot do that then she would like the Town help with the sidewalks. The Council stated that they would work on a solution to address the issue. Secondly, Ms. Hannahs stated that she does not believe that there is good communication between the Town and its residents. Ms. Hannahs stated that it would be nice to know when there are residents in need of services that others might be able to provide and would like to have a form of communication that would assist with that. Mayor Simpson stated that you start to run in to privacy issues when communicating about peoples' private lives if that isn't what they want. Ms. Hannahs stated that she believes the Town should have a group email list that goes out to all members of the Town when there is someone in need. Thirdly, she stated that she would like to know if the Town is going to enforce the Zoning Ordinance as there are numerous people in Town that continue to have Zoning Violations at their homes, like things on their porches and yards that never go away. She indicated that Ms. Jones walked her through the process earlier and she now understands it a bit better, she was not aware that a formal complaint needed to be made by a resident for each violation. She asked why residents should be responsible for "ratting out" their neighbors when the Town has a Zoning Official. Mayor Simpson stated that the Town has a complaint driven system and if the Town Council decides to change that he will make her aware.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council member Kesari made a motion to approve the minutes of February 9, 2015.

Motion: Council member Kesari
Second: Vice Mayor Wine
Carried: 5-0-2

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Committee Assignment – Mayor Simpson stated he made some changes to the Committee assignments and those assignments are included in the agenda packet on page 8.

Upcoming Meetings - The Water and Sewer Committee decided to meet on Saturday, March 14, 2015. The Town Council decided to meet on Saturday, March 28th at 9AM for the budget meeting. The Town Council also decided to have a work session to discuss the Zoning Ordinance and prepare for a public hearing on Monday, March 30, 2015 at 7:00PM.

Utility Pole Relocation – Mayor Simpson stated that the pole is gone!

WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE:

The next scheduled meeting is Saturday, March 14, 2015 at 9AM.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Mayor Simpson stated that new swings and chains were purchased to replace the old ones that had wear and tear on them. Mayor Simpson stated that the Committee is still working on the zoning to extend the parking lot.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Monthly Treasurer's Report – Ms. Jones presented her report to the Town Council and entertained any question the members may have.

Council member Kesari made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted.

Motion: Council member Kesari
Second: Vice Mayor Wine
Carried: 5-0-2

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

FY 2016 Budget

- Budget worksession prior to April 13, 2015 – Council scheduled the worksession for Saturday, March 28, 2015 at 9AM.
- April 13, 2015 Tax Equalization Public Hearing
- May 11, 2015 Budget Public Hearing
- June 8, 2015 Adoption of Budget and Tax Rates

PUBLIC SAFETY & ZONING ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE:

Mr. Galindo stated that T-Mobile item is going to Planning Commission this month. He stated that he has had no zoning complaints in the past few weeks.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

None Scheduled

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Planning Commission Action – T-Mobile, SUP-14-004
Planning Commission Meeting – Wednesday, March 18, 2015

OLD BUSINESS:

Public Hearing for Verizon SUP – 2014-003 – Need to reschedule for April 13, 2015

Codified Ordinance Public Hearing Re-Schedule from March 9, 2014 – Council decided to reschedule this for May 11, 2015 at 7:00PM

NEW BUSINESS:

Authorize Public Hearing for T-Mobile SUP-14-004 – Council member Kesari made a motion to authorize a public hearing for T-Mobile SUP-14-004 for April 13, 2015.

Motion: Council member Kesari

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Second: Council member Snyder
Carried: 5-0-2

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

Authorize FY2016 Tax Equalization Public Hearing – Council member Kesari made a motion to authorize a public hearing for FY2016 Tax Equalization for April 13, 2015.

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

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

Authorize FY2016 Budget Public Hearing - Council member Kesari made a motion to authorize a public hearing for FY2016 Budget for May 11, 2015.

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

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

Authorize Public Hearing for Codified Ordinances - Council member Kesari made a motion to authorize a public hearing for Codified Ordinances rescheduled for May 11, 2015.

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

Simpson - Aye

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Unger - Absent
Kesari - Aye
Green - Absent
Snyder - Aye
Wine - Aye
Clark - Aye

Authorize Public Hearing for Verizon SUP-14-003 – Council member Kesari made a motion to authorize a public hearing for Verizon SUP-14-003 for April 13, 2015.

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

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

CLOSED SESSION:

Vice Mayor Wine made a motion that the Hamilton Town Council recess its regular meeting and convene a closed session to discuss the acquisition of real property for a public purpose as authorized by Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711(A)(3) as amended. The following individuals are invited to attend the closed session:

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

Motion: Vice Mayor Wine
Second: Council member Kesari
Carried: 5-0-2

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

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Vice Mayor Wine made a motion that the Hamilton Town Council adjourn its closed session and reconvene its regular meeting.

Motion: Vice Mayor Wine
Second: Council member Kesari
Carried: 5-0-2

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

Council member Snyder made a motion that the Hamilton Town Council adopt Resolution No: 2015-03, to certify that while in closed session, the participants discussed this matter as well as pending litigation to wit Town Council of Hamilton vs. County of Loudoun regarding Well 14 for which the closed session was convened.

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

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

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.



David Simpson, Mayor



Jennifer L. Helbert, Recorder