

**CITY OF BUENA VISTA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AND
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

OCTOBER 18, 2018

The City Council for the City of Buena Vista met for a Regular Council Meeting and Executive Session on Thursday, October 18, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers (2039 Sycamore Avenue).

Council Members Present:	Mayor Bill Fitzgerald
Steve Baldrige	Daniel Staton
Stanley Coffey	Melvin Henson
Vice-Mayor Tyson Cooper	Lisa Clark

Members Absent: None

ADG#1 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND PRAYER:

Mayor Fitzgerald opened the meeting by requesting that everyone stand and repeat the Pledge of Allegiance. Vice-Mayor Cooper delivered the opening prayer.

ADG #2 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 4, 2018:

Motion was made by Council Member Clark to approve the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on October 4, 2018, seconded by Councilman Coffey, carried by Council.

ADG #3 RECOGNITION/COMMUNICATION FROM VISITORS: Citizens who desire to speak on matters not listed on the agenda below will be heard at this time. Citizens who desire to speak on an item listed on the agenda, open for public comment, will be heard when that item is considered.

No one spoke.

ADG #4 REPORTS:

1.) Mayor

Mayor Fitzgerald reported that Mountain Days turned out fantastic. He said there were plenty of vendors and good attendance.

2.) City Manager

Mr. Scudder started his report by saying he wanted to commend Tom Roberts and Rachel Moore for some of the work we have done with our project at the Industrial Park. He opined it is a very complicated project because of some of the players involved in it and some of the grant opportunities that we may or may not be able to take advantage of at this time. We are going to keep on trying to do it. They have had several meetings over the last week and made some progress. He advised that he is working with some of the adjoining property owners. He also reported that he and Rachel attended the 30 year celebration and expansion of their paint store at Spencer's in Rockbridge County.

3.) City Attorney

Mr. Kearney reminded everyone that the hearing in Richmond is still scheduled for October 31, 2018.

4.) Council Committee/Representative

Councilman Coffey said he would also like to commend the people that were responsible for Mountain Days. He opined it was a total success.

Councilman Baldrige advised that the Arts Council was responsible for Mountain Days.

Council Member Clark said that Monica Staton will be getting in touch with Dawn to send all of Council invitations to the 21st Century Grant "Lights On After School" dinner. She advised that the schools received three times the funding that they

received before. We received \$600,000.00 which is the most that you can be awarded. The money will be used for after school tutoring and after school clubs. It is not just for kids but for families also.

Councilman Baldrige said that Tom Roberts serves as the City's liaison to the Buena Vista Arts Council. He also commended Tom for his contributions to making Mountain Day successful.

Councilman Henson also thanked the Arts Council, Tom and Rachel for the job they did with Mountain Days. He opined they went above and beyond their jobs.

Mr. Scudder said there was also good work provided by Public Works.

Vice-Mayor Cooper reported on the day of service that was held on October 9. He said there were at least 600 volunteers that painted the multi-purpose building, pretty much finished an addition to the concession stand at GMP, painted the fence around the Paxton House, painted the part of the barn that you can reach and all but one out building. They also stained all of the picnic tables in the park. He said the students at SVU are still talking about the day. He said there are 60 to 70 people that will get together on Saturday to finish up any projects that were not completed. He opined that we could have had upwards to \$50,000.00 to \$60,000.00 of free labor.

Ms. Rachel Moore advised that Columbia Gas donated \$5,000.00 to help with volunteer day.

Mayor Fitzgerald said the projects were not just at the park, they were all over the City.

Vice-Mayor Cooper advised that a fence was installed at the community garden, the wall at the middle school was cleaned and the street lights downtown were also cleaned.

Mr. Scudder said there was also a lot of trail work done.

Vice-Mayor Cooper thanked Rev. Bryan LePere and SVU for all of their efforts and work. He also reported that he went to Kling School last week and Mrs. George gave him a large packet of letters from students concerning recycling. He read 4 letters from the students. He thanked Public Works for all of their work.

Council Member Clark said the students are upset because for 3 years they had blue bins for recycling outside of every classroom. The bins are still there. She is trying to work on a parent volunteer who would come and take the recyclables.

Their custodian would keep a chart of which class recycled the most and the winner would get a prize.

Councilman Coffey stated that Council got an email from Dawn about the work that is being done on Cedar Avenue. The gentleman was giving them all praise about the job they do and how hard they had been working. He opined that the public needs to know that they are doing good work. He said they need to be acknowledged for the good work and to be recognized for doing good things in the City.

Councilman Henson said he has been involved in emergency service and safety for about 45 years and there are a couple of issues that have come up lately that have been put on the back burner. He said he would hate to see a fire truck fall over and wreck or a squad unit wreck. Of course, he was referring to Reid's Hill Road. He also mentioned that trees are encroaching on the roadway at 23rd & 24th Hawthorne.

CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES:

APT #1 ROCKBRIDGE AREA COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD:

Ms. Lori Turner has resigned. Her term will expire on December 31, 2020. This is the eleventh time this item has appeared on the agenda. ADVERTISED THE NEWS GAZETTE 3/21/18; WEB SITE AND CHANNEL 18 3/15/18. NO APPLICANTS – This item will be carried over to the next Council meeting.

Chief Keith Hartman's term will expire on December 31, 2018. Chief Hartman has agreed to serve again if reappointed. This is a 3 year term and the first time this item has appeared on the agenda. ADVERTISED THE NEWS GAZETTE 10/17/18; WEB SITE AND CHANNEL 18 10/11/18. NO APPLICANTS

Motion was made by Councilman Henson to reappoint Chief Hartman to the RACSB, seconded by Councilman Baldrige, carried by Council.

APT #2 SHENANDOAH VALLEY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD:

Ms. Janice Shanks has resigned. Her term ended June 30, 2018. This is a 4 year term. The Shenandoah Valley Workforce Development Board has asked that we appoint someone from the private sector to replace Ms. Shanks. This is the fifth time this item has appeared on the agenda. **ADVERTISED THE NEWS GAZETTE AUGUST 1, 2018; WEB SITE AND CHANNEL 18 7/26/18. NO APPLICANTS –**

Received an application from Mrs. Pat Ohleger for this position. Motion was made by Council Member Clark to appoint Mrs. Ohleger, seconded by Councilman Coffey, carried by Council.

APT #3 BUENA VISTA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

Mr. Jacob Thayer has resigned. His term will expire on July 31, 2019. This is the fifth time this item has appeared on the agenda. **ADVERTISED THE NEWS GAZETTE AUGUST 1, 2018; WEB SITE AND CHANNEL 18 7/27/18. NO APPLICANTS -** This item will be carried over to the next Council meeting.

APT #4 ROCKBRIDGE AREA SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD:

Mr. Billy Spence has resigned. His term will expire on October 31, 2020. This is the third time this item has appeared on the agenda. **ADVERTISED THE NEWS GAZETTE SEPTEMBER 5, 2018; WEB SITE AND CHANNEL 18 8/30/18. NO APPLICANTS –** This item will be carried over to the next Council meeting.

APT #4 RARO:

Mr. Eric Catlett's term will expire on December 31, 2018. This is the first time this item has appeared on the agenda. ADVERTISED THE NEWS GAZETTE OCTOBER 17, 2018; WEB SITE AND CHANNEL 18 10/11/18. NO APPLICANTS

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

According to Section 2.2-3711 (A) (1) of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, for the purpose of evaluating the performance of the City Manager.

CERTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE MEETING

MOTION: Council Member Clark DATE: October 18, 2018

SECOND: Mayor Fitzgerald

WHEREAS, the Buena Vista City Council has convened an executive meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of The Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.1-344.1 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Buena Vista City Council that such executive meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Buena Vista City Council hereby certifies that to the best of each member's knowledge (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the executive meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the executive meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Buena Vista City Council.

VOTE: AYES: ALL

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT DURING VOTE: NONE

ABSENT DURING MEETING: NONE

Dawn M. Wheeler

Clerk of Council

REGULAR SESSION: Councilman Baldrige moved to return to regular session, seconded by Vice-Mayor Cooper, carried by Council.

Mayor Fitzgerald

Mr. Baldrige

Mr. Staton

Mr. Henson

Vice-Mayor Cooper

Ms. Clark

Mr. Coffey

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Dawn M. Wheeler

Clerk of Council

William H. Fitzgerald

Mayor