

**CITY OF BUENA VISTA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 21, 2019**

The City Council for the City of Buena Vista met for a Regular Council Meeting on Thursday, February 21, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers (2039 Sycamore Avenue).

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

Members Absent: Lisa Clark

ADG#1 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND PRAYER: Mayor Fitzgerald opened the meeting by requesting that everyone stand and repeat the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilman Coffey delivered the opening prayer.

ADG#2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Cooper to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting and Executive Sessions held on February 7, 2019, 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 a specific item listed on the agenda, open for public comment, will be heard when that item is considered.

Ms. Rachel Moore, Economic Development Director, addressed Council concerning the Economic Development Report. She asked that each Council member read over the report and if they have questions to please contact her.

ADG#4 REPORTS:

Mayor:

None.

City Manager:

Mr. Scudder encouraged all of Council to take part in the “March for Meals on Wheels”. He advised that he, Rachel, Tom and Brian Kearney have been working on the easements for the Industrial Park. Mr. Scudder said they have been meeting with folks with Ed Walker’s project to get some ideas on funding and to get some things going on those projects. He also commended Public Works for the good job they did on snow removal this week.

CITY ATTORNEY:

Mr. Kearney said we received the opinion from the 4th Circuit Court and they upheld Judge Moon’s ruling. The case has been dismissed from the 4th Circuit Court. He said at this point and time ACA can ask the U. S. Supreme Court to hear the case. They have to ask the entire court within 14 days to hear the case. If they do not, the case is over.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None.

CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES:

APT #1 BUENA VISTA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

Mr. Guy Holstein has resigned. His term will expire on March 31, 2020. This is the third time this item has appeared on the agenda. **ADVERTISED THE NEWS GAZETTE 1/23/19; WEB SITE AND CHANNEL 18 1/16/19. NO APPLICANTS**

This item will be carried over to the next scheduled Council meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

OB #1 DISCUSS CHARTER COMMITTEE:

This item will be carried over to the next scheduled Council meeting.

OB #2 SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PARKING FINES FEE SCHEDULE IN THE CITY OF BUENA VISTA:

Motion was made by Councilman Henson to read the following Ordinance by title only, seconded by Councilman Baldrige.

Clerk of Council, Dawn Wheeler, read the following Ordinance by title only.

ORDINANCE – ORD 19-01

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PARKING FINES FEE SCHEDULE IN THE CITY OF BUENA VISTA

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF BUENA VISTA, VIRGINIA, that the Fee Schedule contained within Section 32-595(f) of the City of Buena Vista Code is amended as follows:

(f) The schedule of fines which may be paid under this section shall

be as follows: TABLE INSET:

Description of	Fine	After 96 Hours
No/Expired State Tag	\$20.00	\$40.00
No/Expired City tag displayed	20.00	40.00
No parking	25.00	50.00
Parking in loading zone	25.00	50.00
Parking overtime	20.00	40.00
Blocking Crossing	25.00	50.00
Angle parking	20.00	40.00
Double parking	20.00	40.00
Too close to intersection	20.00	40.00
Less than 15 ft. from hydrant	20.00	40.00
Parking on left side of street	20.00	40.00

Abandoned auto violation	50.00	100.00
Too far from curb	20.00	40.00
Parking on yellow line	25.00	50.00
No/Expired inspection sticker	25.00	50.00
Illegal parking in residential zone	25.00	50.00
Blocking sidewalk	25.00	50.00
Blocking alley	25.00	50.00
Illegal parking in handicapped zone	100.00	200.00
Parking in a fire lane	50.00	100.00

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED THAT, except for the revised Fee Schedule, all other of the provisions of Section 32-595 shall remain in full force and effect and that this Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after adoption.

William H. Fitzgerald, Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

Date of Adoption

CERTIFICATE OF VOTES

The following is record of the roll-call vote by the City Council of the City of Buena Vista, Virginia, acting on behalf of the City, regarding the adoption of AN

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PARKING FINES FEE SCHEDULE IN THE CITY OF BUENA VISTA at the regular public meeting held February 21, 2019.

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
William H. Fitzgerald,	X			
Tyson Cooper, Vice Mayor	X			
Lisa Clark				X
Steve Baldrige	X			
Danny L. Staton, Sr.	X			
Stanley B. Coffey	X			
Melvin Henson	X			

(SEAL)

Clerk, City Council for the
City of Buena Vista, VA

NEW BUSINESS:

NB #1 RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE CENTRAL SHENANDOAH PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY:

Councilman Baldrige read the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION – R19-04

Commending the

Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission

On Its 50th Anniversary

WHEREAS, in 1966, the General Assembly created the Metropolitan Areas Study Commission (the Hahn Commission), which found that a holistic approach to solving local and regional problems needed to be taken, and recommended a new concept, the creation of Planning District Commissions (PDCs); and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Area Development Act, passed in 1968, created the PDC framework “to encourage and facilitate local government cooperation and state-local cooperation in addressing on a regional basis problems of greater than local significance;” and

WHEREAS, following passage of this Act, the State undertook an aggressive effort to establish PDC boundaries, and by 1969, the final district boundaries were announced; and

WHEREAS, on October 1, 1969, the Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission (CSPDC) was established and includes the counties of Augusta, Bath, Highland, Rockbridge, and Rockingham, the cities of Buena Vista, Harrisonburg, Lexington, Staunton, and Waynesboro, and 11 incorporated towns; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the CSPDC is celebrating 50 years of promoting and supporting regional collaboration; and

WHEREAS, the CSPDC serves to foster intergovernmental cooperation by bringing together elected and appointed officials and citizens to discuss common needs and develop solutions to regional issues; and

WHEREAS, over the years, the CSPDC has conducted studies and identified solutions in the areas of transportation, economic development, infrastructure, housing, the environment, disaster education and mitigation, and community development, among many others; and

WHEREAS, the CSPDC also implements services and provides technical assistance to its member local governments; and

WHEREAS, the CSPDC often serves as a liaison between local and state governments, partnering with the State to carry out state initiatives at the local and regional level; and

WHEREAS, most recently, the CSPDC has been instrumental in bringing in over \$66 million in new investments to the region. For every dollar the CSPDC receives in local dues, it has leveraged \$36 in average in state and federal funds; and

WHEREAS, the CSPDC is committed to promoting opportunities for regional collaboration and expanding the types of services they provide to their member governments; and

WHEREAS, the CSPDC takes great pride in their history and accomplishments, while recognizing the importance of looking ahead to the challenges of the future; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Buena Vista hereby commends the CSPDC on the occasion of their 50th Anniversary and the City of Buena Vista expresses its appreciation for the vital support provided by the CSPDC to each of its member jurisdictions and the region.

Signed this 21st day of February 2019.

SIGNED:

ATTEST:

William H. Fitzgerald, Mayor

Dawn M. Wheeler, Clerk of Council

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business Mayor Fitzgerald adjourned the meeting.

William H. Fitzgerald, Mayor

Dawn M. Wheeler, Clerk of Council