



## **Town of Luray**

45 East Main Street  
P.O. Box 629  
Luray, Virginia 22835



### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

October 14, 2020

At their October 13, 2020 Council Meeting, the Luray Town Council reviewed the following issues and took the following actions.

Under the Roll Call item:

All members were present.

Under the Continuity of Government Announcement:

- 1) Mayor Presgraves announced that the meeting was conducted pursuant to the April 13, 2020 Ordinance for Continuity in the Government of Luray with the public able to attend the meeting following guidelines and provide input and comment through contact to the Town Manager prior to the meeting

Under the Consent Agenda item:

- 1) Council unanimously approved minutes from the September 14<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting and September 22<sup>nd</sup> Work Session, and the Accounts Payable checks.

Under the Citizen Comments agenda item:

- 1) Margaret Stevenson of 101 Pass Run Drive thanked Town Council for their continued service to the community.
- 2) A statement from Cathy Herbert of 201 Hawksbill Heights Drive was read regarding her request for the Town Council to follow up on the efforts of Vision Luray that was developed in 2015.
- 3) A statement from Bonnie Snyder of 312 Second Street was read regarding her disapproval of the Equality Resolution.
- 4) A statement from Audrey Tutt Smith of 116 Cole Street was read regarding her support of the Equality Resolution with continued discussion and training.
- 5) A statement from Melvin Tutt of 113 Meade Street was read regarding support of the Equality Resolution with suggested additions of discrimination groups and continued training.
- 6) A statement from Jodi Johnson of 5398 Harbor Court Drive, Alexandria VA was read regarding support of the Equality Resolution.

Under the Presentations agenda item:

- 1) Meredith Dees of the Luray Downtown Initiative informed Town Council that LDI had identified a high school student to produce new seasonal window artwork for the Browns Building. Ms. Dees also invited Council to participate in LDI's Drive Thru Dinner Party on Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>.

Under the Action & Discussion agenda item:

- 1) Town Council unanimously approved the Preliminary and Final Plats for the subdivision of Parcel 42A11-18-40-17 into two lots for development as duplexes in the High Density Residential (R4) (Boomfield) District.



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- 2) Town Council unanimously approved the Resolution on Equal Protection and Equality for Town Citizens. Councilwoman Pence and Councilman Dofflemyer will lead a committee to review the Resolution and provide citizen input for possible enhancements to the Resolution's language.
- 3) Town Council unanimously adopted the Code Amendment to Chapter 2-54 Order of Business to provide the agenda layout and how agenda items are incorporated into the agenda. Council also included a Council Comments section before the Mayor Comments section and required all Council items to be submitted before noon on Wednesday prior to the meeting.
- 4) Town Council unanimously approved using \$25,000 of the Town's CARES Act allocation to establish a COVID-19 Small Business Grant program to assist Luray's small businesses through grant awards up to \$2,500 for small businesses, \$500 for non-profit businesses, and \$250 for home-based businesses. Application deadline for the program will be October 31<sup>st</sup>.
- 5) Town Council unanimously approved using \$15,000 of the Town's CARES Act allocation to fund \$7,500 to the Chamber of Commerce and \$7,500 to the Luray Downtown Initiative to develop a marketing program to advertise Luray and its Downtown as open and safe to visit.
- 6) Town Council unanimously approved using \$10,000 of the Town's CARES Act allocation to reimburse the Luray Fire Department and the Luray Rescue Squad up to \$5,000 for COVID-19 expenses.
- 7) Town Council approved the use of \$71,500 of the Town's CARES Act allocation to provide a one-time Hazard Pay allocation to full-time Town employees who have continued to perform their duties during the heightened exposure to COVID-19 associated with their positions during the pandemic. Council approved the allocation by a vote of 4-3 with the Mayor breaking the tie (Yes – Sours, Pence, Vickers, Presgraves; No – Lancaster, Dofflemyer, Schiro).
- 8) Town Council discussed the cancellation of the annual Employee Christmas Dinner and use of the budgeted funds for a bonus to staff. Council will consider at their November meeting.
- 9) Town Council discussed the possible donation of property along the Hawksbill Creek to the Town by Blue Ridge Bank. Council will continue discussion at their October Work Session.
- 10) Town Council discussed the sale of the Town cell phone provided to the Mayor during his term at the end of his term. Council will consider the sale at their November meeting.

Under the Town Attorney's Report:

No Statement

Under the Mayor's Announcements:

No statement

The October 13<sup>th</sup> Town Council Meeting can be viewed on the Town's YouTube page at <https://youtu.be/5sN0yk3SisI>

For more information about the October 13<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting, please contact the Town Manager at [sburke@townofluray.com](mailto:sburke@townofluray.com) or (540) 743-5511.