



CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA

CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Council Chambers, 715 Princess Anne Street
Fredericksburg, Virginia 22401

HON. MARY KATHERINE GREENLAW, MAYOR
HON. CHARLIE L. FRYE, JR., VICE -MAYOR, WARD FOUR
HON. KERRY P. DEVINE, AT-LARGE
HON. MATTHEW J. KELLY, AT-LARGE
HON. JASON N. GRAHAM, WARD ONE
HON. WILLIAM C. WITHERS, JR., WARD TWO
HON. DR. TIMOTHY P. DUFFY, WARD THREE

April 27, 2021

The Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia, held a public hearing on Tuesday, April 27, 2021, beginning at 8:04 p.m. using electronic communication through GoToMeeting pursuant to and in compliance with the City Council Ordinance 20-05, an ordinance to address Continuity of City Government during the pendency of a pandemic disaster.

City Council Present. Mayor Mary Katherine Greenlaw. Vice-Mayor Charlie L. Frye, Jr., Council members Kerry P. Devine, Dr. Timothy P. Duffy, Jason N. Graham, Matthew J. Kelly and William C. Withers, Jr.

Also Present. City Manager Timothy P. Baroody, Assistant City Manager Mark Whitley, City Attorney Kathleen Dooley, Assistant City Attorney Dori Martin, Budget Manager Brenna Erford, Community Planning and Building Services Director Charles Johnston, Police Chief Brian Layton, Public Works Director Diane Beyer, Economic Development Director Bill Freehling, Deputy Clerk of Council Brenda Martin and Clerk of Council Tonya B. Lacey.

Notice of Public Hearings (D21-__ thru D21-__). The Clerk read the notice of the public hearings as they appeared in the local newspaper, the purpose being to solicit citizen input.

Ordinance 21-10, First Read Approved, Setting the Real Estate Tax Rate at \$0.83 per Every \$100 of Assessed Value of Real Estate for Fiscal Year 2022 (D21-__). No speakers. Ms. Erford presented a PowerPoint presentation for all 5 public hearings and she discussed the tax rate and fees, Fiscal Year 2022 Budget-at-a-Glance – Sources and Budget-at-a-Glance – Expenditures.

Mr. Kevin Rotty with Professional Finance Management also gave a PowerPoint presentation on the debt outlook and financing options. He discussed the Debt Funding Options (General Obligation Bonds and Revenue Bonds), Financing type Considerations (advantages, disadvantages), Outstanding City Debt, City Debt Service –General Fund Supported, City Debt Service – Enterprise Fund Supported and Preliminary Financing Options.

Councilor Kelly expressed his concerns with pressing forward with the budget. He requested that the Council wait on taking a vote because he said there were outstanding issues that needed resolving.

Councilor Duffy stated that he was in support of the budget although there was information that they did not have he said the City Manager and staff had put together a great budget on what they knew.

Councilor Graham made a motion to approve Ordinance 21-10 on first read, setting the real estate tax rate at \$0.83 per every \$100 of assessed value of real estate for Fiscal Year 2022; motion was seconded by Councilor Withers and passed by the following recorded votes. Ayes (6). Councilors Greenlaw, Frye, Devine, Duffy, Graham and Withers. Nays (1). Councilor Kelly.

Ordinance 21-11, First Read Approved, Amending Water and Sewer Fees Rates and Charges (D21-__). no speakers. Councilor Graham made a motion to approve Ordinance 21-11 on first read, amending water and sewer fees rates and charges; motion was seconded by Councilor Devine.

Councilor Kelly noted that he was in support of the rate changes because they had been discussed extensively and the public was aware of the changes.

The motion passed by the following recorded votes. Ayes (7). Councilors Greenlaw, Frye, Devine, Duffy, Graham, Kelly and Withers. Nays (0).

Ordinance 21-12, First Read Approved, Adopting a Recycling Fee for the City of Fredericksburg (D21-__). no speakers. Councilor Devine made a motion to approve Ordinance 21-12, on first read, adopting a recycling fee for the City of Fredericksburg; motion was seconded by Councilor Graham.

Councilor Kelly explained that not long ago the City was making money on recycling and now it was costing the City and in order to be a green community there must be a charge for the recycling in order to cover the costs.

Councilor Duffy said this vote shows how important efforts on sustainability is to the City and the City was being progressive with promoting those efforts with the University of Mary Washington and throughout the community.

The motion passed by the following recorded votes. Ayes (7). Councilors Greenlaw, Frye, Devine, Duffy, Graham, Kelly and Withers. Nays (0).

Ordinance 21-13, First Read Approved, Adopting Several Planning Fees to Support an Archaeological Program for the City of Fredericksburg (D21-__). no speakers. Councilor Graham made a motion to approve Ordinance 21-13 on first read, adopting several planning fees to support an Archaeological Program for the City of Fredericksburg; motion was seconded by Councilor Devine.

Councilor Kelly noted that he was in support of the rate changes because they had been discussed extensively with the development community.

The motion passed by the following recorded votes. Ayes (7). Councilors Greenlaw, Frye, Devine, Duffy, Graham, Kelly and Withers. Nays (0).

Resolution 21-35, First Read Approved, Appropriating Funds for Fiscal Year 2022 Beginning July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 (D21-__). No speakers. Councilor Devine made a motion to approve Resolution 21-35 on first read, appropriating funds for Fiscal Year 2022 beginning July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022; motion was seconded by Councilor Withers

Councilor Kelly again expressed his concerns with moving forward with the budget because he wanted to give more explanation to the citizens. He requested that the Council wait on taking a vote.

The motion passed by the following recorded votes. Ayes (6). Councilors Greenlaw, Frye, Devine, Duffy, Graham and Withers. Nays (1). Councilor Kelly.

Adjourned. There being no more speakers to come before the Council at this time, Mayor Greenlaw declared the hearing officially adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Mary Katherine Greenlaw, Mayor

Tonya B. Lacey, Clerk of Council, CMC