



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

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**April 27, 2021**

**The Council** of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia, held a regular session on Tuesday, April 27, 2021, beginning at 7:30 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.

**Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.** Council was led in prayer by Councilor Matthew J. Kelly, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilor Jason N. Graham.

**Recognizing of the 40th Anniversary of the FAAC Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.** – Mayor Greenlaw recognized the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Delta Sigma Theta. She noted that the sorority was 300,000 strong nationally and she recognized the local branch for their service to the local community. Mayor Greenlaw recognized April 25 as Delta Sigma Theta Day.

**Proclamation for Carrie E. Wilson Celebrating 100 Years (D21-\_\_).** Mayor Greenlaw read a proclamation for Carrie E. Wilson who was celebrating her 100-year-old birthday. Mayor Greenlaw publically celebrated the birthday of Carrie Elizabeth Wilson and wished her the very best and a wonderful and Happy 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Proclamation Recognizing International Institute of Municipal Clerks Week as May 2-8, 2021 (D21-\_\_).** Mayor Greenlaw presented a proclamation recognizing the week of May 2 through May 8,2021 as Professional Municipal Clerks week and further extended appreciation to the City’s Municipal Clerk, Tonya Lacey and to all Municipal Clerks for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the communities they represent as the celebrate the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Professional Municipal Clerks week.

**Proclamation Recognizing St. Georges Parrish 300th Anniversary (D21-\_\_).** Mayor Greenlaw presented a proclamation recognizing and encouraging everyone to extend their appreciation and celebrate the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the establishment of St George's Parish on May 1, 2021.

**Presentation on the 2021 General Assembly by Eldon James and Laura Bateman.** Mr. James and Ms. Bateman gave a general overview of the laws that passed and or failed and that would have some effects on the City.

**Consent Agenda Accepted for Transmittal as Recommended (D21-\_\_ thru D21-\_\_).** Due to COVID the public hearings comments were held open and there was one comment received regarding the rezoning at 1501 Princess Anne Street. The letter was as follows:

**Rebecca Light (D21-\_\_)**, 207-209 Pitt Street, congratulated the City for the "Good Neighbor Ordinance" but noted that the Area 7 Downtown District was outside of the boundary. She stated that this could allow dangerously high levels of noise to escape from the building at 1501 Princess Anne Street. Ms. Light submitted a list of decibel levels on food processing machinery noise with unsafe level ranges for machine utilized in peanut butter food spreads.

Ms. Light expressed concerns with the size of the building and how the applicants could safely process the food spreads, the frequency of the trash removal, tours and product display. She stated that neither the building size or the use-type involving plainly audible and unacceptable noise levels were appropriate for this area and the external

effects of this operation could endanger the health and well-being of adjacent property occupants as well as neighboring residents.

Councilor Graham moved approval of the City Manager’s consent agenda; motion was seconded by Councilor Duffy and passed by the following recorded votes. Ayes (7). Councilors Greenlaw, Frye, Devine, Duffy, Graham, Kelly and Withers. Nays (0).

- Ordinance 21-08, Second Read, Amending the Unified Development Ordinance to Require the Preservation and Accommodation of Archaeological Resources (D21-\_\_).
- Ordinance 21-09, Second Read, Rezoning Approximately 0.02 Acres of Land, Identified as 1501 Princess Anne Street, from Commercial-Transitional to Creative Maker, Removing the Property from the Princess Anne Corridor Overlay District, and Adopting Transect Maps and Frontage Maps for the Parcel (D21-\_\_).
- Transmittal of Plan to Resume In-Person City Council Meetings (D21-\_\_).
- Transmittal of Board and Commissions Minutes
  - Fredericksburg Clean and Green Commission – March 1, 2021 (D21-\_\_).
  - Economic Development Authority – March 8, 2021 (D21-\_\_).
  - Public Transit Advisory Board – February 3, 2021 (D21-\_\_).
  - Recreation Commission – March 18, 2021 (D21-\_\_).

**Public Hearing (D21-\_\_ thru D21-\_\_).** The regular session was recessed in order to conduct scheduled public hearings and immediately reconvened upon their conclusion.

**Citizen Comment.** The following comments were submitted to be read during the citizen comment portion of this evening's meeting.

**Robert Keith Thomas, 809 Brompton,** was in support of the preservation of the 60-acre green space adjacent to Braehead Farms. It was requested that City Council and the EDA allow Downtown Greens time to find the financing to purchase the land and place it into a permanent conservation easement. See D21-\_\_, for more information.

**George and Penelope Beddoe (D21-\_\_), 1014 Albert Reynolds Drive,** was in support of the preservation of the 60-acre green space adjacent to Braehead Farms. It was requested that City Council and the EDA allow Downtown Greens time to find the financing to purchase the land and place it into a permanent conservation easement. See D21-\_\_, for more information.

**Wendy Atwell-Vasey (D21-\_\_), 804 Marye Street,** was in support of the preservation of the 60-acre green space adjacent to Braehead Farms. It was requested that City Council and the EDA allow Downtown Greens time to find the financing to purchase the land and place it into a permanent conservation easement. See D21-\_\_, for more information.

**Pat and Mike Worsham (D21-\_\_), 1317 Royston Street,** was in support of the preservation of the 60-acre green space adjacent to Braehead Farms. It was requested

that City Council and the EDA allow Downtown Greens time to find the financing to purchase the land and place it into a permanent conservation easement. See D21-\_\_\_, for more information.

**Stephen Watkins(D21-\_\_\_)**, 1206 Walker Drive, was in support of the preservation of the 60-acre green space adjacent to Braehead Farms. It was requested that City Council and the EDA allow Downtown Greens time to find the financing to purchase the land and place it into a permanent conservation easement. See D21-\_\_\_, for more information.

**Kathryn Barton (D21-\_\_\_)**, 4421 Turnberry Drive, 22553, was in support of the preservation of the 60-acre green space adjacent to Braehead Farms. It was requested that City Council and the EDA allow Downtown Greens time to find the financing to purchase the land and place it into a permanent conservation easement. See D21-\_\_\_, for more information.

**Cathy Peterjohn (D21-\_\_\_)**, 1210 Kenmore Avenue, was in support of the preservation of the 60-acre green space adjacent to Braehead Farms. It was requested that City Council and the EDA allow Downtown Greens time to find the financing to purchase the land and place it into a permanent conservation easement. See D21-\_\_\_, for more information.

**J. Phil Huber (D21-\_\_\_)**, 519 Dunmore Street, was in support of the preservation of the 60-acre green space adjacent to Braehead Farms. It was requested that City Council and the EDA allow Downtown Greens time to find the financing to purchase the land and place it into a permanent conservation easement. See D21-\_\_\_, for more information.

**Shane Riordan (D21-\_\_)**, 1009 Martingale Court, was in support of the preservation of the 60-acre green space adjacent to Braehead Farms. It was requested that City Council and the EDA allow Downtown Greens time to find the financing to purchase the land and place it into a permanent conservation easement. **See D21-\_\_**, for more information.

**MC Moncure (D21-\_\_)**, 1300 Caroline Street, was in support of the preservation of the 60-acre green space adjacent to Braehead Farms. It was requested that City Council and the EDA allow Downtown Greens time to find the financing to purchase the land and place it into a permanent conservation easement. **See D21-\_\_**, for more information.

**Lydia Samson (D21-\_\_)**, 40 Old Creekside Rd, 22405, was in support of the preservation of the 60-acre green space adjacent to Braehead Farms. It was requested that City Council and the EDA allow Downtown Greens time to find the financing to purchase the land and place it into a permanent conservation easement. **See D21-\_\_**, for more information.

**Catherine and Ben Hicks (D21-\_\_)**, 406 Fern Court, 22408, was in support of the preservation of the 60-acre green space adjacent to Braehead Farms. It was requested that City Council and the EDA allow Downtown Greens time to find the financing to purchase the land and place it into a permanent conservation easement. **See D21-\_\_**, for more information.

**Kathryn Sanders (D21-\_\_)**, 4107 England Town Road, 22408, was in support of the preservation of the 60-acre green space adjacent to Braehead Farms. It was

requested that City Council and the EDA allow Downtown Greens time to find the financing to purchase the land and place it into a permanent conservation easement. **See D21-\_\_** for more information.

**Elizabeth LeDoux (D21-\_\_)**, 1202 Wright Court, was in support of the preservation of the 60-acre green space adjacent to Braehead Farms. It was requested that City Council and the EDA allow Downtown Greens time to find the financing to purchase the land and place it into a permanent conservation easement. **See D21-\_\_** for more information.

**Peter Mealy (D21-\_\_)**, 818 Charlotte Street, was in support of the preservation of the 60-acre green space adjacent to Braehead Farms. It was requested that City Council and the EDA allow Downtown Greens time to find the financing to purchase the land and place it into a permanent conservation easement. **See D21-\_\_** for more information.

**Rosalie Griffith-Mealy (D21-\_\_)**, 818 Charlotte Street, was in support of the preservation of the 60-acre green space adjacent to Braehead Farms. It was requested that City Council and the EDA allow Downtown Greens time to find the financing to purchase the land and place it into a permanent conservation easement. **See D21-\_\_** for more information.

**Adrian Giriffith-Mealy (D21-\_\_)**, 818 Charlotte Street, was in support of the preservation of the 60-acre green space adjacent to Braehead Farms. It was requested that City Council and the EDA allow Downtown Greens time to find the financing to purchase the land and place it into a permanent conservation easement. **See D21-\_\_** for more information.



**Laurie Griffith (D21-\_\_)**, 818 Charlotte Street, was in support of the preservation of the 60-acre green space adjacent to Braehead Farms. It was requested that City Council and the EDA allow Downtown Greens time to find the financing to purchase the land and place it into a permanent conservation easement. See D21-\_\_, for more information.

**Sean Imanian (D21-\_\_)**, 11709 Longstreet Drive, 22551, was in support of the preservation of the 60-acre green space adjacent to Braehead Farms. It was requested that City Council and the EDA allow Downtown Greens time to find the financing to purchase the land and place it into a permanent conservation easement. See D21-\_\_, for more information.

**Francisco Hernandez (D21-\_\_)**, 4112 Englandtown Road, 22408, was in support of the preservation of the 60-acre green space adjacent to Braehead Farms. It was requested that City Council and the EDA allow Downtown Greens time to find the financing to purchase the land and place it into a permanent conservation easement. See D21-\_\_ for more information.

**Erin Palko (D21-\_\_)**, 1018 Wright Court, spoke in support of selling the land around Braehead Farms to Downtown Greens. He would like Downtown Greens to preserve the land and create a buffer zone for the farm. See D21-\_\_, for more information.

**Lois Coldbridge (D21-\_\_)**, 404 Virginia Avenue, stated that in the increasing development, gentrification, and loss of greenspace in the City she urged the

preservation of the 60-acres of green space adjacent to Braehead Farms. Ms. Coldbridge spoke in support of the preservation of this land. [See D21-\\_\\_](#), for more information.

**Becky Reed (D21-\_\_)**, 800 Cobblestone Boulevard, asked that the City please find a way to preserve the 60-acres next to Braehead Farms and place it into a permanent conservation easement. She asked that Downtown Greens be given time to facilitate this. [See D21-\\_\\_](#), for more information.

**Mary Ellen Wheeler (D21-\_\_)**, 1201 Princess Anne Street, stated that she was passionate about the preservation of the natural environment. She said turning the 60-acres into parking lots was a betrayal of public trust. She said the City should be working with Downtown Greens in preserving the land. [See D21-\\_\\_](#), for more information.

**Nancy Collins (D21-\_\_)**, 1222 Sophia Street, spoke in support of the preservation of the 60-acres of green space adjacent to Braehead Farms. She urged the City and the EDA to find a way to make this happen. [See D21-\\_\\_](#), for more information.

**Janet Watkins (D21-\_\_)**, 1206 Walker Drive, spoke in support of preserving the 60-acres of land and she hoped the City and the EDA would do their part to make Downtown Green's preservation plan a success. [See D21-\\_\\_](#), for more information.

**Kate Moga (D21-\_\_)**, 211 Fauquier Street, asked that the City be proactive in protecting the green spaces in the City. [See D21-\\_\\_](#), for more information.

**Leslie Kash (D21-\_\_)**, 1410 Buckner Street, spoke in support of the preservation of the 60-acres of green space adjacent to Braehead Farms. She would like Downtown Greens to have the opportunity to purchase this land. [See D21-\\_\\_](#), for more information.

**Judy Love (D21-\_\_)**, 2216 Caroline Street, said she hoped all parties would honor the number one issue of preserving the irreplaceable wetlands and other special land over tax money interests. She said she hoped the preservation of historic Fredericksburg's quality of life would be at the forefront of all decision. See D21-\_\_, for more information.

**Peggy Marshall (D21-\_\_)**, 227 Princess Anne Street, spoke in support of Downtown Green's proposal to acquire and maintain the property surrounding Braehead Farms. She noted that during COVID she found many of the green spaces in the City to be crowded. See D21-\_\_, for more information.

**Carmela Southers (D21-\_\_)**, 905 Sylvania Avenue, asked the Council to please preserve the 60-acres of green space adjacent to Braehead Farms for the shared future. She urged the City Council to encourage a higher use of this property and allow Downtown Greens time to find financing in order to place a permanent conservation easement. See D21-\_\_, for more information.

**Caitie Finlayson (D21-\_\_)**, 1105 Great Oak Lane, was appreciative of the support of the School Board's request to move up the construction of a new school and the inclusion of funds for the planning costs in this year's budget. Ms. Finlayson also expressed her support of the preservation of the 60-acres of green space adjacent to Braehead Farm. She asked that Downtown Greens be given the time needed to find the funding. See D21-\_\_, for more information.

**Brenda Wood (D21-\_\_)**, 108 Goodloe Drive, stated that what makes the City unique was the working farm located in the middle of the 10.4 square miles. She asked

the City to grant Downtown Greens time to get their finances together to purchase the land. See D21-\_\_\_, for more information.

**Rebecca Rubin (D21-\_\_\_)**, 724 Lee Avenue, stated that development should not mean asphalt and buildings. She said there should be other forms of planning because there was a fast loss of quality of life in the City due to over development. Ms. Rubin would like the focus of the 60-acres to be on preservation of the land. See D21-\_\_\_, for more information.

**Lee Halterman (D21-\_\_\_)**, 724 Lee Avenue, asked the City not to allow anything except a land sale for continued greenspace at the Braehead buffer. See D21-\_\_\_, for more information.

**Keith Mellinger (D21-\_\_\_)**, 1412 Kenmore Avenue, strongly supported the preservation of the 60-acres' green space for the future of the City. He asked that the Council and EDA find a way to make this happen by allowing Downtown Greens time to find financing to place the land into a permanent conservation easement. See D21-\_\_\_, for more information.

**Carl Little (D21-\_\_\_)**, 726 William Street, spoke in support of preserving the 60-acres of green space adjacent to Braehead Farms. He asked that the City allow Downtown Greens to find financing to purchase the land and place it into a permanent conservation easement. See D21-\_\_\_, for more information.

**Sara Millinger (D21-\_\_\_)**, 1412 Kenmore Avenue, spoke in support of the preservation of the 60-acres of land adjacent to Braehead Farms for the future of the

children. She said this land was crucial to retain the environmental and educational benefits of the community. [See D21-\\_\\_](#), for more information.

**Anne Little (D21-\_\_)**, 726 William Street, urged the Council to find a way to save the 60-acre agricultural buffer next to Braehead Farm from development. She also asked that the Council work to put the property into permanent conservation easement. Ms. Little asked why the City was overpaying and subsidizing a private transaction. She said this property was integral in making this area attractive to farm visitors. She asked the Council to consider the broader picture and what was being left for future generations. [See D21-\\_\\_](#), for more information.

**Gail Braxton (D21-\_\_)**, 1204 Charles Street, stated that she was glad to read of Downtown Greens efforts to purchase the property adjacent to Braehead Farms. She said it was important to have open space for the future of the City.

**Lanaisha Foreman (D21-\_\_)**, 320 Riverside Manor Boulevard, urged the Council not to allow the sale of the land next to Braehead Farms. She said Downtown Greens would use the land in a better way. [See D21-\\_\\_](#), for more information.

**Grace Norair (D21-\_\_)**, 140 Caroline Street, urged the Council not to sell the land. She said she has witnessed first-hand the work of Downtown Greens and the sense of community they bring to Fredericksburg. She said allowing the sale to Downtown Greens would benefit the City in a greater way. [See D21-\\_\\_](#), for more information.

**Areeta Bridgemohan (D21-\_\_)**, 823 Cobblestone Boulevard, expressed that she did not want the property adjacent to Braehead Farm sold to a developer. She said

allowing the land to go to Downtown Greens would be more environmentally friendly for the community. See D21-\_\_\_, for more information.

**Ashley Utz (D21-\_\_\_)**, 802 Caroline Street, urged the Council to take into consideration the future of Fredericksburg regarding the land next to Braehead Farm. She said the City had two options to sell to a company that would turn it into pavement or sell to downtown greens who is respected and trusted in the community. See D21-\_\_\_, for more information.

**Lila Cobey (D21-\_\_\_)**, 1615 Sunken Road, urged the Council not to sell the land next to Braehead Farm because this was the City's future open space. See D21-\_\_\_, for more information.

**Bryan Stelmok (D21-\_\_\_)**, 1117 Wright Court, stated that it was troubling that the joint committee members of the City Council and the School Board were advocating for a new school without ever sharing the results of the Committee discussions. He said the citizen needed to know the tradeoffs in short and long term solutions before making an informed decision. Mr. Stelmok also said there was a false narrative being spread regarding what a new school would do in regards to capacity. See D21-\_\_\_, for more information.

**Megan Walton (D21-\_\_\_)**, 712 Caroline Street, stated that she would like to see the land next to Braehead Farm used for open space and she would like to see Downtown Greens continue to serve the City with Council's support. See D21-\_\_\_, for more information.

**Virginia James(D21-\_\_)**, 610 Greenbrier Drive, urged the Council not to sell the land next to Braehead Farm to a company that would turn the land into parking. Downtown Greens would use the space to provide a gathering space for all citizens. **See D21-\_\_** for more information.

**Julian Stabbins-Sharpless (D21-\_\_)**, 1613 Sunken Road, asked the City not to sell the land next to Braehead Farms to the moving company. Providing the land to downtown Greens would be an opportunity to reinvest in the community and support local businesses. **See D21-\_\_** for more information.

**Cadence Rubin-Halterman (D21-\_\_)**, 724 Lee Avenue, asked that the Council not allow the 60-acres to be bought and sold because kids do not have a lot of places like this to go to. **See D21-\_\_** for more information.

**Claire Watkins (D21-\_\_)**, 1206 Walker Drive, asked that the Council not to allow this land to be sold because this was the City's future open space. She said Downtown Greens had done great work in the community and they would use the land in a much better way. **See D21-\_\_** for more information.

**Seth Casana (D21-\_\_)**, 1305 Princess Anne Street, state that the City Council should allow Downtown Greens to purchase the property next to Braehead Farm. He said Downtown Greens has shown exceptional dedication to promoting urban agriculture and should be the new caretakers of this irreplaceable city resource. **See D21-\_\_** for more information.

**Alexanna Hengy (D21-\_\_)**, 2412 Lafayette Boulevard, spoke in support of the preservation of the 60-acres of green space adjacent to the Braehead Farm. She said the

preservation was crucial for preventing the worst of climate crisis from becoming a reality as well as helping the City to mitigate the effects of climate change. Ms. Hengy said this land could be used for workforce development and education and could lead to good jobs. She asked the Council to give Downtown Greens time to get financing. **See D21-\_\_** for more information.

**Zach Santulli (D21-\_\_)**, 504 Hanson Avenue, asked the Council to allow Downtown Greens to purchase the property next to Braehead Farms because there was so little green space left in the City and this was a great way to keep the space growing. **See D21-\_\_** for more information.

**Damon Yetter (D21-\_\_)**, 923 ½ Caroline Street, he asked that the Council not allow the sale of the 60-acres next to Braehead Farms to the company that would be paving the land. He asked that Downtown Greens be allowed to use of the space for something that has a more monetary value. **See D21-\_\_** for more information.

**Council Agenda Presented.** The following items were presented to Council for discussion.

- 8A. Fredericksburg Clean and Green Commission – Vice-Mayor Frye
- 8B. Gun Giveback – Vice-Mayor Frye

**Fredericksburg Clean and Green Commission** – Vice-Mayor Frye thanked the Fredericksburg Clean and Green Commission for the great job they do. Vice-Mayor Frye said he learned a lot being with them at a clean-up event they held.



**Gun Giveback.** Vice-Mayor Frye reminded everyone of the Gun Giveback event would be on May 8 at the Fredericksburg Police Headquarters. Over the past 6 years approximately 170 guns have been turned in.

**Adoption of Minutes.** Councilor Duffy moved approval of the November 10, 2020 Work Session, April 13, 2021 Public Hearing and Regular Session minutes and the April 20, 2021 Public Hearing minutes; motion was seconded by Councilor Devine and passed by the following recorded votes. Ayes (7). Councilors Greenlaw, Frye, Devine, Duffy, Graham, Kelly and Withers. Nays (0).

**Appointment to the Architectural Review Board (D21-\_\_).** After the recorded vote taken, Laura Galke was appointed to serve on the Architectural Review Board with a vote resulting between applicants James Jarrell, IV and Laura Galke. Jarrell (0). Galke (7) Greenlaw, Frye, Devine, Duffy, Graham, Kelly, Withers.

**Resolution 21-36, Approved, Granting a Special Use Permit to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. Fredericksburg Post No. 3103 for the Use of 2701 Princess Anne Street as a Club or Lodge (D21-\_\_).** After staff presentation Councilor Graham made a motion to approve Resolution 12-36, granting a special use permit to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. Fredericksburg Post No. 3103 for the use of 2701 Princess Anne Street as a Club or Lodge; motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Frye and passed by the following recorded votes. Ayes (7). Councilors Greenlaw, Frye, Devine, Duffy, Graham, Kelly and Withers. Nays (0).

**Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) Report and Recommendation** – Chief Layton began his report with a YouTube video discussing the internal review. The review showed that the City performed well in many aspects and it also showed areas that needed improvement. The review also showed there were equipment deficiencies and emergency purchases were made to correct those needs. He said he looked at the use of force policy and in doing so he implemented progressive change to include a duty to intervene by all Police Department employees. In the spirit of progressive change, he also explained the Citizen Advisory Panel went from six to nine members with greater diversity.

PERF completed a review and delivered a report in February 2021. There were 66 recommendations and Chief Layton said he identified common themes and he was able to divide them into six topics and with those that were overlapping he was able to narrow it down into three separate categories: Use of Force and Professional Standards; Incident Command System and Training and Tactical Field Force and Civil Disturbances. Chief Layton said he met with all the regions Chiefs and Sheriffs and all agreed using a regional approach and the recommendations were progressive and warranted. All the Chief and Sheriff's agrees to provide employees to serve on the committees as well as five of the Citizen Advisory Panel members.

Captain Patrick Reed and his Committee reviewed the Use of Force and Professional Standards and to date there was a recommendation to adopt five out of the

six professional standards recommendations and eight out of the seventeen use of force recommendations. The other recommendations were still under review.

Captain Betsy Mason and her Committee reviewed the Tactical Field Force and Civil Disturbances. Tactical field force had ten recommendations for review and civil disturbances had seven recommendations. The Committee finalized three of the seventeen recommendations. The other 14 were under review and would be finalized at the upcoming meetings.

Captain Mike Presutto and his Committee reviewed the Incident Command Systems and Training recommendations. The Incident Command System had nineteen and Training had seven recommendations. To date, there has been a recommendation to adopt seven of the incident command systems recommendations and the rest were still under review.

Chief Layton stated that many of the recommendations had been recommended for policy inclusion or adjustment. The work of these committees was making the Fredericksburg Police Department and its mutual aid partners better to handle future events of unrest.

Chief Layton noted that the final PERF report was available and he was thankful of their recommendations as well as the committees that reviewed those recommendations. He was hopeful that most of the recommendations would be reviewed and implemented by the end of June. Chief spoke highly of his officers and their commitment to the City.

Councilor Duffy was impressed with the work of the Police Department and the Citizen Advisory Panel. He said reading the report and the efforts shown was remarkable. He was grateful for leadership who was willing to look at things.

Councilor Graham said what he found heartening was that the Police Department was working so well with its regional partners.

Vice-Mayor Frye spoke of how engaged the Police Officers were and he wanted to make the public aware of their dedication.

Councilor Devine expressed thanks to Chief Layton and the Captains as well as the Citizen who serve on the Citizen Advisory Panel. She thanked the Police for their willingness to improve.

Councilor Kelly asked if the public would be able to comment on the report once it is posted. He wanted to know if this would be taken on the road and reviewed with the community. Chief Layton said he would work with staff to see if they could engage the community further.

Councilor Kelly said regarding racial equity there was a divide between the younger generation and the older. He said this needed to be dealt with and also taken out to the public.

Councilor Withers said this report pointed out thing the Police Department needed improvement on but also it showed what they did right and he asked people to keep that in mind moving forward.

Councilor Frye asked for clarification on Mr. Kelly's statement about the community being divided. He spoke about the many people that have come to him

talking about how pleased they were with what was going on in the City and that they were able to have a part in this. He also said the City had already been engaging in the difficult race conversations before anyone else was speaking on them. Mayor Greenlaw agrees that she had heard from citizens much younger than herself that says the City was willing to talk and change. She said the police force was willing to make themselves better. Councilor Kelly explained that there were different views of how society is perceived and how it operates. He said the information he received many people took a position and they were determined. He said many were not aware of the equity plan and he wanted to take it to the community and have a conversation.

**Ordinance 21-14, First Read Approved, Amending the Noise Regulations in the Downtown Business District, Applying a “Plainly Audible” at 200 Feet Standard for Daytime Hours and at a 100-Foot Distance at Midnight Every Night (D21-\_\_).** After staff presentation Councilor Kelly stated that he would like make another effort and reach out to the businesses so they are aware of how the ordinance was going to work.

Councilor Graham made a motion to approve Ordinance 21-14, on first read, amending the noise regulations in the downtown business district, applying a “plainly audible” at 200 feet standard for daytime hours and at a 100-foot distance at midnight every night; motion was seconded by Councilor Devine and passed by the following recorded votes. Ayes (7). Councilors Greenlaw, Frye, Devine, Duffy, Graham, Kelly and Withers. Nays (0).

**Resolution 21-37, Approved, Adopting the List of Streets to be Improved During the Fiscal Year 2021 Asphalt Rehabilitation Program**

**(D21-\_\_)**. Councilor Duffy made a motion to approve Resolution 21-37, adopting the list of streets to be improved during the Fiscal Year 2021 Asphalt Rehabilitation Program; motion was seconded by Councilor Withers and passed by the following recorded votes. Ayes (7). Councilors Greenlaw, Frye, Devine, Duffy, Graham, Kelly and Withers. Nays (0).

**City Manager's Report and Council Calendar (D21-\_\_ thru D21-\_\_)**.

City Manager Baroody directed the Council's attention to the Manager's Update: Annual Gun Giveback, United Way Benefit Golf Tournament, Recommended Budget Fiscal Year 2021-2022, Wall of Honor, Historic Garden Week, Neighbors App, Child Abuse Prevention Month, CSX Storage Tanker Cars Update, Board and Commission Openings, Concert by Canoe, Kids to Park Day, Earth Day Festival, Farmer's Market Opening, COVID-19 Vaccination Update, FXBG Diverse City, Upcoming Council Meetings, Spring Programs and Fred Focus.

**Adjournment.** There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Mayor Greenlaw declared the meeting officially adjourned at 10:18 p.m.

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Mary Katherine Greenlaw, Mayor

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Tonya B. Lacey, Clerk of Council, MMC

