



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

September 14, 2021

The Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia, held a regular session on Tuesday, September 14, 2021, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

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, Community Planning and Building Services Director Charles Johnston, Senior Planner Michael Craig, Zoning Administrator James Newman, Development Administrator Marne Sherman, Fire Chief Mike Jones, Public Works Director Diane Beyer, Transit Director Jamie Jackson, Chief Information Officer Suzanne Tills and Clerk of Council Tonya B. Lacey.

Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance. Council was led in prayer by Vice-Mayor Charlie L. Frye, Jr. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilor Jason N. Graham.

Officer Recognized. Mayor Greenlaw recognized the presence of Sgt. Paul Dooley, at this evening's meeting.

Proclamation for Constitution Week (D21-__). Mayor Greenlaw presented a proclamation to Sonya Johnson and Donna Courtney and she asked that citizens reaffirm the Constitution which gives us the freedoms guaranteed through the guardians of freedom.

Hunger Action Day in the City of Fredericksburg Proclamation (D21-__). Mayor Greenlaw presented a proclamation to Dan Maher, Chief Executive Officer and President of the Fredericksburg Area Food Bank. This proclamation was to bring awareness to the greater community that September 17 was Hunger Action Day and she encouraged citizens to donate their time through volunteering and donating funds. The Mayor also encourage everyone to wear orange on September 17 in support of Hunger Action Day.

Virginia Department of Transportation Update (D21-__). Mr. Byrd Holloway with VDOT presented a PowerPoint giving a scope and schedule for Route 1 upgrades at the Princess Anne and Hanson Streets intersection. Mr. Holloway gave a brief history, he discussed the Route 1 Corridor Study from north of Route 3 interchange to Princess Anne Street/Hanson Avenue Intersection, Route 1 Corridor Study Improvement Concept for Princess Anne Street/Hanson Avenue Intersection, Project Funding and Scope, Current Schedule, Scope of the Improvements Shown at the October

City Council Meeting and October City Council Public Involvement Meeting. See D21-__ for more details.

Councilor Kelly asked what the difference was in the cost for the build out as originally proposed, compared to what was currently planned. Mr. Byrd said they had half the funding and he noted that the study was based on 2018 costs it did not account for today's costs. Councilor Kelly also asked Mr. Byrd if he had spoken with staff regarding possible additions and Mr. Byrd said they had not started working on the design and once that was done then they could get a cost estimate and they would do the most they could with the funding they had.

Councilor Graham asked if there was a concern with the rising cost of materials and whether the project would need to be scaled back further or not done at all. Mr. Byrd assured Mr. Graham that they had not seen a huge cost increase.

Councilor Devine expressed concern with the look of the barricades and suggested there be something more palatable because this was a gateway into the City. Mr. Byrd said he was not sure of the options that were available.

Ms. Marci Parker gave an update on the renaming of Route 1. She reported that the law was passed to rename Route 1 and it would go into effect January 1 and any section named Jefferson Davis Highway would change to Emancipation Highway. She noted that Fredericksburg was the only locality in the district going with Emancipation Highway. She said Stafford was going to change it to Richmond Highway and Spotsylvania and Caroline were choosing something different. Ms. Parker said the law was silent on when the signs had to be changed but on January 1 it would be

Emancipation Highway. She stated that VDOT would be changing out the signs they maintain but the City would have to change the small street signs. She noted that there would be a delay in the signs because of a delay in aluminum but the signs would be replaced in February.

Chief Information Officer Tills reported that her team would be assisting citizens and businesses with address changes. She reviewed the schedule with the Council and she anticipated the signs being changed between January 1-30 but she said she would work with the neighboring jurisdictions. Ms. Tills also stated that the Economic Development and Tourism Department contacted businesses to see what their cost would be to switch their address on everything and small businesses costs ranged from \$100-500, mid-sized businesses ranged from \$700-750 and large businesses ranged from \$1000–2000. Ms. Tills said they would be able to assist some businesses by updating the City's systems.

Councilor Kelly expressed the importance of naming things after someone who was instrumental in the Community and he said this was a missed opportunity and he would like to give businesses more financial support. Mr. Baroody reminded Councilor Kelly that the Economic Development Authority had allocated \$35,000 towards helping businesses and they declined to put up any additional funds but offered to be a conduit if the City wanted to contribute money.

COVID-19 Update. Fire Chief Jones reported that in the last two weeks the total number of cases in the Health District jumped from 1,409 to 2,915. The district was up nearly 100 cases per day. There were 25 new cases in the hospital. There were nine

new deaths in the last two weeks. The total deaths in the Health District was 312. The percent positivity in the Health District was at 12.4%, for the State 10.8% and 10.5% for Fredericksburg.

Statewide the number of cases in the hospital was 2,117 up from 1,364 two weeks prior. The intensive care cases were up by 200 and 344 were on ventilators. There were 30 new cases and the seven day moving average for new cases in the City was at 14.

There have been over 10 million vaccinations given out in the Commonwealth to those 18 and over since the beginning, 5.59 million have received their first dose and 4.95 million are considered fully vaccinated. This equates to 65.5% of Virginia's population with one dose and 58% fully vaccinated. The daily average of people getting vaccinated in Virginia was at 13,000. In Fredericksburg, there are 14,345 age 18 and over with at least one dose of the vaccine. The vaccination numbers were increasing slowly.

In the Commonwealth, 26 of the 35 Health Districts were in a surge including the Rappahannock Health District. Although there were a number of districts in a surge position, there have been some leveling off and even some declining numbers. Chief Jones said they were still recommending mask wearing, social distancing and hand washing. There were still concerns for a surge later in the year. He also noted that Mary Washington Healthcare was very full and they were noticing a lot of issues with unvaccinated people.

Consent Agenda Accepted for Transmittal as Recommended (D21-__ thru D21-__). Councilor Devine moved approval of the City Manager's consent agenda; motion was seconded by Councilor Graham and passed by the following recorded votes. Ayes (7). Councilors Greenlaw, Frye, Devine, Duffy, Graham, Kelly and Withers. Nays (0).

- Resolution 21-69, Second Read, Amending the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget to Appropriate Grant Funds for Flashing Yellow Arrow Traffic Signals (D21-__).
- Transmittal of Board and Commissions Minutes
 - Architectural Review Board – May 24, 2021 (D21-__).
 - Fredericksburg Arts Commission – March 17, 2021 (D21-__).
 - Fredericksburg Arts Commission – April 21, 2021 (D21-__).
 - Fredericksburg Arts Commission – May 19, 2021 (D21-__).
 - Green Committee – April 13, 2021 (D21-__).
 - Green Committee – May 11, 2021 (D21-__).
 - Planning Commission – April 28, 2021 (D21-__).
 - Planning Commission – May 26, 2021 (D21-__).
 - Recreation Commission – June 27, 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 given or submitted to be read during the citizen comment portion of this evening's meeting.

Hamilton Palmer (D21-__), 1500 Caroline Street, Mr. Palmer read a song he had written regarding issues in the schools that he feels were holding the students back.

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

8A. Vaccinations – Councilor Graham

8B. Follow-Up – Vice-Mayor Frye

Vaccinations. Councilor Graham congratulated the 79 students and 2 adults that received their first vaccination this week at the James Monroe and Walker-Grant Vaccination drives. He said this was the largest two-day bump in vaccines in months. Councilor Graham also spoke about those who say they have a 99% chance of surviving if they got COVID. He gave examples of 99% in other areas of life and he encouraged everyone to get a vaccination and said 99% should not be good enough.

Follow-Up. Councilor Frye wanted to publically inform Mr. Baroody that he would be following up on the parking regulations at Kenmore near Maury that were placed in that area years ago. He also said he would be wanting a follow-up on the CSX tankers and he would like to try the Homeland Security approach.

Adoption of Minutes. Councilor Graham moved approval of the October 27, 2020, April 27 and May 25, 2021 Work Sessions and the August 24, 2021 Public Hearing and Regular Session 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).

Citizen Transportation Advisory Committee (D21-__). Councilor Kelly made a motion to appoint Sarah Appleby and Benjamin Jiles; motion was seconded by Councilor Graham and passed by the following recorded votes. Ayes (7). Councilors Greenlaw, Frye, Devine, Duffy, Graham, Kelly and Withers. Nays (0).

Resolution 21-76, Approved, Supporting a Transportation Alternatives Application for Bankside Trail (D21-__). After staff presentation Councilor Graham made a motion to approve Resolution 21-76, supporting a Transportation Alternatives Application for Bankside Trail; 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).

Ordinance 21-25, First Read Approved, Increasing the Elderly and Disabled Relief from Real Estate Taxes (D21-__). After staff presentation Councilor Withers made a motion to approve Ordinance 21-25, on first read, increasing the elderly and disabled relief from real estate taxes; 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).

Resolution 21-77, Approved, Authorizing the City's Outside Counsel to Vote on the City's Behalf to Support the Proposed Mallinckrodt Bankruptcy Plan (D21-__). After staff presentation Councilor Graham made a motion authorizing the City's outside Counsel to vote on the City's behalf to support the

proposed Mallinckrodt Bankruptcy Plan; motion was seconded by Councilor Frye 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: COVID-19 Vaccines Update, Community Meetings on Council Priorities, Board and Commission Openings, 100 Block of William Street Stormwater Pipe Replacement, Traffic Safety Initiative, Important Message from Chief Layton and Commonwealth's Attorney Humphries, Wind Down Wednesday Live Concert Series, Christmas Parade Registration, Become a Foster Parent, CARES Utility Relief Funds for Water and Wastewater Service Billed by the City of Fredericksburg, Fall Catalog, Fredericksburg Farmer's Market, Fall 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 9:37 p.m.

Mary Katherine Greenlaw, Mayor

Tonya B. Lacey, Clerk of Council, MMC