



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. JONATHAN A. GERLACH, WARD TWO
HON. DR. TIMOTHY P. DUFFY, WARD THREE

February 8, 2022

The Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia, held a regular session on Tuesday, February 8, 2022, 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.

Others Present. City Manager Timothy J. Baroody, Assistant City Manager Mark Whitley, Assistant City Manager David Brown, City Attorney Kathleen Dooley, Assistant City Attorney Dori Martin, Fire Chief Mike Jones, Director of Planning and Building Services Charles Johnston, Police Chief Brian Layton, Sgt. Amy Lynch, Officer Christopher Tiernan, Finance Director Robyn Shugart Assistant Finance Director Richard Lawrence, Budget Analyst Donna Leahy, Environmental Programs Manager Scott Rae, Voter Registrar Claudia Herzog 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.

Officer Recognized. Mayor Greenlaw recognized the presence of Lt. Rashawn Cowles, at this evening's meeting.

COVID-19 Update. Chief Jones reported that that the numbers were trending downward. The total new cases in the health District dropped by 4,000. The average per day was cut in half and the number in the hospital had dropped significantly. He noted that the number in the hospital were very sick and many died causing the death rate to go up. The percent positivity was down by 7-8% but it was still above the State. The number in the hospital statewide was down by 1,000 and discharges were up by 5,000. He said these were all good indicators. The number of new cases dropped to 24 and it was previously 47. Chief Jones said the case rates were declining across the state except in two health districts in the southwest region. The community transmission was still considered high and mitigation standards needed to stay in effect.

Chief Jones said there was a new variant called Omicron Subvariant BA2 that they expect to take over as the dominant strain and it was expected to slow the decline. He said vaccination was the best way to protect from the virus. Vaccinations in the Commonwealth were up, 15 million have been vaccinated, 6.5 million with the first dose, 6 million with the second and 2.5 million boosters.

Council had a brief discussion on the transmissions and when there may be a booster for children under 5.

Consent Agenda Accepted for Transmittal as Recommended (D22-__ thru D22-__). Councilor Kelly 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, Gerlach, Graham, and Kelly. Nays (0).

- Resolution 22-05, Second Read, Amending the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget to Appropriate Funds in the City Grants Fund for Department of Criminal Justice Services Grant Funds

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. There were no comments given and/or submitted to be read during the citizen comment portion of this evening's meeting.

Council Agenda Presented. There were no items presented to Council for discussion.

Adoption of Minutes. Councilor Duffy moved approval of the January 25, 2022 Public Hearing and Regular Session minutes; motion was seconded by Councilor Graham and passed by the following recorded votes. Ayes (7). Councilors Greenlaw, Frye, Devine, Duffy, Gerlach, Graham and Kelly. Nays (0).

Ordinance 22-02, Frist Read Approved, Revising Taxicab Regulations Relating to Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, Motor Vehicle Safety, Driver Safety, and Fares and Charges, and Dissolving the Taxicab

Board (D22-__). Police Chief Layton stated that in response to a citizen comment in May 2021 they reviewed the taxi ordinance and conducted a keep/change analysis and they met with the cab owners that operate in 22401. Staff reviewed those changes with the cab owners and they were in agreement with the changes which were presented to the Council. As Council discussed in the earlier work session they would like to include students to Section 58-443(b). Chief Layton said he could make that change for the second reading.

Councilor Duffy moved to approve Ordinance 22-02, on first read, revising Taxicab Regulations relating to certificate of public convenience and necessity, motor vehicle safety, driver safety, and fares and charges, and dissolving the Taxicab Board to include the amendment of Section 58-443(b) to add students; motion was seconded and passed by the following recorded votes. Ayes (6). Councilors Greenlaw, Devine, Duffy, Gerlach, Graham and Kelly. Nays (1). Councilor Frye.

Councilor Frye said he would like to know more about the change before giving his support.

City Manager's Report and Council Calendar (D22-__ thru D22-__).

City Manager Baroody directed the Council's attention to the Manager's Update: City to Unveil Historical Panel Recognizing the 1950 Walker-Grant High School Graduates, Fredericksburg Art Lovers!, COVID-19 Vaccines and New Testing Center Opens, Tree Debris Cleanup, Update on Delinquent Utility Accounts, Local Redistricting Process Update, Stormwater Infrastructure Rehabilitation, Traffic Safety Initiative, Board and

Commission Openings, Winter Programs, Parks, Recreation and Events Newest Activity Catalog 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 8:26 p.m.

Mary Katherine Greenlaw, Mayor

Tonya B. Lacey, Clerk of Council, MMC