



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 14, 2023

The Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia, held a public hearing on Tuesday, February 14, 2023, beginning at 7:51 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, Jonathan A. Gerlach, Jason N. Graham and Matthew J. Kelly. Dr. Timothy P. Duffy attended remotely because he was “unable to attend the meeting due to a temporary medical condition that prevented his physical attendance” under FOIA.

Others Present. City Manager Timothy J. Baroody, Assistant City Manager Mark Whitley, Assistant City Manager David Brown, City Attorney Kathleen Dooley, Director of Planning and Development Services Charles Johnston, Principal Planner Michael Craig, Zoning Administrator Kelly Machen, Budget Analyst Donna Leahy, Director of Economic Development and Tourism Bill Freehling, Director of Parks, Recreation and Events Todd Brown and Clerk of Council Tonya B. Lacey.

Notice of Public Hearings (D23-__ thru D23-__). The Clerk read the notice of the public hearings as it appeared in the local newspaper, the purpose being to solicit citizen input.

Resolution 23-13, Amending the Special Use Permit Granted 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 (D23-__). 1 speaker.

Staff presented a PowerPoint presentation on the project.

Councilor Devine said she would like to see the lighting on the property coincided with the completion of the project. Ms. Machen stated that they were giving the VFW the flexibility to update the lighting sooner, if possible.

Jervis Hairston, representing Silver Companies, stated that the Silver Cos. pledge to assist with the efforts of the renovation and expansion of the VFW. He said the lighting conditions and the landscape conditions are subject of the site development plan which was currently being prepared. He said the lighting was 75 percent complete through Fairbanks and Franklin. The architect who was preparing the building plans for the project was Sabina Weitzman and she was approximately 75-80 percent done with her plans and they believe they will be able to meet the timeline in the conditions.

Vice-Mayor Frye recognized the vets that were in attendance and he thanked them for their service.

Councilor Gerlach moved to approve Resolution 23-13, amending the Special Use Permit granted 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 Councilor Kelly and passed by the following recorded votes. Ayes (7). Councilors Greenlaw, Frye, Devine, Duffy, Gerlach, Graham and Kelly. Nays (0).

Resolution 23-14, Granting a Special Exception for Parking in Excess of 175% of the Minimum Requirement for a Proposed Silver Diner Restaurant and Chase Bank located at 2931 and 2951 Plan Road (GPINs 7769-62-4664 & 7769-62-7720) (D23-__). Staff presented a PowerPoint presentation, followed by a PowerPoint given by Attorney Charlie Payne representing the applicant.

Councilor Graham thanked the applicant for the reduction in parking and he asked if they were going to have a pedestrian connection to the hotel. Mr. Payne said they were extending the sidewalk on Commerce Street along their property line. Mr. Craig said it would be smart to have a crosswalk across Commerce Street and he said they could look at it during the site plan review.

Councilor Devine thanked that applicant for the redevelopment of the parcels, for the reduced parking and additional greenspace. She asked what the salary or hourly wage would be for a full-time job. Mr. Payne noted that the average wage was \$25.00 an hour.

Mr. Mark Russ, Vice-President of Real Estate stated that the average wage was \$25.00 per hour and it was driven by service and tips made. He noted that in all of their locations the general managers start as an hourly associate. The four area directors started as bust boys, line cooks and server. He said they have tremendous tenor in the restaurant.

Councilor Frye asked if there could be the possibility of shared parking with the hotel and the Chase Bank during its off hours. Mr. Drew Gorman, with MCB for the applicant said that would have to be evaluated because he was not sure how busy the restaurant would be because in other location they exceed parking because it is a pretty iconic restaurant. He said it would have to be evaluated on a case by case basis.

Councilor Gerlach applauded the applicant for installing the City's first level 3 charging station.

There were no public comments.

Councilor Duffy asked staff if there were any standards for the maintenance and operations of the charging stations. Mr. Baroody said there were no standards related to EV charging stations and their maintenance. Mr. Johnston further explained that there are building code standards and if they were not functional it would become a property maintenance issue.

Councilor Devine asked the applicant if they had EV stations in their other location and the applicant said they were starting to install them and these were the first to be installed at several properties they were working on.

Councilor Gerlach asked who would be maintaining the EV stations and the applicant said it would be contracted out so that they would keep up with the technology.

Councilor Devine moved to approved Resolution 23-14, Granting a Special exception for parking in excess of 175% of the minimum requirement for a proposed Silver Diner restaurant and Chase Bank located at 2931 and 2951 Plank Road (GPINs

7769-62-4664 & 7769-62-7720); 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).

Adjourned. There being no speakers to come before the Council at this time, Mayor Mary Katherine Greenlaw declared the hearing officially adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Mary Katherine Greenlaw, Mayor

Tonya B. Lacey, Clerk of Council, MMC