

MINUTES OF THE STRASBURG TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2023 AT 7:00 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE STRASBURG TOWN HALL.

Call to Order: Vice Mayor McCornyn called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance: Council Member led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation: Rev. John Haynes, pastor of the Strasburg Un. Methodist Church offered the invocation.

Roll Call:

ROLL Called with the following members present: Vice Mayor McCornyn, and Council Members Carter, Hooser, Lowder, Monahan, and Stover, Woodson. Absent: Mayor Boies and Council Member Kimmons.

Public Hearings: None

Introduction and Recognition of Visitors and Guests:

- Monthly Employee Update

New Employees	Department	Effective Date
<u>Promotions/Transfers</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
<u>Resignations/Terminations</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Andrew Gray	Public Safety	09/12/2023
<u>Milestones</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Years/Date</u>
Stephen Mansfield	WWTP	5 years
Eric Ramey	Public Safety	10 years
Jason McKelvey	WWTP	15 years

David T. Richman (Public Works) passed away on September 15, 2023. Dave had 18 years of service with the Town of Strasburg.

Vice Mayor's Comments:

Vice Mayor McCornyn extended condolences to the family of Mr. Richman.

Vice Mayor McCornyn reiterated that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Response had a walk during the Work Session to bring awareness to this. She thanked Response for all they do in our community. Also, October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. It is a time to honor those who have been affected by this terrible disease. This is mainly a disease of women, but the

American Cancer Society estimates that more than 500 men will die of this type of cancer this year. Please, make sure proper screenings are done.
In conclusion, **Captain Magdinec** was awarded the Officer of the Year award at the Valor Award Ceremony.

Citizen Comments:

Christopher Lowe, 244 Pleasant View, Strasburg, VA: Mr. Lowe referenced the Code for the Town of Strasburg, Article III in reference to Lost, Abandoned or Confiscated Personal Property. He read portions of the Code. He had property which was confiscated and disposed of. He came to the Police Department as he was under the assumption that his stuff would be here, and it is not; it has been disposed of.

Vice Mayor McCornyn advised him that staff is addressing this and will continue to do so.

Consent Agenda:

- 1) Minutes of the September 5, 2023 Work Session and Minutes of the September 12, 2023 Regular Council meeting.

Council Member Hooser moved to approve the consent agenda; second by Council Member Lowder. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business (Discussion and/or Action Items):

- 1.) **Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA24-0001) requested by Landmark Atlantic Holdings, LLC.**

Description: Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA24-0001) requested by Landmark Atlantic Holdings, LLC, owner, for property identified as Tax Map 016 A 169A located on Fort Bowman Road, approximately three hundred feet east of the intersection of Fort Bowman Road and Old Valley Pike and containing 1.334 acres. The request is to recategorize the Highway Commercial Development Area to a Residential Development Area.

Planning & Zoning Administrator Otis said the only update he has is the comments made by VDOT. The comments will be discussed further during the rezoning.

Council Member Lowder moved for approval of the Comprehensive Plan Amendment as requested by Landmark Atlantic Holdings, LLC; second by Council Member Hooser.

With no discussion, the motion passed with the following results:

Vice Mayor McCornyn	Aye
Council Member Carter	Aye
Council Member Hooser	Aye
Council Member Kimmons	Absent
Council Member Lowder	Aye
Council Member Monahan	Aye
Council Member Woodson	Aye
Council Member Stover	Aye

- 2.) **Rezoning Application (REZ24-0001) requested by Landmark Atlantic Holdings, LLC.**

Description: Rezoning application (REZ24-0001) requested by Landmark Atlantic Holdings, LLC, owner, for property identified as Tax Map 016 A 169A located on Fort Bowman Road, approximately three hundred feet east of the intersection of Fort Bowman Road and Old Valley Pike and containing 1.334 acres. The request is to rezone the subject

property from the Highway Commercial District to the Multi-Family Residential District.

Planning and Zoning Otis said he had a phone meeting with VDOT to speak about Fort Bowman Road. The design of Fort Bowman Road is a concern VDOT has. They clearly feel the intersection is not good. It is not well marked and close to both the 7-11 and I81. Typically, they have 500' between entrances.

Gravel was put in place to deter traffic and **Planning and Zoning Administrator Otis** said you can tell it is being used on a daily basis. VDOT does not support full access to Homewood Way from Fort Bowman Road. Only two options would be approved by VDOT: a cul-de-sac for a dead end or the gate that would be for safety purposes. The Knox Box (brand name for an emergency key box) is something that is used all over the country and can only be accessed by emergency responders. First Responders are used to these types of boxes and them being accessible. The maintenance would be minimal on the steel gate. VDOT will only approve with dead end or the emergency gate.

Council Member Carter moved for approval for approval of the rezoning application (REZ24-0001) as requested by Landmark Atlantic Holdings, LLC; second by Council Member Lowder.

Discussion:

Vice Mayor McCorn read a statement from **Council Member Kimmons**: "Since I am unable to attend our council meeting, I decided to submit a statement. I am opposed to the zoning/site plan just as I was opposed to the zoning/site plan approved by council last month. I could not, in good conscience, vote for approval of a zoning/site plan that includes a gate that restricts access to a secondary ingress/egress to a development. Our Town Council, for a number of years, has made it a priority that developments have a secondary ingress/egress. I, alone, voted against the previous zoning/site plan that included this gate. Ultimately, this gate has been approved per last month's 6-1 vote, so council is voting on an additional 7 town homes to this development. I am against this gate; this gate mandated by VDOT; this gate that nobody wants. If VDOT demands this gate, VDOT should pay for this gate, VDOT should maintain this gate. I am opposed to this gate and any plan that includes this VDOT-mandated gate."

With no further comments, the motion passed on a roll call vote with the following results:

Council Member Stover	Aye
Council Member Woodson	Aye
Vice Mayor McCorn	Aye
Council Member Monahan	Aye
Council Member Lowder	Aye
Council Member Kimmons	Absent
Council Member Hooser	Aye
Council Member Carter	Aye

New Business:

Reports:

Departmental Reports:

*****Complete reports are provided in the Council packet which is available on the town's website at www.strasburgva.com. Reports are also found on the "Meetings" page of the website (<https://www.strasburgva.com/meetings>).*****

Special Committee Reports:

NSVRC: Council Member Kimmons provided a written report: "The NSVRC did not meet last month. The commission will be meeting this month on Oct 19th at Belle Grove Plantation for our

annual dinner and monthly meeting.”

Council Member Items:

Council Member Carter thanked the Eagle Scout that worked on the sign along Route 11. It is much brighter and looks sturdier. He wanted to commend him for this and his dedication to scouting.

Closed meeting:

- **Council Member Hooser** moved to enter into a Closed Meeting Pursuant to Code of Virginia §2.2-3711(A)(3) for discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiation strategy of the public body. This item pertains to property on Borden Mowery Drive and town owned property. **Council Member Lowder** offered the second to the motion. With no discussion, the motion passed unanimously, and Council entered into a Closed Meeting at 7:22 p.m.; reconvened at 7:43 p.m.

Vice Mayor McCornyn said, “The Council of the Town of Strasburg hereby certifies by Roll Call vote that to the best of each member’s knowledge (1)only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia Law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies and (2)only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Council of the Town of Strasburg.”

Each member should respond “I so certify” by Roll Call vote.

Council Member Woodson	“I so certify”
Council Member Carter	“I so certify”
Council Member Hooser	“I so certify”
Council Member Kimmons	Absent
Council Member Lowder	“I so certify”
Council Member Monahan	“I so certify”
Council Member Stover	“I so certify”
Mayor Boies	Absent
Vice Mayor McCornyn	“I so certify”

Being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.