

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MANASSAS PARK GOVERNING BODY HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2010 AT 7:00 PM AT MANASSAS PARK CITY HALL, ONE PARK CENTER COURT, MANASSAS PARK, VIRGINIA

1. Roll Call: Frank Jones, Mayor
Bryan E. Polk, Vice Mayor
Keith D. Miller
Suhas Naddoni
William J. Treuting, Jr.

Absent: Michael Bunner
Fran D. Kassinger

Staff Present: Lana A. Conner, City Clerk
Mercury T. Payton, City Manager
Dean Crowhurst, City Attorney
Jay Johnson, City Engineer

1. Approval of Agenda:

MOTION: Councilmember Naddoni moved to approve Agenda with following changes:
The City Attorney is requesting a Closed Meeting for two items under Paragraph (7) Consultation with City Attorney and two items under Paragraph (1) Personnel
SECOND: Councilmember Miller
VOTE: Unanimously passed

2. Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance: Troop 1370

2a. Statement by Mayor Frank Jones and Mercury Payton, City Manager:

The Mayor stated as most citizens are aware we have had an incident that involves an off-duty Manassas Park Police Captain this past weekend that was reported in the local media. It was also reported that this individual has resigned from his position in the police department. The Mayor cannot comment on the nature of the incident but would like to publicly express his complete confidence in and full support of, Chief Evans and the men and women of the Manassas Park Police Department. These professionals have been entrusted with the protection of our citizenry and have made Manassas Park one of the safest communities in Virginia. Under Chief Evans' strong leadership our police personnel have held themselves to the highest levels of honor, integrity and professionalism. One measure of the department's success is its designation as one of only 79 fully accredited police departments in Virginia. I am confident that Chief Evans and his department will continue to uphold and exemplify the values we all share. This statement is reflective of both the Mayor and the City Manager positions. The Mayor stated he is personally dedicated and devoted to the security and safety of our community and if he thought for a moment that there was any compromise in that he would be taken direct and swift action. He has absolute confidence in the integrity of our individuals and in our process. He is certain that everything our department has done has been straight up and above board and without reproach. The Mayor told Chief Evans that he wanted the Chief and his team to know that the department has his absolute and upmost confidence. The Chief thanked him for his support.

Mercury T. Payton, City Manager: He added that with the processes of the police department everything from hiring processes to the vetting of everything that goes the promotional process is exceptional. He read something today to the contrary and he knows from someone who works intimately with Chief Evans, police department, and our human resources function here that it is an exceptional promotional process, and he stands completely behind Chief Evans in what he does with our police department.

3. Citizen Time: There were no citizens wishing to address Governing Body.

4. 2009 Financial Audit (Finance): Wes Clark:

Gary Fields, Finance Director, stated the city is required by state law and city charter to have an audit of its financial records and accounting record. The city complies with that through contracting with the firm of Robinson Farmer Cox. City has used personnel from Charlottesville office for last several years. After discussion with Robinson Farmer Cox last spring city has switched the audit to their firm in Fredericksburg.

The schools watch the weather closely and let public works know when they are going to have school, if it will be late or if cancelled. Her problem is the ability to cover additional snow emergency routes. These routes are aimed at getting emergency vehicles as close as they can to any event that happens.

Ms. Gammell is recommending that Cougar Court, Stephanie Street and Euclid Avenue not be included as snow emergency routes. She had promised Councilmember Naddoni that public works would hit those routes as soon after. The priority would be those routes as soon after the snow stops falling.

Councilmember Treuting asked about the community center and middle school being shelter areas, and the possibility of evacuation; should those streets be cleaned quicker. Ms. Gammell stated that has been addressed and right now there is no parking on Adams Street leading to community center. The emergency management coordinator would contact public works to clean these routes if an evacuation was necessary. It would then become a priority for public works.

Councilmember Naddoni stated his concerns were if the school was in session and city had any kind of emergency whether snow or other security issues, would that help with getting the school busses exiting the schools faster. The same would apply to the community center during an emergency. Streets to community center and middle school would be a priority in the event of an emergency evacuation. The city does not control Old Centreville Road.

The first priority is the snow emergency routes, routes to the schools and to the community center.

6. Recognition: Public Works Staff during Blizzard of 2009:

The city declared a Snow Emergency beginning on Friday Dec 18 at 7:00pm. Eighteen Public Works crew workers, assisted by 1 independent contractor, worked over 85 continuous hours in an effort to keep up with the 2"-3" rate of accumulation. The crew was organized into (2) 12-hour opposing shifts of 8 crew workers and 1 mechanic during the day and 10 crew workers with 1 mechanic during the night.

Many crew workers worked over 24 hours straight with less than 3 hours of sleep. Some, who live outside the immediate area, slept at the Public Works Building or at one of the city-owned houses where 4 mattresses and a cot were in place to accommodate the changing shifts. Snow Emergency routes were kept clear and passable throughout the duration of the storm. Side streets were more difficult to maintain due to traffic flow and packed snow that had to be removed in some cases, with backhoes rather than snow plows. By Monday morning, the Snow Emergency had been lifted and most streets were passable by motorists. Several residents called to congratulate the crew on a job well done. A few plumbing/electrical contractors who were working throughout the metro area, called in to say that of all the local jurisdictions, Manassas Park had the best road conditions (side streets included) in Northern Virginia.

Those present to be recognized were Chris Simmons, J.R. Adcock, Mark Rohland, Troy Payne (Chief Mechanic), and Wayne Martin. There were others involved and it was a team effort. Ms. Gammell publicly thanked them for a job well done.

Chris also thanked the police department for a job well done on getting the vehicles off the street. They literally went door to door to get them removed. It was a team effort.

The Mayor on behalf of Governing Body thanked all of them for a job well done.

7. Recognition: Department of Parks & Recreation/Community Center Grand Opening: Catherine Morretta:

Time line of work for the Community Center: Made part of the agenda packet. The community center was built on time and under budget. The Mayor stated this could not have been done without the efforts of HDR and publicly thanked them.

On January 8, 2010, there was a ceremonial ribbon cutting for the building and on January 16, 2010 there was a public grand opening/open house. The Mayor thanked Catherine and Theresa for the comments made about the history of our planning process and parks & recreation. This set the tone for what the community can expect. In 2003 staff submitted a request to expand the Recreation Center to enhance office space, gym, entry feature, and additional classrooms. This building is a fulfillment of that dream. Saturday there were so many visitors, there was not sufficient parking and some had to park in the lower softball ball field parking lot.

Ms. Morretta stated that the Leigh Agency was very instrumental in getting the word out about this facility. The department had approximately 3,000 people that day. They sold quite a few memberships. Staff provided excellent attention to the citizens.

8. Resolution _____: Designating February 8, 2010, as "Boy Scouts of America Day": Kevin Brendel, Scout Leader:

MOTION: Councilmember Polk moved to approve Resolution as presented:

WHEREAS the Boy Scouts of America was incorporated by the Chicago publisher William Boyce on February 8, 1910, after William Boyce learned of the Scouting movement during a visit to London; and

WHEREAS on June 21, 1910, a group of 34 national representatives met, developed organization plans, and opened a temporary national headquarters for the Boy Scouts of America in New York; and

WHEREAS the purpose of the Boy Scouts of America is to teach the youth of the United States patriotism, courage, self-reliance, and kindred values; and

WHEREAS by 1912, Boy Scouts were enrolled in every State; and

WHEREAS in 1916, Congress granted the Boy Scouts of America a Federal charter; and

WHEREAS each local Boy Scout Council commits each Boy Scout to perform 12 hours of community service yearly, for a total of 30,000,000 community service hours each year; and

WHEREAS since 1910, more than 111,000,000 people have been members of the Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS Boy Scouts are found in 185 countries around the world; and

WHEREAS the Boy Scouts of America presented the 2 millionth Eagle Scout award in 2009; and

WHEREAS more than 1,000,000 adult volunteer leaders selflessly serve young people in their communities through organizations chartered by the Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS the adult volunteer leaders of the Boy Scouts of America often neither receive nor seek the gratitude of the public; and

WHEREAS the Boy Scouts of America endeavors to develop United States citizens who are physically, mentally, and emotionally fit, have a high degree of self-reliance demonstrated by such qualities as initiative, courage, and resourcefulness, have personal values based on religious concepts, have the desire and skills to help others, understand the principles of the social, economic, and governmental systems of the United States, take pride in the heritage of the United States and understand the role of the United States in the world, have a keen respect for the basic rights of all people, and are prepared to participate in and give leadership to the society of the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the City of Manassas Park, Virginia meeting in regular session on January 19, 2010 hereby designates February 8, 2010, as 'Boy Scouts of America Day', in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the largest youth scouting organization in the United States.

SECOND: Councilmember Miller

VOTE ROLL CALL: Polk, Miller, Naddoni, Treuting, Jones

9. Ratify: Extension of Consultant Services Agreement with HDR:

This is the third annual extension which was approved originally in 2008. Governing Body gave the City Manager authority to make an extension. The City Manager has signed that agreement. The rates being charged by HDR are the same as last year. Funds have been appropriated to extend this agreement. This is extension of HDR supervisor services until the project is wrapped up in the spring. This is the consultation services role extension. There will be another adjustment that will be associated with the project that will be coming to Governing Body separately.

MOTION: Councilmember Miller moved to ratify the actions of City Manager to approve Extension of Consultant Services Agreement with HDR.

SECOND: Councilmember Polk

VOTE ROLL CALL: Yes: Miller, Polk, Naddoni, Treuting, Jones

10. Consent Agenda:

- 10a Approval of Minutes: November 17 2009
- 10b Approval of Minutes: December 1, 2009
- 10c Approval of Minutes: December 15, 2009
- 10d Approval of Minutes: December 16, 2009
- 10e Approval of Minutes: December 29, 2009
- 10f Change Order#2 Shockey: \$100,885.00: parks & recreation
- 10g Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) System for City's Water & Sewer Infrastructure
- 10h Payment to Sharp's Plumbing & Septic for Stormwater Management: \$10,000
- 10i Payment for purchase of Salt for Snow Removal: \$17,370: Public Works
- 10j Amendment: Leigh Marketing Agreement: Parks & Recreation

MOTION: Councilmember Naddoni moved to approve Consent Agenda.

SECOND: Councilmember Miller

VOTE ROLL CALL: Naddoni, Miller, Polk, Treuting, Jones

11. Unfinished Business: No Unfinished Business

12. New Business

12a. Termination of Buy Back Park Center Repurchase Agreement:

The City Attorney stated this is to be recorded in the land records that states that what really has already happened. When the city sold the land for development of Park Center, there was a concern that Clark would start construction and not complete or not start it for some time. There were a couple of provisions placed in the sales agreement and deed of sale itself. Because the deed was recorded, Clark's Bank is asking that something be recorded stating the repurchase right rights had expired. Basically Clark has done what they said they would do and as a result city does not need to have that repurchase right any longer.

MOTION: Councilmember Treuting moved to approve the termination of buy back of Park Center Repurchase Agreement as recommended by City Attorney.

SECOND: Councilmember Miller

VOTE ROLL CALL: Yes: Treuting, Miller, Bunner, Naddoni, Jones

13. Worksession:

13a. Manassas Drive Fire Video: Chief John O'Neal showed the Governing Body a video taken from one of our police cruisers of a fire on Manassas Drive and the firefighters doing their job along with units from other jurisdictions.

13b. Worksession: Stormwater Management will be held at end of Closed Meeting.

14. Closed Meeting State Code of Virginia Freedom of Information Act: Section 2.2-3711a of the Code of Virginia (7) 7:50 PM

MOTION: Councilmember Miller moved that the Governing Body go into closed meeting for two matters involving the performance demotion salaries discipline and resignation of specific city employees and consult with City Attorney regarding two legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by the City Attorney pursuant to Paragraphs (1) and (7) of SubSection 2.2-3711a of the Code of Virginia.

SECOND: Councilmember Naddoni

VOTE ROLL CALL: Yes: Miller, Naddoni, Polk, Treuting, Jones

15. Return to Open Session at 9:30 pm:

MOTION: Councilmember Naddoni

SECOND: Councilmember Polk

VOTE: Unanimously passed

16. Certification & Action out of Closed Meeting if Necessary

MOTION: Councilmember Naddoni moved the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Manassas Park has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712(d) of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this public body that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the City of Manassas Park hereby certify that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under this chapter and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed session was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting by the public body.

SECOND: Councilmember Polk

VOTE ROLL CALL: Yes: Naddoni, Polk, Miller, Treuting, Jones

17. Adjournment: 10:40 pm:

Mayor Jones adjourned the meeting out of Worksession at 10:40 pm.

Approved February 16, 2010

Frank Jones, Mayor

Lana A. Conner, City Clerk