

**DUMFRIES TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2009
7:00 PM**

Present: Mayor Yohey, Vice Mayor Washington, Council Lady West, Councilman Toney, Council Lady Cornell, Council Lady Barr, Councilman Brewer

Also Present: Kimberly Alexander, Town Manager; Chief Calvin Johnson; Cathy Holtzlander, Director of Community Services; Greg Tkac, Director of Public Works; Yolanda Hipski; Director of Community Development; Linda Frye, Building Official; Donna Johnson, Town Clerk, 11 citizens

Mayor Yohey called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by the Invocation given by Vice-Mayor Washington.

Amendments to the Agenda

Ms. Alexander asked to include the Appropriation of Funds Ordinance to #12 to go with the approval of the FY 2010 budget.

Items #5 and #6 were reversed to allow Mr. Watson to make his presentation prior to the staff going over all of their reports.

Approval of Applicants for Youth Scholarship Program was moved to be done after the Mayor's Comments.

Citizen's Comments

Milton Webb, 4124 Bassett Court – questioned the vacation of Union Street. He said he had served as a viewer for the vacation three years ago and he thought it had already been done. He was told that it had never actually been vacated, that this was merely a continuation from three years ago.

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Karen Gaughan – Director of Programs for the Dumfries Youth Center, 17587 Fraley Boulevard explained that the Youth Center was sponsored by the Grace Church. She discussed the many programs designed to help the youth of the community as well as the summer camp that was going to be held for youths ages 8 – 14. The hours of the camp are M-F, 9AM – 5PM. The fee is \$125.00 per week.

Adoption and Presentation of a Resolution Acknowledging the 40th Anniversary of Action in Community through Service (ACTS)

Mrs. West made a motion to approve the resolution acknowledging the 40th anniversary of ACTS. Her motion was seconded by Mr. Toney. On a voice vote the vote was unanimous. At this time Mrs. West read the resolution into the record (see attached) and she and Mayor Yohey presented the resolution and a plaque to Ms. Frances Harris, the Director of ACTS.

Ms. Harris thanked the Mayor and Council and stated that she truly enjoyed the Town of Dumfries and she felt so much a part of the community.

Presentation by Josh Watson on Conducting a Concert in the Park

Josh Watson explained the reason why he wanted to conduct a concert in the park. The reason for doing this is associated with an Eagle Scout project and his love for music. Josh had received permission from Emma Young of HDV to use the park but he was unaware of the Town's requirements that had to first be met. He had a meeting with Department Heads from the Town and he was told to bring his plan forward to the work session to present to the Town Council.

Josh is going to use the proceeds from the concert to purchase mosquito netting to be used by children in Uganda.

Josh had a list of things that he would need in order to conduct the concert. One was the need for 35 adult volunteers He said he would not be able to afford insurance so he hoped the town could provide their insurance. He also needed officers for security at the concert and he was in hopes that there were officers that would donate their time. He also asked if the town could provide advertising for the concert.

Mr. Watson was asked to attend the work session on June 16th and this would be discussed further at that time.

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Mayor's Comments

Mayor Yohey briefly touched upon some of the events he had participated in during the previous month.

He said he had met with Congressman Rob Wittman and approximately 45 business leaders on May 27th. He said Congressman Wittman addressed the business leaders and received insight into what was taking place in Dumfries.

The Mayor also reported that he met with Senator Chuck Colgan and Secretary of Transportation Pierce Homer. He said the sound wall in the Knolls and Prince William Estates was discussed along with Fraley Boulevard and the six lanes going through Triangle. Mayor Yohey reported that Secretary Homer said he would do everything possible to get engineering work and a study done on the wall. He said there was definitely a need to cut down on the noise.

At this time Mayor Yohey welcomed Kimberly Alexander, the new Town Manager. Ms. Alexander thanked Mayor Yohey and the Council for placing their faith in her and said she was looking forward to working with the Town, the Council, and the Staff.

Council Members Time

Mr. Washington – No comment

Mrs. West – welcomed Ms. Alexander and said she was going to be a real addition to the town. She also thanked the folks from Grace Church for coming to discuss their youth programs. Mrs. West said it was a pleasure to present the plaque to Frances Harris.

Mr. Toney – said he would like to remind the Council that it had been two years since Council had conceded the park to Mr. Singh. He said he would like to see the Town getting something back.

Mr. Toney also said that he was glad to see that Grace Church has stepped up to the plate where the youth of Dumfries were concerned.

Mrs. Cornell – said she hoped the Town could work with Grace Church. She also welcomed Ms. Alexander.

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Ms. Barr – welcomed Miss Alexander and said she had great proven ability. She also discussed getting green certification. She said the program is three years old and we really needed to step up to the plate and get certified.

Mr. Brewer – No comment

Interim Town Manager's Report

Mayor Yohey – said he would like to thank Cathy Holtzlander for filling in as the Interim Town Manager in addition to her normal duties as the Director of Community Services.

Mrs. Holtzlander said she had submitted her report to the Council but would like to mention a couple of items of interest. She reported that she had contacted Mr. Anzivino of Springsted to seek an update on the Town's Boundary Adjustment revised report. He advised Mrs. Holtzlander that he was waiting for a copy of the Town's approved CIP. She said she forwarded him a copy of the CIP and he ensured her that the information would be incorporated into the final Boundary Adjustment report to Council, which she hoped would be delivered in two or three weeks.

Mrs. Holtzlander also reported that she had been researching Virginia State towing laws due to recent resident complaints regarding excessive towing fees. She said the standard towing rate for Waggy's is \$250.00, plus a \$45.00 a day storage fee, with an additional \$150.00 administrative fee applied to vehicles left over 5 days. She said she is also gathering the same information on other local towing companies and will present this to Council at a later date. She said she is also working with Chief Johnson on this and will contact the HOA's and let the Council know what is going on.

Police Chief's Report

Chief Johnson reported that Rolling Thunder was a great success. He said there were approximately 3,000 motorcycles. He said he escorted them from the Town of Dumfries to the Pentagon. He thanked the various police departments as well as the Town Staff for their help. He said the event was well done.

On Friday, May 29th, Chief Johnson and Mayor Yohey attended a ceremony at the U. S. Attorney's office honoring Officer John Chapman for his work with the International Crimes against Children program.

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The first wave of the Smooth Operator Program began on May 25 and concluded on May 30th. Chief Johnson reported that they had ticked a lot of people for speeding, no seat belts, aggressive driving and reckless driving. He reported that 143 citations were written during the Smooth Operator Program.

Chief Johnson welcomed Miss Alexander and said he looked forward to working with her.

Director of Public Works

Mr. Tkac welcomed Ms. Alexander. He also thanked Mrs. Holtzlander for the time she spent as the Interim Town Manager. He said one thing that is not in his report is that he has a requirement to DCR regarding the submission of our general discharge permit application. He said this has a deadline of July 1st. He said he is in hopes of having information to present to the Council at the June work session.

Mr. Tkac reported that work on the drainage improvements in White Haven will begin June 15th. He said all of the rain we have had has caused a delay in the start date. He also said that the sidewalk project should be completed by the end of July.

Ms. Barr said if we keep pushing the date for the sidewalks back perhaps Mr. Tkac needed to hire a second contractor to get the job done.

Mr. Brewer said that a section of Rt. 1 from Williamstown to Prince William Estates needs to be marked.

Director of Community Development

Mrs. Hipski welcomed Ms. Alexander and said she looked forward to working with her. She also thanked Mrs. Holtzlander for the time she spent filling in as the Interim Town Manager.

Ms. Hipski reported that Mr. Singh is close to getting his certificate of occupancy. She also said that we need to find an alternative location for the playground and basketball court that is acceptable to everyone.

She said the electric box at Mr. Singh's has been approved by the ARB. It is to have a brick wall around it and have a seating area. The work has not been done because we have been waiting on a permit from VDOT, which was just received yesterday.

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Mrs. Hipski also reported that she had met with the Building Official and Director of Public Works to develop a Codes Compliance inspection schedule while Mr. O'Flinn is out on Medical leave.

She said she had attended a charrette certification conference and Neighborhood Stabilization Program and CDBG.

Director of Community Services Report

Mrs. Holtzlander went over her report and touched on a few things that were coming up. She reported that the Seniors/Retirees meeting for June would be held on June 19th at 1pm in the Community Center.

In addition she reported that she is beginning the preliminary planning for the Town's Fall Festival to be held on Saturday, October 24th from 10am-3pm in Merchant Park.

Mrs. Holtzlander also reported that all three Dumfries residents involved with the Summer Youth Internship program had been notified. She said Evan Jurgensen and Ashley Pacitto have accepted the offer, but Danielle Barnett had chosen to decline as she has accepted a summer position working in Washington, DC.

Adoption of Consent Agenda

Mrs. West made a motion to adopt the consent agenda with a second by Mr. Washington. Ayes: Brewer, Barr, Cornell, Toney, West, Washington, Yohey. Motion carried.

Information Items

None

Action Items

Approval of Johnson CPA to do Town Audit for Year Ending 06-30-09

A motion to approve Johnson CPA to do the audit was made by Mr. Brewer and seconded by Mrs. Cornell. Ayes: Washington, West, Toney, Cornell, Barr, Brewer, Yohey. Motion carried.

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Approval of Transfer of \$19,617.70 to HDV for repairs/upkeep

Mrs. West made a motion to transfer the \$19,617.70 to HDV with a second by Mr. Washington. Ayes: Brewer, Barr, Cornell, Toney, West, Washington, Yohey. Motion carried.

Approval of Vacation of Union Street

After a lengthy discussion it was decided to schedule this for a public hearing contingent on approval of a site plan. On a voice vote the decision was unanimous.

Approval of FY2010 Budget/Appropriation Ordinance

Mayor Yohey said he did not support approval of the FY2010 Budget for the following reasons:

- He felt there should be a freeze on employee's salaries
- There should be additional cuts in travel and education
- There should be a cap on the Police Department's overtime at \$50,000.00

Mrs. West made a motion to adopt the FY2010 budget. The motion was seconded by Mr. Washington. Ayes: Washington, West, Toney, Barr, Brewer. Nay: Cornell, Yohey. Motion carried.

Approval of two applicants for Planning Commission positions

Mrs. Hipski had submitted with her report the names and resumes of two persons interested in serving on the Planning Commission. The interested applicants are Gwendolyn Gilliam and Mr. Manual Uson. Mrs. Cornell made a motion to approve the two applicants for the Planning Commission. Her Motion was seconded by Mr. Washington. Ayes: Washington, West, Toney, Cornell, Barr, Brewer, Yohey. Motion carried.

Approval of Reappointment of Milton Webb to Board of Zoning Appeals

Mrs. Hipski advised Council that Mr. Milton Webb had expressed an interest in being reappointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Two other residents, Patty DeGraw of 17577 Rose Hill Circle and Julius Johnson of 18210 McCrae Count have agreed to serve if needed. Ms. Hipski said that Mr. Webb had served admirably for many years and it was her recommendation that Council prioritize the candidates in a desired

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order of preference with Mr. Milton Webb as the primary candidate.

Mr. Washington made a motion to reappoint Mr. Webb to the Board of Zoning Appeals as the first choice, followed by Mrs. DeGraw and Mr. Johnson. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Cornell. Ayes: Brewer, Barr, Cornell, Toney, West, Washington, Yohey. Motion carried.

Approval of Applicants for Youth Scholarship Program

Mrs. Holtzlander explained that she had received five applications for the Youth Scholarship Program but only three applicants were qualified. Of the three one had declined the opportunity so the remaining two applicants needed to be approved by Council.

Mr. Washington made a motion to approve the applications for Ashley M. Pacitto and Evan E. Jurgensen for the Youth Scholarship Program. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brewer. Ayes: Washington, West, Toney, Cornell, Barr, Brewer, Yohey. Motion carried.

Discussion Items

Ms. Barr said that she would like to propose a Green Council as well as draft a membership card for Community through Membership to see what could be offered to the residents just for living in the town. She said she would bring this to the next work session on June 16th.

Adjourn

Mr. Toney made a motion to adjourn with a second by Mr. Brewer. Ayes: Brewer, Barr, Cornell, Toney, West, Washington, Yohey. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Donna A. Johnson, CMC
Town Clerk

Fred E. Yohey
Mayor

