

Staff Briefing Meeting, Monday, October 25, 2021, 1:30 p.m., Government Center, Verona, VA.

- PRESENT:
- Gerald Garber, Chairman
 - Butch Wells, Vice-Chair
 - Pam Carter
 - Michael L. Shull
 - Jeffrey Slaven
 - Scott Seaton
 - Steven Morelli
 - Timothy K. Fitzgerald, County Administrator
 - Jennifer M. Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator
 - John Wilkinson, Director of Community Development
 - Caroline Stoerker, Planner
 - Misty Cook, Finance Director
 - James Benkahla, County Attorney

VIRGINIA: At an adjourned meeting of the Augusta County Board of Supervisors held on Monday, October 25, 2021, at 1:30 p.m., at the Government Center, Verona, Virginia, and in the 246th year of the Commonwealth....

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COVID-19 APPRECIATION

Dr. Laura Kornegay presentation COVID-19. She appreciates the partnership with the localities during the pandemic and especially Emergency Management. Dr. Kornegay presented Donna Good, Anthony Ramsey and Matt Lawler and with a certificate of appreciation from the Central Shenandoah Health District.

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VDOT

a) Don Komara, Residency Administrator, discussed the VDOT monthly report.

The Board accepted the monthly report as information.

b) Michael Baker Consultants and Ann Cundy from the CSPDC gave a presentation on the Exit 235 Small Area Study.

The Board would like to review the information further to determine if solutions are acceptable to present to the public.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

a) Rebekah Castle, Director of Economic Development and Marketing, discussed the Economic Development monthly report of September 2021.

The Board accepted the monthly report as information.

b) Ms. Castle discussed the CAVA Performance Agreements.

The Board authorized placing on the October 27, 2021 regular meeting agenda.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (CONT'D)

c) Jennifer Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator, discussed the Afton Mountain Grant application.

Ms. Carter had several questions related to potential tax base generated from the redevelopment of the property. Stall will get the information together for a future meeting.

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FIRE AND RESCUE

a) Greg Schacht, Assistant Fire Chief, discussed the Fire and Rescue monthly report.

The Board accepted the monthly report as information.

b) Mr. Schacht discussed funding for an ambulance/medic unit.

The Board authorized placing on the October 27, 2021 regular meeting agenda.

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AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP) FUNDING

Jennifer Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator, discussed funding allocations.

The Board authorized advertising for a public hearing for the employee bonuses on November 10, 2021.

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PLANNING COMMISSION/PUBLIC HEARINGS

Leslie Tate, Senior Planner, discussed the following:

a) A request to amend the Augusta County Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map from Low Density Residential to Urban Open Space for approximately 31 acres owned by Connie Sue Showalter (TMP 056 35) located on the northwest side of New Hope Road (Rt. 254) approximately 0.7 miles south of the intersection of Woodrow Wilson Parkway (Rt. 262) and New Hope Road in Staunton in the Beverley Manor district. The proposed general use of the property is open space through placement of a conservation easement on the entirety of the property. The Planning Commission recommends approval of the request.

b) An ordinance to amend Chapter 25. Zoning. Division G. Mixed Use Districts. Article XLII. Planned Commerce Districts. Amendment to allow passive and active recreation as permitted uses in Planned Commerce zoning districts. The Planning Commission recommends approval.

c) **Ordinances to amend the following sections of the Augusta County Code pertaining to brewpubs and microbreweries:**

- Chapter 25. Zoning. Division A. In General. Article I. General Provisions. Section 25-4. Definitions.
 - Amendment to add definitions of brewpub and microbrewery to the Augusta County Code.
- Chapter 25. Zoning. Division E. Business Districts. Article XXX. General Business (GB) Districts. Section 25-302. Permitted Uses.

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PLANNING COMMISSION/PUBLIC HEARINGS (CONT'D)

- Amendment to allow brewpubs and microbreweries as permitted uses in General Business zoning districts.
- Chapter 25. Zoning. Division F. Industrial Districts. Article XXXVIII. General Industrial (GI) Districts. Section 25-382. Permitted Uses.
 - Amendment to allow microbreweries as a permitted use in General Industrial zoning districts.
- Chapter 25. Zoning. Division A. In General. Article III. Off-Street Parking. Section 25-35. Number of spaces required.
 - Amendment to require one parking space for every two seats at a brewpub. Amendment to require one parking space per 1,000 feet gross floor area at a microbrewery.

The Planning Commission recommends approval of all amendments.

d) Ordinances to amend the following sections of the Augusta County Code:

- Chapter 25. Zoning. Division A. In General. Article I. General Provisions. Section 25-4. Definitions.

Amendments to the definition of junkyard to clarify that the term does

 - include motor vehicle junkyards and house wrecking yards.

Amendments to the definition of vehicle sales lot to clarify that such a use is defined as an open area, other than a right-of-way or public parking area, used for display, sale, or rental of numerous types of new or used vehicles in operable condition and are not partially or totally disassembled or wrecked. Amendments to the definition of inoperable motor vehicle to clarify that such a term includes partially or totally wrecked or partially or totally disassembled motor vehicles, trailers, or semi-trailers. Add definition of a motor vehicle impoundment lot to the Augusta County Code.
- Chapter 25. Zoning. Division A. In General. Article V. Accessory Buildings and Uses. Section 25-58. Accessory uses permitted by administrative permit

Amendments to rename inoperable motor vehicle impoundment yard to motor vehicle impoundment lot. Amendments also add a height requirement of eight feet to fencing or screening, prohibit vehicles from remaining in an impoundment lot for longer than 120 days, and require Operators of impoundment lots to maintain a permanent record identifying each vehicle in the lot by the manufacturer's vehicle identification number and its date of placement in the lot, and to make such permanent record available for inspection by County officials.
- Chapter 25. Zoning. Division E. Business Districts. Article XXX. General Business (GB) Districts. Section 25-303. Uses permitted by Administrative Permit.

Amendments to clarify that vehicle sales lots do not include

 - vehicles incapable of passing a Virginia state inspection in their current condition.

The Planning Commission recommends approval of all amendments. The Planning Commission also recommends that the amount of days in which a vehicle is able to be stored in a motor vehicle impoundment lot (§ 25-58.6) be increased from 120 days to 180 days, and that numbers 1 and 2 under the definition of "motor vehicle, inoperable" (§ 25-4) be switched so number 2 comes first.

- e) An ordinance to amend Chapter 25. Zoning. Division A. In General. Article VI.B. Wireless Telecommunication Facilities. Various amendments to bring the County's

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PLANNING COMMISSION/PUBLIC HEARINGS (CONT'D)

Wireless Telecommunication Facilities ordinance in compliance with the Virginia State Code. These amendments include: updating definitions applicable to this section to include and be compliant with Virginia State Code definitions; permitting collocation of antennas on existing base stations, new small cell facilities, and new wireless telecommunications towers less than 50' in height by Administrative Permit; and permitting all new wireless telecommunications towers greater than 50' in height by Special Use Permit. The Planning Commission recommends approval of all amendments.

The Board authorized placing on the October 27, 2021 regular meeting agenda.

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WAIVERS

John Wilkinson, Director of Community Development, discussed a waiver request from Big "O" Tree & Lawn Service.

The Board authorized holding until a later meeting.

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE BOARD

Mr. Shull would like to bring up notification on vehicles and email notifications from ECC.

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY STAFF

Mr. Fitzgerald discussed the following:

- 1) Notifications from ECC and gave the Board current policy in place as of October 4, 2021.
- 2) Redistricting process.
- 3) Ryan Burtner driveway issue
- 4) November 22, 2021 meeting
- 5) Craigsville Fire Department request \$9,416.57.
- 6) Opioid Resolution

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CLOSED SESSION

On motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Shull, the Board went into closed session pursuant to:

- (1) the personnel exemption under Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A)(1) [discussion, consideration or interviews of (a) prospective candidates for employment, or (b) assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining or resignation of specific employees]:
 - a) Boards and Commissions: Youth Commission, Ag & Forestal Dist., Ag Ind. Brd., Recycling, Valley Community Services Board, CAP-SAW, Library

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CLOSED SESSION (CONT'D)

- (2) the economic development exemption under Virginia Code § 2.2-3711 (A) (5)
[discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of its interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the county]:

- a) Proposed Office space, flex space, storage facilities, manufacturing facilities, utility and mixed use development.

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On motion of Mr. Shull, seconded by Dr. Seaton, the Board came out of Closed Session.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Garber, Wells, Carter, Shull, Seaton, Slaven
and Morelli
Nays: None

Motion carried.

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The Chairman advised that each member is required to certify that to the best of their knowledge during the closed session only the following was discussed:

1. Public business matters lawfully exempted from statutory open meeting requirements, and
2. Only such public business matters identified in the motion to convene the executive session.

The Chairman asked if there is any Board member who cannot so certify.

Hearing none, the Chairman called upon the County Administrator/ Clerk of the Board to call the roll noting members of the Board who approve the certification shall answer AYE and those who cannot shall answer NAY.

Roll Call Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Garber, Wells, Carter, Shull, Seaton, Slaven
and Morelli
Nays: None

Motion carried.

The Chairman authorized the County Administrator/Clerk of the Board to record this certification in the minutes.

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Chairman

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County Administrator