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## Regular City Council Meeting Minutes March 10, 2025

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### Call to order

The Franklin City Council held its regular City Council meeting on March 10, 2025 at 7:04 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

### Roll Call

Council Members in Attendance: Mayor Paul Kaplan; Vice-Mayor Wynndolyn Copeland  
Councilwoman Jessica Banks; Councilman Richard Grizzard; Councilman Linwood Johnson;  
Councilman Mark Kitchen, Councilman Gregory McLemore

Others in Attendance: Rosylen Oglesby, City Manager; Heather Lockerman, City Attorney

### Cell Phones

Mayor Kaplan asked all to silence cell phones.

### Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

### Citizen's Time

**Mr. Jim Hart** made comments in reference to the reassignment of Travis Felts issue.

**Ms. Audrey Lee** made comments in reference to the reassignment of Travis Felts issue.

**Ms. Carrie Johnson, 205 Cypress Avenue, Franklin, VA,** made comments in reference to the reassignment of Travis Felts issue.

**Ms. Regina Hill, 105 Scott Street,** made comments in reference to the reassignment of Travis Felts issue.

### Consent Agenda

Councilman Kitchen requested to remove Item A-Approval of Agenda for March 10, 2025 from the consent agenda.

A motion was made by Councilman Kitchen and seconded by Vice-Mayor Copeland to approve the amended consent agenda.

**The motion carried the vote 6-1**

**The vote was as follows:**

**Ayes: Banks, Copeland, Grizzard, Johnson, Kaplan, Kitchen**

**Abstained: McLemore**

### Approval of Agenda for March 10, 2025

A motion was made by Councilman Kitchen and seconded by Vice-Mayor Copeland to add discussion of school board under Item B under New Business and remove Item A under Closed Session.

**The motion carried the vote 6-1**

**The vote was as follows:**

**Ayes: Banks, Copeland, Grizzard, Kaplan, Kitchen, McLemore**

**Abstained: Johnson**

### City Manager's Report

Agenda Item #2025-19

A motion was made by Councilman Kitchen and seconded by Councilman Grizzard to approve the Ordinance Approving City Code Amendments to Chapter 8-15, Chapter 13-16 and Chapter 30-24 Pertaining to Utilities Billing Extension.

**The motion carried the vote 7-0**

**The vote was as follows:**

**Ayes: Banks, Copeland, Grizzard, Johnson, Kaplan, Kitchen, McLemore**



ORDINANCE #2025-2

**ORDINANCE: APPROVE CITY CODE AMENDMENT TO AMEND CHAPTER 8-15, CHAPTER 13-16, AND CHAPTER 30-24 PERTAINING TO UTILITY BILL EXTENSIONS**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to § 15.2-1427 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, the City Council for the City of Franklin, Virginia (Council), has the legislative authority to amend an ordinance in the same manner, or by the same procedure, in which, or by which, ordinances are adopted; and

**WHEREAS**, Council believes it is appropriate to authorize the City Manager to extend payment deadlines for water and sewer utilities and all utilities billed in conjunction when extenuating circumstances prevent timely payment; and

**WHEREAS**, all other aspects of the ordinances remain in effect.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Franklin, Virginia, that Chapter 8. Electric Utility, Article II. Service Charges, Section 8-15 When due and payable; and Chapter 13. Garbage and Refuse, Section. 13-16 When due and payable; and Chapter 30. Water, Sewers and Sewage Disposal, Article II. Regulation of Wastewater Discharge and Sewer Section 30-24 When due and payable is hereby amended as attached hereto:

**VOTE:**

- Ayes:
- Nays:
- Abstentions:
- Absent for vote:

**ADOPTED:**

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Paul Kaplan, Mayor

**CERTIFIED:**

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Deputy Clerk

## Chapter 8. Electric Utility

### Article II. Service Charges

#### § 8-15. When due and payable.

[Code 1962, § 24-6, amended by Ord. No. 2025-2, March 10, 2025]

- (a) All bills for electric service furnished by the City shall become due and payable when presented, and all accounts shall be paid on or before the 20th of the month in which the bill is rendered.
- (b) Authority to Grant Extensions. The City Manager is authorized, in their discretion, to extend payment deadlines when an administrative issue, such as clerical errors, system malfunctions, or delays in processing, impedes the customer's ability to timely pay their account.
- (c) Each extension granted pursuant to this section shall apply to all customers who have not timely paid their bills for water and sewer services in the month for which the extension is granted.
- (d) All water and sewer customers shall be notified of the extension.
- (e) Any extension shall be granted for a fixed period of time that is not more than thirty days from the date of notice.
- (f) Extensions for payment deadlines, as outlined here, shall also apply to all other utility services billed in conjunction with electric services.

## Chapter 13. Garbage and Refuse

#### § 13-16. When due and payable.

[Ord. of 9-26-1994, amended by Ord. No. 2025-2, March 10, 2025]

- (a) All fees for City collection of garbage, waste and other refuse shall be billed in conjunction with the City electric, water and sewer bills and shall become due and payable on or before the 20th of the month in which the bill is rendered.
- (b) Authority to Grant Extensions. The City Manager is authorized, in their discretion, to extend payment deadlines when an administrative issue, such as clerical errors, system malfunctions, or delays in processing, impedes the customer's ability to timely pay their account.
- (c) Each extension granted pursuant to this section shall apply to all customers who have not timely paid their bills for water and sewer services in the month for which the extension is granted.
- (d) All water and sewer customers shall be notified of the extension.
- (e) Any extension shall be granted for a fixed period of time that is not more than thirty days from the date of notice.
- (f) Extensions for payment deadlines, as outlined here, shall also apply to all other utility services billed in conjunction with garbage and refuse services.

Chapter 30. Water, Sewers and Sewage Disposal  
Article II. Regulation of Wastewater Discharge and Sewer Use

§ 30-24. When due and payable.

[Code 1962, § 24-27]

- (a) All bills for water and sewer services shall become due and payable when presented and all accounts shall be paid on or before the 20th of the month in which the bill is rendered.
- (b) Authority to Grant Extensions. The City Manager is authorized, in their discretion, to extend payment deadlines when an administrative issue, such as clerical errors, system malfunctions, or delays in processing, impedes the customer's ability to timely pay their account.
- (c) Each extension granted pursuant to this section shall apply to all customers who have not timely paid their bills for water and sewer services in the month for which the extension is granted.
- (d) All water and sewer customers shall be notified of the extension.
- (e) Any extension shall be granted for a fixed period of time that is not more than thirty days from the date of notice.
- (f) Extensions for payment deadlines, as outlined here, shall also apply to all other utility services billed in conjunction with water and sewer services.

Agenda Item #2025-20

Ms. Brittany Simmons, Bond Counsel Representative and Mr. Jon Haynes, CFO of Bon Secours Hampton Roads Market provided further information on the Bon Secours Mercy Health Bond Issuance and project.

A motion was made by Councilman Johnson and seconded by Vice-Mayor Copeland to adopt the Resolution Expressing Concurrence of the Franklin City Council with the Inducement Resolution Adopted by the Economic Development Authority of Henrico County, Virginia and Approving the Issuance of Revenue Bonds for the Benefit of Bon Secours Mercy Health, Inc. and Southampton Medical Center.

**The motion carried the vote 7-0**

**The vote was as follows:**

**Ayes: Banks, Copeland, Grizzard, Johnson, Kaplan, Kitchen, McLemore**



**RESOLUTION 2025-10**

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE CONCURRENCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN WITH THE INDUCEMENT RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF HENRICO COUNTY, VIRGINIA AND APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF REVENUE BONDS FOR THE BENEFIT OF BON SECOURS MERCY HEALTH, INC. AND SOUTHAMPTON MEDICAL CENTER.

**WHEREAS**, Bon Secours Mercy Health, Inc. (“BSMH”) is a Maryland nonstock nonprofit membership corporation, and which has facilities located in the City of Franklin, Virginia including Bon Secours Southampton Medical Center (“Southampton Medical Center”) located at 100 Fairview Drive, Franklin, Virginia 23851; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 16, 2025, the Economic Development Authority of Henrico County, Virginia (the “Henrico Authority”) adopted an inducement resolution (the “Inducement Resolution”) (a copy of which is attached hereto as Attachment A) relating to the issuance of its Health Facilities Revenue Bonds (Bon Secours Mercy Health, Inc.) (the “Bonds”) in one or more series to, among other things, (i) finance or refinance the costs of certain capital expenditures, including the acquisition, construction, equipping, expansion, enlargement and improvement of certain hospital facilities, including reimbursement, (ii) pay a portion of the interest on the Bonds, if deemed necessary, (iii) establish one or more debt service reserve funds, if deemed necessary, and (iv) pay certain expenses incurred in connection with the issuance of the Bonds (collectively, the “Financing Purposes”), all pursuant to a master financing plan for certain health care facilities affiliated with BSMH, which plan includes the above-described financing by the Henrico Authority for the benefit of BSMH and its nonprofit affiliates, including Southampton Medical Center; and

**WHEREAS**, the portion of the Bonds to be issued for the benefit of the Southampton Medical Center facilities shall not exceed \$15,000,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bonds will be issued pursuant to the Industrial Development and Revenue Bond Act, Chapter 49, Title 15.2, Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended (the “Act”), and will be limited obligations of the Henrico Authority payable solely from the revenues and receipts derived from payments provided by BSMH; and

**WHEREAS**, the facilities of Southampton Medical Center to be financed or refinanced are located within the boundaries of the City of Franklin; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 15.2-4905 of the Act permits the issuance of the Bonds by the Henrico Authority for the benefit of BSMH and its nonprofit affiliates, including Southampton Medical Center, if the governing body of the City of Franklin concurs in the Inducement Resolution adopted by the Henrico Authority; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), provides that an “applicable elected representative” of the governmental unit having jurisdiction over the area in which any facility financed or refinanced with the proceeds of the Bonds is located must approve the issuance of the Bonds in order for the interest on the Bonds to

be entitled to certain exemptions from taxation provided by the Code, and the City Council of the City of Franklin, Virginia, as an elected legislative body, constitutes such applicable elected representative within the meaning of the Code; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 20, 2025, pursuant to the requirements of Section 147(f) of the Code and the Act, the Henrico Authority in a joint undertaking with the City of Franklin and the County of Chesterfield, Virginia held a public hearing concerning the proposed issuance of the Bonds; and

**WHEREAS**, a Summary of the statements expressed at the public hearing have been filed with the Council; and

**WHEREAS**, at this time, BSMH is requesting that the City Council of the City of Franklin, Virginia concur in the Inducement Resolution of the Henrico Authority and approve the issuance of the Bonds by the Henrico Authority to comply with Section 147(f) of the Code and Section 15.2-4905 of the Act.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, VIRGINIA:**

1. The recitals made in the preamble to this Resolution are hereby adopted as a part of this resolution.
2. The City Council of the City of Franklin, Virginia, approves the issuance of the Bonds by the Henrico Authority for the benefit of BSMH and its nonprofit affiliates, including Southampton Medical Center, and concurs in the Inducement Resolution adopted by the Henrico Authority for all purposes for which such concurrence and approval is required, including without limitation, Section 147(f) of the Code and Section 15.2-4905 of the Act.
3. The approval of the issuance of the Bonds, as required by Section 147(f) of the Code, and the concurrence in the Inducement Resolution adopted by the Henrico Authority as required by Section 15.2-4905 of the Act, does not constitute an endorsement to a prospective purchaser of the Bonds of the creditworthiness of BSMH, nor does it constitute indebtedness of or a pledge of contributions from the City of Franklin, Virginia. Neither the faith and credit nor the taxing power of the City of Franklin is pledged to the payment of the principal or interest on such Bonds or any other costs related thereto. Neither the City of Franklin nor any of its representatives, commissioners, officers or employees shall have any liability for or related to the Bonds.
4. The City Clerk is hereby instructed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Henrico Authority and representatives of BSMH.
5. This Resolution shall take effect on the date of its adoption.

ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Franklin, Virginia at a meeting held on March \_\_, 2025.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

**Attachment A**  
**Inducement Resolution**

A-1

**Inducement Resolution With  
Respect to the Proposed Issuance of  
Revenue Bonds by the  
Economic Development Authority of  
Henrico County, Virginia for  
Bon Secours Mercy Health, Inc. and its Nonprofit Affiliates**

WHEREAS, Bon Secours Mercy Health, Inc., is a Maryland nonstock, nonprofit corporation (“BSMH”) qualified to conduct business in the Commonwealth of Virginia (the “Commonwealth”); and

WHEREAS, BSMH along with its affiliates (the “Affiliates”) operate a nonprofit healthcare system (the “System”) in seven states and the Republic of Ireland that includes acute care hospitals, behavioral health facilities, long-term care and rehabilitation facilities, home health agencies, physician clinics, hospice facilities, clinical laboratories, and ambulatory surgery centers; and

WHEREAS, the System owns and operates the following facilities in the Commonwealth: (i) Bon Secours Mary Immaculate Hospital in Newport News, Virginia, (ii) Bon Secours Maryview Medical Center in Portsmouth, Virginia, (iii) Bon Secours Health Center at Harbour View in Suffolk, Virginia, (iv) Southampton Medical Center in Franklin, Virginia, (v) St. Francis Medical Center in Chesterfield County, Virginia, (vi) St. Mary’s Hospital in Henrico County, Virginia, (vii) Rappahannock General Hospital in Lancaster County, Virginia, (viii) Bon Secours Memorial Regional Medical Center in Hanover County, Virginia, (ix) Ashland Emergency Center in Hanover County, Virginia, (x) Richmond Community Hospital in Richmond, Virginia, (xi) Bon Secours – Southside Medical Center in Petersburg, Virginia and (xii) Bon Secours – Southern Virginia Medical Center in Emporia, Virginia (collectively, the “Hospital Facilities”); and

WHEREAS, BSMH has requested that the Economic Development Authority of Henrico County, Virginia (the “Authority”) issue one or more series of its Health Facilities Revenue Bonds (Bon Secours Mercy Health, Inc.) (the “Bonds”) in order to (i) finance or refinance the costs of certain capital expenditures, including the acquisition, construction, equipping, expansion, enlargement and improvement of certain of the Hospital Facilities, including reimbursement, (ii) pay a portion of the interest on the Bonds, if deemed necessary, (iii) establish one or more debt service reserve funds, if deemed necessary, and (iv) pay certain expenses incurred in connection with the issuance of the Bonds (collectively, the “Financing Purposes”); and

WHEREAS, the Bonds will be issued pursuant to the Virginia Industrial Development and Revenue Bond Act, Chapter 49, Title 15.2, Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended (the “Act”), and will be limited obligations of the Authority payable solely from the revenues and receipts derived from payments by BSMH; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 15.2-4905 of the Act, if a locality other than Henrico County, Virginia has created an industrial development authority pursuant to the Act, the Act does not permit the Authority to finance facilities within the boundaries of such locality unless the governing body of the locality where the facilities are located concurs with the inducement resolution of this Authority and shows its concurrence in a duly adopted resolution; and

WHEREAS, the independent cities of Newport News, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Franklin, Richmond, Petersburg and Emporia, Virginia and the counties of Hanover, Chesterfield and Lancaster, Virginia, have each created an industrial development authority pursuant to the Act; and

WHEREAS, the issuance of the Bonds is contingent upon the adoption of concurring resolutions by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Hanover, the County of Chesterfield and the County of Lancaster, and the City Council of each of the Cities of Newport News, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Franklin, Richmond, Petersburg and Emporia pursuant to the Act; and

WHEREAS, in materials submitted to the Authority, and in its appearance before the Authority, BSMH has described the Financing Purposes and the benefit thereof to BSMH in providing quality medical care to the residents of Henrico County and the other localities in the Commonwealth served by the System; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has determined that financing the costs of the Financing Purposes by the Authority for the Hospital Facilities and BSMH will protect and promote the health and welfare of the inhabitants of the Commonwealth of Virginia and in particular of Henrico County and surrounding environs, will reduce the cost of providing medical care to residents of the Commonwealth of Virginia and in particular Henrico County and the aforementioned cities and counties, will be in the public interest and will be consistent with and serve the purposes of the Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Economic Development Authority of Henrico County, Virginia:

(1) It is hereby found and determined that financing the costs of the Financing Purposes will reduce the cost of providing medical care to residents of the Commonwealth of Virginia and in particular Henrico County, Hanover County, Chesterfield County, Lancaster County, and the Cities of Newport News, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Franklin, Richmond, Petersburg and Emporia and surrounding environs, will be in the public interest, will protect and promote the health and welfare of the inhabitants of the area served by the Authority, and will be consistent with and serve the purposes of the Act.

(2) In order to finance the costs of the Financing Purposes, the Authority hereby agrees to issue its Bonds, upon terms and conditions to be mutually agreed upon among the Authority, BSMH and the purchasers of the Bonds, and subject to the requirements of the Act.

(3) Payment of the Bonds shall be secured by an assignment, for the benefit of the holders thereof, of the Authority's rights (excluding the Authority's rights to indemnification, fees, expenses and notice) under notes or other obligations of BSMH requiring payments sufficient in the aggregate to pay all principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds.

(4) The Bonds may be issued in one or more series issued on one or more dates, shall bear such title or designation, shall bear interest at such rate or rates, shall be in such denominations, shall be offered for public sale or private placement, shall be subject to such terms of redemption, shall be in such form, and shall contain such other terms and conditions as may be approved by the Authority.

(5) It having been represented to the Authority that it is necessary to proceed immediately with the Financing Purposes, the Authority hereby authorizes BSMH to proceed with their plans for the Financing Purposes and to take steps as they may deem appropriate in connection therewith, provided that nothing herein shall be deemed to authorize BSMH to obligate the Authority without its consent in each instance to the payment of any moneys or the performance of any acts in connection with the Financing Purposes. The Authority agrees that BSMH may be reimbursed from the proceeds of the Bonds for all such costs it shall incur or have so incurred to the extent permitted by the Act and applicable Federal law.

(6) The Authority hereby agrees to the recommendation of BSMH that Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, be appointed as bond counsel, and hereby appoints such firm to supervise the proceedings and approve the issuance of the Bonds.

(7) At the request of BSMH, the Authority hereby appoints RBC Capital Markets and JPMorgan Securities LLC, as underwriters for the purchase and sale of the Bonds pursuant to terms to be mutually agreed upon.

(8) If requested by BSMH or bond counsel, the Authority shall, at the expense of BSMH, make application to the Internal Revenue Service for such tax rulings as may be necessary or desirable in connection with the issuance of all or part of the Bonds, and the Chairman and the Vice Chairman of the Authority are hereby authorized to execute an appropriate power of attorney naming such counsel as BSMH may request for the purposes of seeking such ruling.

(9) The Secretary of the Authority is directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Board of Supervisors of Henrico County, Virginia. The Authority hereby recommends that the Board of Supervisors of Henrico County, Virginia, approve the issuance of the Bonds after a public hearing (as to which proper notice is given by publication in a newspaper of general circulation) in accordance with the provisions of Section 147(f) of the Code and Section 15.2-4906 of the Act.

(10) Nothing contained in this resolution shall require the expenditure of any funds of the Authority for any purpose whatsoever except such as may be derived from the proceeds of the Bonds issued pursuant hereto, it being understood that BSMH will reimburse the Authority for all reasonable and necessary direct out-of-pocket expenses that the Authority may incur arising from the adoption of this resolution and the performance by the Authority of its obligations hereunder and that are not paid with the proceeds of the Bonds, including the Authority's fees and expenses, including counsel fees. In addition, BSMH shall pay to the Authority a one-time fee in accordance with the Authority's fee schedule, payable upon the issuance of the Bonds. If for any reason such Bonds are not issued, it is understood that all such expenses shall be paid by BSMH and that the Authority shall have no responsibility therefor.

(11) This resolution shall take effect immediately and shall expire one year from the date hereof unless the Bonds are issued within such time.

Certificate

The undersigned [Assistant] Secretary of the Economic Development Authority of Henrico County, Virginia hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true, correct, and complete copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority of Henrico County, Virginia present and voting at a meeting duly called and held on January 16, 2025, and that such resolution has not been repealed, revoked, rescinded, or amended, but is in full force and effect on the date hereof.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Authority this 16 day of JANUARY, 2025.

  
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[Assistant] Secretary  
Economic Development Authority of  
Henrico County, Virginia

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Agenda Item #2025-21

A motion was made by Councilman Johnson and seconded by Vice-Mayor Copeland to approve the Resolution Amending the FY 2024-2025 City Operating Budget to Accept and Appropriate the Amount of \$3,000 Received as a Donation from Bronco Federal Credit Union to Assist with the Spring Fest, Juneteenth Celebration and the Fireworks Planned in the City of Franklin for FY 2024-2025.

**The motion carried the vote 6-1**

**The vote was as follows:**

**Ayes: Banks, Copeland, Grizzard, Johnson, Kaplan, Kitchen**

**Abstained: McLemore**

New Business

A. Boards & Commissions

Councilman Johnson mentioned that Western Tidewater Regional Jail Authority just had their budget meeting.

B. Items Submitted by Council Members (Council Comments)

Vice-Mayor Copeland made extended her condolences to the Felts family and informed everyone that Ward 5 Neighborhood Watch meeting will be on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at the MLK Center with Commissioner of the Revenue Boone as the guest speaker.

Councilman Kitchen made comments in reference to the issue with Mr. Felts and asked for Mr. Holt to step down from position of Chairman of School Board.

There was discussion referencing this matter.

A motion was made Vice-Mayor Copeland and seconded by Councilman Kitchen to suspend Robert's Rules of Order.

**The motion carried the vote 6-1**

**The vote was as follows:**

**Ayes: Banks, Copeland, Grizzard, Kaplan, Kitchen, McLemore**

**Nays: Johnson**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Banks and seconded by Vice-Mayor Copeland to send a letter to Mr. Holt requesting him to step down and all that agree sign the letter.

**The motion carried the vote 6-1**

**The vote was as follows:**

**Ayes: Banks, Copeland, Grizzard, Kaplan, Kitchen, McLemore**

**Abstained: Johnson**

Councilwoman Banks extended her condolences to the Felts family and made comments in reference to the Travis Felts issue.

Councilman McLemore made comments regarding Council beginning to host Town Hall meeting.

Councilman Grizzard extended his condolences to the Felts family and agreed that Council needs to host Town Hall meetings.

Mayor Kaplan made comments referencing the Travis Felts issue and working within the law.

Council made further comments referencing the right to vote, campaigning, and town hall meetings.

A motion was made by Councilman McLemore and seconded by Councilman Johnson to schedule a Town Hall meeting for March 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. where the budget presentation is at 6:00 p.m. and the Town Hall meeting start at 6:30 p.m. with the location to be announced at a later date.

**The motion carried the vote 7-0**

**The vote was as follows:**

**Ayes: Banks, Copeland, Grizzard, Johnson, Kaplan, Kitchen, McLemore**

A motion was made by Councilman Johnson and seconded by Councilman Grizzard to unsuspend Roberts Rules of Order.

**The motion carried the vote 7-0**

**The vote was as follows:**

**Ayes: Banks, Copeland, Grizzard, Johnson, Kaplan, Kitchen, McLemore**

**C. Report on Pending Items**

City Manager Oglesby provided information on ICMA training for Council.

There was a consensus of Council to not proceed with the training.

**Closed Session**

A motion was made by Councilman Grizzard and seconded by Vice-Mayor Copeland to convene a closed session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 A-1, for the purpose of discussing, considering, or interviewing prospective candidates for employment.

**The motion carried the vote 7-0**

**The vote was as follows:**

**Ayes: Banks, Copeland, Grizzard, Johnson, Kaplan, Kitchen, McLemore**

**Reconvene Regular Session**

A motion was made by Councilman Grizzard and seconded by Vice-Mayor Copeland to reconvene open meeting.

**The motion carried the vote 7-0**

**The vote was as follows:**

**Ayes: Banks, Copeland, Grizzard, Johnson, Kaplan, Kitchen, McLemore**

**Certification of Closed Meeting**

Councilman Grizzard moved that each council member certify that, to the best of his or her knowledge: I hereby move that each council member certify that, to the best of his or her knowledge:

- (i) Only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and
- (ii) Only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed, or considered in the closed meeting just concluded.

Mayor Kaplan stated, "Any member of the public body who believes that there was a departure from the requirements of clauses (i) and (ii), shall so state prior to the vote, indicating the substance of the departure that, in his or her judgement, has taken place. The statement shall be recorded in the minutes of the public body".

**The motion carried the vote 7-0**

**The certification was as follows:**

**Certified: Banks, Copeland, Grizzard, Johnson, Kaplan, Kitchen, McLemore**

**City Council certified the meeting.**

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Banks and seconded by Vice-Mayor Copeland to adjourn.

**The motion carried the vote 7-0**

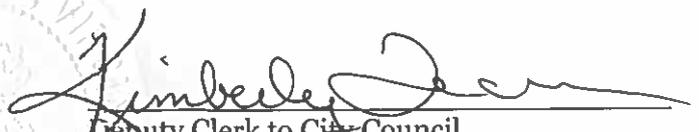
**The vote was as follows:**

**Ayes: Banks, Copeland, Grizzard, Johnson, Kaplan, Kitchen, McLemore**

**The meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.**

  
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Mayor



  
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Deputy Clerk to City Council