

Town Council Meeting Minutes  
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The Orange Town Council held a meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Town of Orange Community Center Meeting Room. Town Council Members present were: Mayor Harry C. Mason, Jr., Vice-Mayor Martha B. Roby, Councilmembers Henry Lee Carter, Richard Langford, and Frederick W. Sherman, Jr. Staff members present were: Town Manager Greg Woods, Town Clerk Wendy J. Chewning, MMC, Town Attorney Gail S. Marshall, Police Chief James Fenwick, and Director of Community Development John Cooley.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Richard Langford led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order. The Town Clerk called roll and noted that there was a quorum present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Roby, seconded by Councilmember Langford, to adopt the agenda, as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment.

TOWN COUNCIL CONSIDERED TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 20, 2015

Motion was made by Councilmember Carter, seconded by Councilmember Langford, to adopt the Town Council meeting minutes of April 20, 2015, as presented. On vote, Mayor Mason – aye, Vice-Mayor Roby – aye, Councilmember Carter – aye, Councilmember Langford – aye, and Councilmember Sherman – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

The Town Manager stated that there was a PD-9 meeting coming up and he would have a report for Council at the next meeting.

Councilmember Carter stated that he did not go to the last Board of Supervisor's work session meeting because there were no items on their agenda that affected the Town.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

TOWN COUNCIL CONSIDERED THE FY16 BUDGET

Motion was made by Councilmember Carter, seconded by Councilmember Langford, to adopt the FY16 Budget, as presented. On roll call vote: Councilmember Carter – aye, Vice-Mayor Roby – aye, Councilmember Langford – aye, Councilmember Sherman – aye, and Mayor Mason – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

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TOWN COUNCIL CONSIDERED THE FY16 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

Motion was made by Councilmember Carter, seconded by Vice-Mayor Roby, to adopt Appropriation Ordinance (ORD2015-03), as presented. On roll call vote: Councilmember Sherman – aye, Councilmember Carter – aye, Vice-Mayor Roby – aye, Councilmember Langford – aye, and Mayor Mason – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY SHREDDING EVENT

The Town Manager reported that around thirty individuals participated in the Town shredding event last Saturday. The Town Manager recommended providing this shredding service to Town citizens semi-annually.

TRASHY RIBS AND BLUE FESTIVAL

Mr. Jeff Curtis, Director of Orange Downtown Alliance, stated that the planning for annual Trashy Ribs and Blues Festival on Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> was moving along smoothly. Mr. Curtis stated that unfortunately the Edible Food Fest planning was going much slower and they were having a hard time finding sponsors.

APPEARANCE BY ORANGE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, TOMMY MILLER AND DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, JOHN COOLEY

Mr. Tommy Miller, Orange County Economic Development Director and John Cooley, Director of Community Development, appeared before Council to discuss the Enterprise Zone Application.

After discussion, it was consensus of Council to meet early next month to discuss Town incentives for the Enterprise Zone Application.

TOWN COUNCIL AND STAFF CONTINUED A DISCUSSION OF BROWNFIELDS REDEVELOPMENT AND DISTRESSED PROPERTIES IN TOWN

Mr. John Cooley, Director of Community Development, appeared before Council to report on Brownfields Redevelopment and distressed properties in Town.

The Director of Community Development reported that the Gardner's were still considering donating the Gardner's Yard Property to the Town to receive a tax relief, and that he planned to follow-up with them in a few weeks.

The Director of Community Development reported that the George Cole property was still being cleaned up and appraised.

The Director of Community Development reported that the Town Manager asked the property owner at the intersection of Route 15/20 for help regarding the removal of refuse on their property, and they are slowly moving the refuse out.

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The Chief of Police stated that there was a crew working on the property one day last week at 212 North Madison Road, but he hasn't seen them since. Chief Fenwick stated that he would call about this again this week.

The Director of Community Development stated that the substantial completion date for Byrd Street was now July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

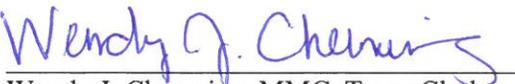
TOWN COUNCIL HELD A CLOSED SESSION UNDER STATE CODE 2.2-3711 SUBSECTIONS 1 AND 7 REGARDING PERSONNEL AND CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING PROBABLE LITIGATION

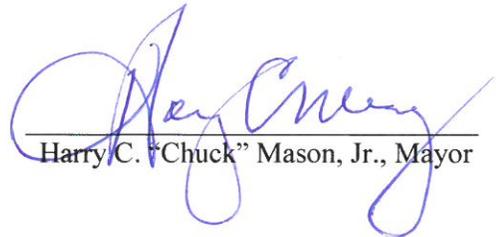
Motion was made by Mayor Mason, seconded by Vice-Mayor Roby, to convene into Closed Session under the provision of Section 2.2-3711 subsections 1 and 7 of the Code of Virginia regarding personnel and consultation with legal counsel regarding a probable litigation. On vote, Mayor Mason – aye, Vice-Mayor Roby – aye, Councilmember Carter – aye, Councilmember Langford – aye, and Councilmember Sherman – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

A five minute recess was held prior to the Closed Session beginning.

Motion was made by Mayor Mason, seconded by Councilmember Carter, to leave Closed Session and reconvene into the regular session. On vote, Mayor Mason – aye, Vice-Mayor Roby – aye, Councilmember Carter – aye, Councilmember Langford – aye, and Councilmember Sherman – aye. The motion carried unanimously. All members swore that they only discussed matters lawfully permitted under the State Code and so noted in the motion convening the Closed Session.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

  
Wendy J. Chewning, MMC, Town Clerk

  
Harry C. "Chuck" Mason, Jr., Mayor



MOTION BY: **Mayor Mason**

MEETING DATE: **May 18, 2015**

SECOND BY: **Vice-Mayor Roby**

PURPOSE: Consultation with legal counsel  
regarding a probable litigation

#### CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

WHEREAS the Town Council of the Town of Orange has convened an 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 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Town Council of the Town of Orange that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Orange hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Town Council of the Town of Orange.

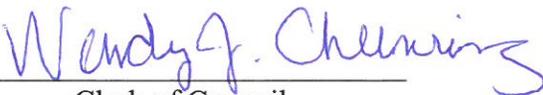
#### VOTE

AYES: **Mayor Mason, Vice-Mayor Roby, Councilmembers Carter, Langford, and Sherman.**

\*NAYS: **None**

ABSENT DURING VOTE: **None**

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Clerk of Council  
Town of Orange

\* For each nay vote, the substance of the departure from the requirements of the Act should be described.

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#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Town Attorney led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order. The Town Clerk called roll and noted that there was a quorum present.

#### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Councilmember Carter recommended deleting item 9A from the agenda. Councilmember Carter stated that this was an individual matter not a Council matter.

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Roby, seconded by Councilmember Langford, to adopt the agenda, as amended. On vote, Mayor Mason – aye, Vice- Mayor Roby – aye, Councilmember Carter – aye, Councilmember Langford – aye, and Councilmember Sherman – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

On behalf of Town Council, Mayor Mason presented Wayne Shifflett with a retirement certificate a gold watch for 32 years of service with the Town of Orange.

On behalf of Town Council, Mayor Mason also presented Evans Oakerson and Michael Truitt with their 10 year service awards.

#### TOWN COUNCIL CONSIDERED TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 18, 2015

Vice-Mayor Roby stated that in the minutes Trashy Ribs and Blues need to be changed to Trashy Ribs and Brews.

Motion was made by Councilmember Carter, seconded by Vice-Mayor Roby, to adopt the Town Council meeting minutes of May 18, 2015, as amended. On vote, Mayor Mason – aye, Vice- Mayor Roby – aye, Councilmember Carter – aye, Councilmember Langford – aye, and Councilmember Sherman – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

#### REPORTS

Councilmember Sherman inquired whether a Letter of Support needed to be sent to the Orange County Board of Supervisors for the Enterprise Zone Public Hearing. The Director of Community Development stated that the Resolution to be adopted at a later date would be our support letter.

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Councilmember Sherman stated that the ODA Trashy Ribs and Brews festival was being held this Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 10 p.m.

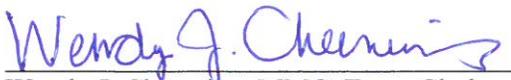
Jeff Curtis, Executive Director of Orange Downtown Alliance, stated that Finders Keepers and Ava Marie Boutique were new businesses on West Main Street. Mr. Curtis also stated that they were in need of new individuals to serve on the ODA's Board.

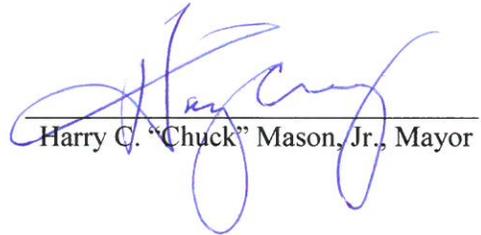
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

TOWN COUNCIL DISCUSSED THE ENTERPRISE ZONE RESOLUTION, TOWN INCENTIVES, AND BOUNDARY ZONE MAP

A lengthy discussion was held by Town Council and staff on the Enterprise Zone Resolution, Town Incentives, and Boundary Zone Map. After discussion, motion was made by Councilmember Carter, seconded by Vice-Mayor Roby, to authorize staff to advertise a Public Hearing for the Enterprise Zone Resolution for the regular July 20, 2015 Town Council meeting. On vote, Mayor Mason – aye, Vice-Mayor Roby – aye, Councilmember Carter – aye, Councilmember Langford – aye, and Councilmember Sherman – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

  
Wendy J. Chewning, MMC, Town Clerk

  
Harry C. "Chuck" Mason, Jr., Mayor