

WINCHESTER COMMON COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2009  
MINUTES

PRESENT: President Jeff Buettner; Councilor Evan Clark, John Hill, Milt McInturff, Les Veach and John Willingham; Vice-President Art Major; Mayor Elizabeth Minor (8)  
ABSENT: Vice-Mayor Michael Butler (1)

President Buettner called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Public input meeting on the use of CDBG funds for program year 2009.

City Manager Brannon Godfrey stated the City of Winchester is the lead agent in the CDBG and HOME Programs but the Regional Commission provides the planning and administrative functions. The public input session is a requirement of this annual process. Mr. Godfrey presented a summary of the Community Development Committee's recommendations for using the CDGB funds received this year. He introduced Ron Mislowsky, chairman of the CDC, who was present to answer questions. Mr. Godfrey also introduced Martha Shickle and Chris Price from the Regional Commission who were available to answer questions regarding the HOME Program.

No citizens came forward to address Council on the issue.

Councilor Clark stated the priorities the CDC proposed are great. He expressed his frustration and embarrassment that it has taken an outside agency to maintain and take care of projects that the city should be taking care of. The sidewalks in this area are city sidewalks. He has raised this issue every day since he came on Council and is frustrated it's taken an outside agency to come forward and try to fix it.

Councilor Willingham asked if Council could direct the funds go to rehabilitation of existing buildings instead of new construction. Ms. Shickle stated the application received was for new construction but the commission could direct Habitat to consider more projects. Councilor Willingham stated it would align with the goals set at the Council retreat.

President Buettner closed the input session at 7:15 p.m.

- Motion to approve the classification of the Manager of Administrative Services as a sworn captain position and to direct staff to take all appropriate action to fill the position appropriately.

City Attorney Anthony Williams stated Council did not need to vote on this item since the position is already on the pay plan.

#### PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

- Motion to approve a resolution authorizing the application for Drinking Water Project Funding through the Virginia Department of Health.

Chairman Veach moved to approve the resolution. *The motion was seconded by Mayor Minor then unanimously approved by voice-vote.*

#### ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Willingham moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m. *The motion was seconded by Councilor Hill then unanimously approved by voice-vote.*