

**MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
IN SPECIAL SESSION
December 23, 2008**

A special session of the Winchester Common Council was held on Tuesday, December 23, 2008 in the Council Chambers, Rouss City Hall. Vice-President Griffin called the meeting to order at 7:32 a.m.

PRESENT: Vice-Mayor Jeff Buettner; Councilor Michael Butler, Evan Clark, Tim Coyne, Richard Helm, Art Major, and L.D. "Rick" Nelson; President Charles Gaynor; Vice-President Carolyn Griffin. (9)

ABSENT: Councilor Stewart Masters; Mayor Minor. (2)

- **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

- **3-1 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

- 1. Motion to approve a resolution of support for the John Kerr Elementary Safe Routes To School Infrastructure Project

City Manger Brannon Godfrey stated the project would construct a bike/pedestrian path near John Kerr Elementary School and would be paid 100% from a grant administered by VDOT. The grant requires the city demonstrate improvement that facilitates walking and biking to school.

Councilor Major asked if there would be on going maintenance costs. Mr. Godfrey stated the pathway would be paved which would need repairs over time. The project may also involve lighting which would lead to electric costs.

Councilor Butler asked if it would be the same approval process the city goes through for the Green Circle. Planning Director Tim Youmans stated it would be similar but would probably not include the engineering studies.

Vice-President Griffin moved to approve the resolution. *The motion was seconded by Councilor Butler then unanimously approved by voice-vote.*

- **MOTION TO CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO §2.2-3711(A) OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA FOR CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL**

President Gaynor moved to convene in executive session at 7:39 a.m. *The motion was seconded by Vice-President Griffin then unanimously approved by voice-vote.*

Upon returning, council members approved a motion, seconded by Vice-President Griffin, to return to open meeting and each member certified that only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act were discussed during the closed meeting, and that only those public business matters identified in the motion which convened the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered during the closed meeting.

A roll call vote was taken, the ayes and nays being recorded as shown below

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
Vice-Mayor Buettner	Aye
Councilor Butler	Aye
Councilor Clark	Aye
Councilor Coyne	Aye
Vice-President Griffin	Aye
Councilor Helm	Aye
Councilor Major	Aye
Councilor Masters	Absent
Mayor Minor	Absent
Councilor Nelson	Aye
President Gaynor	Aye

• **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, President Gaynor adjourned the meeting at 8:02 a.m.

Kari J. Van Diest
Deputy Clerk of the Common Council