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Dan Hoffman ([00:06](#)):

Hello, and welcome to another edition of the Rouss Review. I'm your City Manager, Dan Hoffman. And with me is Amy Simmons, Communications Director. Hello, Amy.

Amy Simmons ([00:13](#)):

Hello, Dan.

Dan Hoffman ([00:14](#)):

How was your vacation?

Amy Simmons ([00:15](#)):

It was fantastic. How was yours?

Dan Hoffman ([00:17](#)):

It was wonderful. You were in Myrtle Beach and I was just a little bit south of you. Just outside of Charleston. It was just me and the family. You had a larger crew with you and that went well?

Amy Simmons ([00:29](#)):

It did. Yes. We had nine people, I believe, in a four bedroom condo.

Dan Hoffman ([00:35](#)):

Wow.

Amy Simmons ([00:36](#)):

It was interesting.

Dan Hoffman ([00:36](#)):

That sounds like an experience.

Amy Simmons ([00:41](#)):

It was, it was. It was definitely an experience, but it was a good one.

Dan Hoffman ([00:44](#)):

It was all family.

Amy Simmons ([00:45](#)):

It was. All family and one friend. We had some teenagers with us.

Dan Hoffman ([00:51](#)):

And your kids made friends!

Amy Simmons ([00:52](#)):

They did.

Dan Hoffman ([00:53](#)):

At the beach!

Amy Simmons ([00:54](#)):

On the beach, they made friends and they ended up going to the beach and going putt-putt and a bunch of different things together.

Dan Hoffman ([01:00](#)):

That's super nice. Yeah. And now back to the, I can't even say it's the grind. It's a good place to work. It's not

Amy Simmons ([01:07](#)):

It's amazing but it's still work.

Dan Hoffman ([01:09](#)):

Yeah. We'll hear from our new parks director here in a few minutes. But I hear he's assimilating well. We've got some openings. So make sure you keep checking out our website, but you know, I was not dreading it. It was a sad to have vacation come to an end, but I was not dreading coming back to work. I've had jobs where I dreaded coming back to work, but now this made it easy,

Amy Simmons ([01:41](#)):

It's a work family.

Dan Hoffman ([01:41](#)):

Plus it's summer. Although, a lot of times, people might think it's quiet during the summer.

Amy Simmons ([01:48](#)):

[Laughs] It is anything but quiet.

Dan Hoffman ([01:50](#)):

Anything but quiet and our agenda tomorrow reflects that. So, I'm going to roll through the agenda here quickly cause I think Chris is just outside waiting for us. Okay. So, you've got a second reading, nothing too consequential there. On the consent agenda, we do have a few different odds and ends. One important thing to point out is the collective bargaining resolution that is slated to be approved tomorrow. At the moment, the resolution states that the Council won't entertain collective bargaining until January, 2025. That date was selected intentionally because of assessment cycles and budget cycles. If this is a direction the Council does want to go, it just gives us time to factor in for the financial ramifications of it. It could be sooner. It could be later. It was just more of a logistically convenient time, but this is what so far they have expressed support for. So, we'll see if it passes tomorrow. A few other smaller odds and ends related to funding. We get into a first reading ending an ordinance to end our State of Emergency. We're no longer in it. I let the current State of Emergency expire on June 30th. So, we've been out of it for a little over a week now and this was in line with what the State did. But the Council has to formally confirm what I did. So kind of a formality, but we're excited to not be under the

State of Emergency anymore. Renaming. We are finally formalizing a process by which different public places, streets, ball fields, what have you get renamed.

Amy Simmons ([03:45](#)):

Buildings.

Dan Hoffman ([03:47](#)):

So, we have a more thoughtful process by which we do that. Then we've got a variety of different land use issues. Some easements we're gonna deal with. One thing that I want to make sure everybody is aware of is the item it's 12.8 on the agenda. It's about solid waste. As if you don't know already, we are introducing standardized trash receptacles throughout the city. You no longer have to buy your own trash can. We provide it for you, and they're great sturdy cans. Trust me, they're not the kind of flimsy ones you're going to go buy at the store. And if it breaks, we replace it. It's a it's a great program. Plus, it helps us significantly with worker's comp issues, speed of picking up the trash, and it helps reduce litter. So trash doesn't get blown out of an open can on a windy day. There will be some ordinance changes to help support and go along with it. We're gonna be talking about that during 12.8. That had been discussed at the Finance Committee last week. And...

Amy Simmons ([04:59](#)):

And for the last year, basically,

Dan Hoffman ([05:02](#)):

Trust me, this has been an ongoing conversation. We're just now getting in some of the details of implementation.

Amy Simmons ([05:09](#)):

Yeah, because as a city-wide program, we did the pilot last year and now it's city-wide.

Dan Hoffman ([05:15](#)):

Yep. During the pilot. And I think it was upwards of 75, 80% of folks loved it. And even those who weren't particularly pleased, it had more to do with the size of container. They might've preferred a smaller container and you have three to choose from. Small, medium, large. Keep on the lookout for flyers and brochures and information for that. We're gonna talk about some changes to special event permits processes. And then, we're gonna go into a closed session to discuss some real estate transactions. After that we will have a Work Session this week. We'd canceled the last couple of them, but we will have a Work Session this week and that is to discuss how we're going to spend the recovery plan stimulus money. We have received our first tranche and got about a little over \$6.1 million. How we can spend it is dictated by the federal guidelines. So, we can't just go do anything with it. We can replace some revenue losses and we are taking about \$3 million of the \$6.1 and using it for revenue replacement. With that money, we'll do things like buy some new police cars start to make improvements in some of our neighborhood parks, some essential training for staff, a variety of some software upgrades. We'll be doing a lot to help those in need who have been impacted by COVID. We'll be making some facility improvements to kind of pandemic proof some of our buildings. We'll be doing the same thing for a lot of our businesses and also residents helping those residents out who are behind

on their utilities. And then, we can also upgrade some of our digital services with this money. So, Amy's very excited.

Amy Simmons ([07:10](#)):

So excited.

Dan Hoffman ([07:11](#)):

So excited she's going to get a new website. Keep an eye out for that. It's not something you're going to see...

Amy Simmons ([07:19](#)):

This year. [Laughs].

Dan Hoffman ([07:19](#)):

Very soon. No, probably not.

Amy Simmons ([07:23](#)):

Not this year, sorry.

Dan Hoffman ([07:23](#)):

No, Amy would kill me. We'll be looking at it for, you'll probably see it next year. You'll definitely see it next year because we're very excited about this. And then we'll be distributing some of the money to our Public Services Department to do some infrastructure upgrades related to water and sanitation.

Amy Simmons ([07:44](#)):

And broadband, right?

Dan Hoffman ([07:45](#)):

Yeah. We're investing to make sure there's affordable high-speed internet throughout the city. So, broadly that is some of the highlights. If you are interested in participating in that conversation show up Work Session. It's the only item on the Work Session after the regular meeting tomorrow night. Other than that...

Amy Simmons ([08:09](#)):

Let's bring in Chris.

Dan Hoffman ([08:12](#)):

All right. Here he is. Welcome Chris Konyar. And it's Konyar, singular, not Konyars. There's only one in the city, only one in the area. Chris Konyar, our new Parks and Recreation Director. Welcome Chris.

Chris Konyar ([08:27](#)):

Thanks. I appreciate you having me in.

Dan Hoffman ([08:29](#)):

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Well, I appreciate you being an employee of ours. [Laughs]

Amy Simmons ([08:33](#)):

[Laughs] Thanks for coming.

Chris Konyar ([08:34](#)):

Me as well. Very happy with the with the new employment.

Dan Hoffman ([08:39](#)):

Yes. And we're very happy to have you. For those of you who are unaware, Lynn Miller retired about six months ago or so.

Amy Simmons ([08:47](#)):

Gosh, has it been that long already?

Dan Hoffman ([08:48](#)):

Yeah. Time flies. We did a search and I can confidently say it was a national search. We had some great candidates from all over and we ended up going with the best candidate, turned out to be a local candidate.

Amy Simmons ([09:06](#)):

Bonus.

Dan Hoffman ([09:07](#)):

Yes, absolutely. Someone already familiar with our area, cause you came from just...I want to say across the street because the County offices are literally across the street.

Dan Hoffman ([09:17](#)):

It's literally across the street.

Amy Simmons ([09:18](#)):

See it from our window.

Dan Hoffman ([09:19](#)):

We snagged you from the County. Tell us a little bit about yourself. You know, experience and whatnot.

Chris Konyar ([09:29](#)):

Yeah. I'm a military kid, you know, so I'm not really from one particular area. Born in Florida.

Dan Hoffman ([09:39](#)):

Where in Florida?

Chris Konyar ([09:39](#)):

Hillsborough County, Tampa.

Dan Hoffman ([09:43](#)):

That's where I was born.

Amy Simmons ([09:45](#)):

Ah, no way? How weird is that?

Dan Hoffman ([09:45](#)):

Yeah, St. Pete, Tampa area is where I was born.

Chris Konyar ([09:53](#)):

That is crazy.

Dan Hoffman ([09:55](#)):

But I only lived there for like nine months. I think I moved before I was one year.

Chris Konyar ([09:59](#)):

Me as well.

Amy Simmons ([10:01](#)):

Oh my, God. Me too. Not from Florida. Did you have a military family?

Dan Hoffman ([10:05](#)):

No, no.

Amy Simmons ([10:07](#)):

My father was in a Navy. [I was] Born in California, lived there for less than a year and moved. Yeah, that is so weird.

Chris Konyar ([10:12](#)):

My father was in the Navy and I was the same way. Born in Tampa and then, he got stationed at Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. So, we were gone from Florida right away. And then, just kind of moved around. We were also in California, Southern California. Point Magoo of all places. Then, he retired from the Navy and then, my father worked for Little League Baseball Incorporated in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. So, if I'm from anywhere, it's probably Pennsylvania. I consider myself more of a PA person. But in the nineties, 1994, maybe 90, 97, something like that. My wife and I relocated to Winchester, and we've been here ever since. I came down, she was a nurse at Valley Health back then and I was looking for a teaching job, I just ended up in the Parks and Rec Department, kind of just decided to do a career change. And obviously, I'm pretty glad that I did. I stuck with it. Frederick County Parks and Rec hired me way back then, 2000, to do their sports programming for youth, adults and just kind of get things going. I jumped right in and I stayed there. I did sports and created all these great programs and events and different things and kind of enhance different areas of parks and recreation. And then I got a promotion in 2008 to actually manage the entire recreation division. Then, I started

getting my hands in more than just sports which was great. Staff development, all of the things that went with that particular position. I put in 21 years and then I saw that Lynn retired a couple months back and saw the position open. I was intrigued. It was, you know, it's always been one of my professional goals to be a department head and lead a department. And after 21 years across the street, I kind of felt like I was ready to give it a shot.

Dan Hoffman ([12:43](#)):

I hope you got another 21 years. I think you need to do like 21 years and a day. Slightly more. That way, when we retire your jersey, we can yeah. Make that we officially claimed you City of Winchester.

Chris Konyar ([12:57](#)):

I'd never seen Parks and Rec as like a job. It's always been fun and just something that I'm interested in. And obviously, I have a lot of passion for the profession. Not to say I'll last 21 years. I mean, that's a long time for any job, but yeah, I'm pretty excited.

Dan Hoffman ([13:20](#)):

Excellent. So, you're just starting your second week on the job now. So, one week under your belt, not even a full week because it was the 4th of July holiday last week. What initial impressions. I mean, you did a lot of research coming into the area, but what are some of your initial impressions?

Chris Konyar ([13:37](#)):

Well, being local, I was fortunate to have a couple regular meetings. We met on Tuesdays with the Assistant Director Samantha Crisman. So, I kinda got some background before I actually started, which was very nice. But now that I've been there a week, my first impression is great. I'm very impressed with the staff. I said this in the interview too, the park amenities for the city are just awesome. I'm really just kind of salivating with all of the different facilities. There's just a lot of opportunity that I see to get some things going. And then the staff has been great, very welcoming. Not just the parks and rec staff, the City staff in general. The HR staff. I was telling my wife. I was like, they seem giddy that I'm on. Which is a nice feeling when you're new. Obviously, I haven't had a new job for 20 plus years, so, I didn't sleep too well last week.

Amy Simmons ([14:49](#)):

[Laughs] But hey, news flash, we are kind of giddy about it.

Dan Hoffman ([14:51](#)):

Especially HR because Paula Nofsinger, the HR Director was the Interim Parks Director for the last six months. So, I know she's very happy to have you on board so she can go back to being a full-time HR Director.

Chris Konyar ([15:03](#)):

Yeah. Paula, she was over in the County as well.

Dan Hoffman ([15:06](#)):

Oh, that's right.

Amy Simmons ([15:07](#)):

And Lynsey.

Chris Konyar ([15:07](#)):

You guys stole them. So, I knew them previously.

Dan Hoffman ([15:12](#)):

Interesting how that works.

Chris Konyar ([15:12](#)):

It's a nice feeling when the staff there and the HR Department and the people that you meet, you feel like either they really like me, or they're really good at faking it either way.

Amy Simmons ([15:31](#)):

We're just really friendly around here. That's all it is.

Dan Hoffman ([15:33](#)):

A great place to work.

Chris Konyar ([15:35](#)):

Yeah, exactly. So it's been a very solid first impression for me. And that means a lot to me. I really want to try to fit in and do my thing.

Dan Hoffman ([15:49](#)):

Good. And speaking of your thing. What things are going to be your priorities?

Chris Konyar ([15:53](#)):

Well, you know, programming. Obviously, I'm most comfortable with programming because that's what I did for 20 years in the county. Just analyzing current programs that we have, what's trending, what should we be doing? What could we be doing better. Just those type of exercises to go through. I think I have developed a knack over the years of picking what works or making the tweak to make something a little better. That's fun for me. I just like to look at a program we have, even if it's going good, which a lot of the programs there seem, on my first impression that they're very well organized, and they're going well, the participation rate is there. Then that's kind of cool because then you can put your own twist on it and talk to staff and give them some recommendations. That's going to be pretty easy for me. The biggest thing is the projects. We've got, it seems like some pretty big projects in the works. I know we have a nice partnership with SU, and there's some things on the docket there. Aquatics is very exciting. I think that's probably one of the signature things that [Winchester] parks and rec is known for. And just by the looks of it in the first week, the outdoor pool is cranking. There's a good turnout. You know, helps when the sun's out.

Dan Hoffman ([17:27](#)):

It's been super hot.

Chris Konyar ([17:28](#)):

Yeah, the weather helps with that. For me, it's just going to be getting my feet under me and learning what's going on and then putting my twist on it and working with staff. But yeah, the whole thing is just very exciting.

Dan Hoffman ([17:45](#)):

Good, excellent. Well, Chris, thank you very much for coming in, introducing yourself. Your office is going to be over at the Jim Barnett, the War Memorial Building. If you see him around, stop in, say hello. I hope you have a good second week. [Laughs].

Chris Konyar ([18:04](#)):

[Laughs] Open door policy. Stop by at any time. Love to see people.

Dan Hoffman ([18:07](#)):

Thanks, Chris.

Chris Konyar ([18:07](#)):

Thanks for having me again.

Dan Hoffman ([18:11](#)):

Nice guy. Good guy. I can tell already it's going to be a good fit.

Amy Simmons ([18:16](#)):

Oh yeah. Definitely. Staff are gonna love him. Customers are gonna love him. He's gonna make a good difference.

Dan Hoffman ([18:20](#)):

Very, very happy with that hire. As a City Manager, you know, hiring the right director is very, very important. I've had good hires in the past. I've had some that didn't quite hit.

Amy Simmons ([18:38](#)):

[Laughs] In other places, right.

Dan Hoffman ([18:39](#)):

In other places. Yeah. I haven't been here long enough to make too many director hires. Just two. We had...

Amy Simmons ([18:45](#)):

Fire and Parks.

Dan Hoffman ([18:45](#)):

Yeah. One was internal and one was local.

Amy Simmons ([18:51](#)):

You've got a pattern going.

Dan Hoffman ([18:53](#)):

Yeah, I know. Which is good for someone coming in from the outside. It's good for me to keep folks with good institutional knowledge and an understanding of the community to kind of compliment my perspectives from how things are done in other places. That's not to say that it's going to continue forever, but I'm very, very happy. And then if you consider that I made Mary, the Deputy City Manager shortly after I got here, that's another kind of an internal hire, I guess. Technically. Excellent. Okay, so, stop by, see Chris say hi.

Amy Simmons ([19:33](#)):

He said his door's open. So, go see him.

Dan Hoffman ([19:35](#)):

Go see him. All right, Amy, tell us what's coming up.

Amy Simmons ([19:38](#)):

Okay. As you mentioned earlier, it's summer and there's a lot going on. So, I'm going to try to just hit on the highlights. You mentioned at the beginning that we're doing that new trash cart roll-off program and we're going to be distributing those in September city-wide. However, right now, before that, we need to know two things from our customers. That is, do you want the 95-gallon cart, or do you want the smaller ones, which is either a 35- or a 65-gallon? And then, do you want a second cart? We're allowing that option, but it has to be either a 35- or 65-gallon. The 35 only holds like three bags, three 13 gallon bags. And I believe that 95 holds over 15?

Dan Hoffman ([20:23](#)):

13, I think it is. 10 to 15, somewhere in there. It's huge. Do do think about what your family, or just you as an individual, currently generate. If you are a single person living by yourself...

Amy Simmons ([20:40](#)):

Maybe the little one.

Dan Hoffman ([20:40](#)):

You probably don't need a 95 gallon.

Amy Simmons ([20:42](#)):

Yeah. So Council at the last Finance Committee meeting approved the plan. Basically, they gave their consensus that we're going to move forward. So, we're going to be mailing out a brochure to all customers, asking them to complete the online form or submit back the paper form, prefer the online, by August 20th. And that's just to let us know if you want one of the smaller cans, or if you want a second cart. There are fees associated with the second cart, but we just need to know that. If you do not send it back and you're happy with the 95 gallon, just one 95 gallon, then you don't have to send back the form or fill it out online. And that short and easy online form is on our website at

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WinchesterVA.gov/refuse. There's also more information about the program there. The cool thing is, they're going to set up all three carts in the lobby of City Hall starting today.

Dan Hoffman ([21:32](#)):

Oh really?

Amy Simmons ([21:32](#)):

If you want to come by and test it out, roll it around, see how big it is, then you can come by City Hall and check those out. And if you can't get to City Hall because you have mobility restrictions or something like that, they will come to your home if you request it. They will bring the carts to you.

Dan Hoffman ([21:48](#)):

Let's put one out at parks, too. A lot of people, probably more people filter through the parks lobby than this one.

Amy Simmons ([21:53](#)):

So true and it's bigger. They can roll around like crazy.

Dan Hoffman ([21:57](#)):

True.

Amy Simmons ([21:58](#)):

Okay. I will check on that.

Dan Hoffman ([22:00](#)):

Thank you.

Amy Simmons ([22:02](#)):

If you contact Public Works to set up that home visit, it's 667-2106, our cartsizes@winchesterva.gov email. So, thanks to some Federal funding and I believe you're a great idea.

Dan Hoffman ([22:15](#)):

Oh, yeah. I'm not sure what...

Amy Simmons ([22:16](#)):

Do you know what I'm talking about?

Dan Hoffman ([22:19](#)):

But if it was my idea. I'm sure it was...

Amy Simmons ([22:20](#)):

WinTran free fare.

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Dan Hoffman ([22:21](#)):

Oh yes. That was my idea.

Amy Simmons ([22:22](#)):

Yes. We got some Federal funding and you said, well, why don't we provide some free routes?

Dan Hoffman ([22:27](#)):

For folks using WinTran, first off, I know a lot of folks probably weren't able to use it during the pandemic, so this is a good way to get people back on WinTran. Also, times are hard. If you rely on WinTran to get to work, it highly likely that you're probably spending, \$20 to \$40, depending on how often you're using it to just to get to work or school or groceries every month.

Amy Simmons ([22:55](#)):

Or if you just want to save on gas money. Gas is expensive.

Dan Hoffman ([22:58](#)):

Exactly. It puts an extra 20 to 40 bucks in folks' pockets who probably need it. A good way to get folks back on WinTran and help those who need it.

Amy Simmons ([23:12](#)):

Yeah. That's through June 2023.

Dan Hoffman ([23:13](#)):

If you don't normally ride, try it. It's free.

Amy Simmons ([23:19](#)):

Give it a whirl.

Dan Hoffman ([23:19](#)):

Try WinTran.

Amy Simmons ([23:19](#)):

What do you have to lose, right?

Dan Hoffman ([23:23](#)):

Nothing.

Amy Simmons ([23:23](#)):

The Old Town splash pad, it's still open. Thank goodness. It has not decided to go back to hibernation. Ugh, it took a while to get it back on. But it has new hours.

Dan Hoffman ([23:35](#)):

It was open til midnight some nights.

Amy Simmons ([23:37](#)):

I know! That's just crazy isn't it?

Dan Hoffman ([23:39](#)):

No one's having their little kid out at the splash pad at midnight.

Amy Simmons ([23:41](#)):

Yeah. We have changed the hours. Sunday through Thursday is 10:30 AM to 9:00 PM and Friday and Saturday, now it's 10:30 to 10 pm. Not midnight anymore. Papermill Road is now open.

Dan Hoffman ([23:55](#)):

Yay.

Dan Hoffman ([23:56](#)):

That was closed for a very long time for the Hope Drive Extension Project. I don't think I've seen it yet. You went out and took pictures last week. What did it look like?

Amy Simmons ([24:02](#)):

It's still a construction zone, so drive safely. There's still a lot of cones, a lot of rough roads, interesting traffic pattern, a little bit equipment and cones everywhere. So be careful around there, but it is open to through traffic. So have at it if you need to go that way. But there's no promise that it's not gonna close again because that project's not going to be done until next summer. If you did not know about the closure or you want to be notified that it's going to be closed again in the future, any other road closure, you can sign up for notification system. I like to tell everybody.

Dan Hoffman ([24:39](#)):

Please do. It's actually one of the performance metrics we're putting into the strategic plan: percentage of residents signed up for our notification system.

Amy Simmons ([24:47](#)):

Okay. Well, here's my ad. Sign up for the notification system, the scheduled road closure alerts. It's one of the many subscriptions you can opt in to receive through text, email, or phone. And all you have to do is create an account on our website. And you can select which ones you want to receive under "subscriptions".

Dan Hoffman ([25:04](#)):

Yeah. And then Amy calls you that morning, personally. What roads are closed and if the schools are delayed or anything like that.

Amy Simmons ([25:13](#)):

Or if your refuse and recycling collection has changed.

Dan Hoffman ([25:15](#)):

Amy will call you up and she'll say, 'Hi. This is Amy Simmons, Communications Director.'

Amy Simmons ([25:22](#)):

I do not say that.

Dan Hoffman ([25:22](#)):

What?

Amy Simmons ([25:23](#)):

No.

Dan Hoffman ([25:23](#)):

This isn't personalized notification?

Amy Simmons ([25:26](#)):

It used to be. I used to do it myself.

Dan Hoffman ([25:28](#)):

Really?

Amy Simmons ([25:28](#)):

You know how much I love my voice. Uh, not. [Laughs]

Dan Hoffman ([25:32](#)):

We are going back to that.

Amy Simmons ([25:32](#)):

But now they have a new feature where I can just type it out and the robots says it for me.

Dan Hoffman ([25:38](#)):

That is so unpersonal.

Amy Simmons ([25:41](#)):

I know. I hate my voice and it would take me like 10 times to do it right.

Dan Hoffman ([25:45](#)):

What's worse, your voice or the robot voice?

Amy Simmons ([25:47](#)):

I know it's worse, but still it's quicker.

Dan Hoffman ([25:48](#)):

No.

Amy Simmons ([25:48](#)):

[Laughs] Is it a mandate from you now.

Dan Hoffman ([25:52](#)):

It might be.

Amy Simmons ([25:54](#)):

Okay. Well, anyway, moving on.

Dan Hoffman ([25:58](#)):

[Laughs] We'll revisit this.

Amy Simmons ([25:59](#)):

Two more things. Actually, just one more thing. We have added a road trip plan for our next podcast.

Dan Hoffman ([26:07](#)):

Oh, where are we going?

Amy Simmons ([26:08](#)):

You know where we're going. This was your idea. America's past time.

Dan Hoffman ([26:13](#)):

Oh, right. The Royals.

Amy Simmons ([26:13](#)):

Yes. We're going to go visit the Winchester Royals and actually go to a game and we're going to talk to the organizers.

Dan Hoffman ([26:20](#)):

Yes. If you have not been out to a Royals game, it is a lot of fun. It's oftentimes free, cause they have a sponsor that takes care of everybody's admission. But even when it's not, it's a nominal fee. Get yourself a burger or a hot dog or soda and sit out. It's a really nice time. It's a really nice time. So, I encourage folks go out. Jim Barnett Park. I don't know what their website is off the top of my head.

Amy Simmons ([26:48](#)):

Probably WinchesterRoyals.org or something like that.

Dan Hoffman ([26:52](#)):

Google Winchester Royals. You'll find it. Man, it's fun. It's fun. So I'm excited to go out there. I love baseball.

Amy Simmons ([27:00](#)):

We'll have that podcast on July 26th. So learn all about Winchester Royals. Are you a Royals fan?

Dan Hoffman ([27:06](#)):

I am. I've got a t-shirt and everything.

Amy Simmons ([27:09](#)):

And your son works there.

Dan Hoffman ([27:10](#)):

He does. He does.

Amy Simmons ([27:11](#)):

And my husband used to play for them. How about that?

Dan Hoffman ([27:15](#)):

What? I did not know this.

Amy Simmons ([27:17](#)):

He played on the baseball team at Shenandoah, and also on the Royals. And he also coached the Front Royal team with his best friend.

Dan Hoffman ([27:24](#)):

How long ago was that?

Amy Simmons ([27:25](#)):

Oh God, over 20 years ago. He was in college, of course. Local celebrity. Well, any way, that's all I have.

Dan Hoffman ([28:30](#)):

All right. Well, everybody hope to see you out at the Council meeting tomorrow. Thanks for joining us. Hope you're staying cool during the summer heat. See around downtown. See around the splash pad.

Amy Simmons ([28:47](#)):

And the Royals.

Dan Hoffman ([28:48](#)):

The Royals, and we'll see you in city hall.