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Dan Hoffman ([00:05](#)):

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

Amy Simmons ([00:12](#)):

Hello, Dan.

Dan Hoffman ([00:13](#)):

Happy Presidents' Day.

Amy Simmons ([00:14](#)):

Thank you.

Dan Hoffman ([00:15](#)):

We are technically not working today.

Amy Simmons ([00:17](#)):

Technically. We are so over...

Dan Hoffman ([00:21](#)):

We are committed.

Amy Simmons ([00:22](#)):

We're overachievers here.

Dan Hoffman ([00:23](#)):

Yes. And we are gonna just go ahead and do this on president's day so that everybody can be informed as to what is happening in our meeting tomorrow and coming up.

Amy Simmons ([00:34](#)):

That's so nice of us.

Dan Hoffman ([00:34](#)):

And we're gonna talk to Tim in the City Works-Part 2. We're gonna be talking to Tim Youmans about the Comp Plan. So, have any plans for Presidents' Day? For today?

Amy Simmons ([00:44](#)):

I don't believe so.

Dan Hoffman ([00:46](#)):

You don't?

Amy Simmons ([00:47](#)):

No, I think I'm just gonna relax.

Dan Hoffman ([00:49](#)):

Excellent. You're gonna celebrate the presidents?

Amy Simmons ([00:51](#)):

I might do that.

Dan Hoffman ([00:52](#)):

Exactly.

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

<Laughs> How do you celebrate the...

Dan Hoffman ([00:56](#)):

Presidency. Like there's no real...you go to like Toyotathon President Day car sale.

Amy Simmons ([01:03](#)):

You could buy a couch.

Dan Hoffman ([01:04](#)):

Go buy a couch. Yeah, a lot of furniture stores do you Presidents' Day sales?

Amy Simmons ([01:09](#)):

How are you gonna celebrate?

Dan Hoffman ([01:11](#)):

Well, George Washington.

Amy Simmons ([01:14](#)):

He's our favorite.

Dan Hoffman ([01:14](#)):

I'm gonna like put out my George Washington flag. There's not really like a parade. There's no pomp and circumstance, the President's Day.

Amy Simmons ([01:22](#)):

Just take a break.

Dan Hoffman ([01:22](#)):

It's just a reason for a day off. That's fine.

Amy Simmons ([01:25](#)):

We'll take it.

Dan Hoffman ([01:25](#)):

All right. Let's talk about the the agenda and coming ups, and then let's chat with Tim.

Amy Simmons ([01:31](#)):

Okay.

Dan Hoffman ([01:32](#)):

This week's agenda is pretty full. We do have a regular meeting and a work session. First off, we've got a few second readings. So first second reading is about the combination of the Economic Development Authority and the Old Town Advancement Commission. Or OTAC as you might hear people around the city refer to it as. Basically, the OTAC is just merging into the EDA. So no significant changes into how we do things. Also, coming up is the ever-popular South Pleasant Valley project. This is the 229 South Pleasant Valley Road. It's the townhouses that are along South Pleasant Valley, kind of across from Jones Funeral home there.

Amy Simmons ([02:20](#)):

South Pleasant Valley.

Dan Hoffman ([02:21](#)):

Yeah. Right by the park. You know, there's...

Amy Simmons ([02:28](#)):

The one's we talked about ad nauseam.

Dan Hoffman ([02:30](#)):

You're familiar with the City of Winchester, right? On that major thoroughfare, South Pleasant Valley,

Amy Simmons ([02:33](#)):

I was thinking further down.

Dan Hoffman ([02:35](#)):

No, no.

Amy Simmons ([02:35](#)):

So right across from the park.

Dan Hoffman ([02:36](#)):

Yeah. So there's the park.

Amy Simmons ([02:38](#)):

Ones we've already talked about once and twice, 20 times.

Dan Hoffman ([02:41](#)):

15 times. Yeah. So that's coming back for final second reading.

Amy Simmons ([02:46](#)):

Is it different than the first time that it came through?

Dan Hoffman ([02:48](#)):

It is different. There was talk of a roundabout early on. There is no roundabout. There was talk of connecting East Lester Street through to South Pleasant Valley. That is not happening. It's just the townhouses. If you're interested in that, come on out and express your opinion on it. Also, second reading for rezoning a portion of... Well, it's kind of the east and west side of North Cameron over by ZeroPak. Kind of between ZeroPak and down through Brew Works roughly. Almost down to Brew Works. So, we're rezoning a chunk of property there as well to B-1.

Amy Simmons ([03:32](#)):

Which is business.

Dan Hoffman ([03:32](#)):

Business. Yeah. It's one of the business-residential zones.

Amy Simmons ([03:35](#)):

Is it now? Industrial?

Dan Hoffman ([03:37](#)):

No, it's not industrial. It's oh, I can't remember. <Whispers> Of course you put me on the spot like that. It's not B-1, I can tell you that. Now, part of this is to help accommodate some of the redevelopment projects along there.

Amy Simmons ([03:51](#)):

Which is sorely needed.

Dan Hoffman ([03:52](#)):

Happy about that. And then at first reading is an amendment to our Chapter 13 relating to massage salons and health club regs. In essence, we're stripping away some redundant regulations to make it easier for businesses. If you're looking to start a massage business or become a masseuse in the City of Winchester, we are kind of making sure that you don't have to go through the same processes at the state level and the City level.

Amy Simmons ([04:21](#)):

We were making 'em do it twice, right?

Dan Hoffman ([04:22](#)):

Right. Yeah. We're making them do duplicate background checks some, some outdated building requirements. So, it was time for us to strip some of that away. And then we will have an Executive

Session after that. We do have a Work Session. It'll be probably your 50th time to hear and talk about the Comp Plan. Now, it's in a work session, so there's not really a time for public comment, but you're always welcome to show up the beginning of the regular meeting and say your peace during public comment.

Amy Simmons ([04:54](#)):

Because we're doing that early. We're doing that March 1st.

Dan Hoffman ([04:56](#)):

Yes. On March 1st. And I'm assuming you're gonna mention that in you're coming ups.

Amy Simmons ([05:02](#)):

I am.

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

March 1st is a public hearing for the Comp Plan, but you can still show up, make your voice heard. You're just gonna do it during the public comment section of the regular meeting, not during work session. Work session is really for the Council to continue their discussions, ask the staff questions and whatnot about the Comp Plan. So that is our agendas. What do we got coming up, Amy?

Amy Simmons ([05:24](#)):

Okay. Well, you led me into my first one, which is the open house and public hearing on March 1st for the Comp Plan. It's a Tuesday and we're gonna have the open house from 5:30-6:30 [PM]. And that is so people can come and see the exhibits and talk to staff, ask their questions, and then they'll be ready to go into that public hearing at 6:30 in the Council Chambers of Rouss City Hall. But if you can't attend and you wanna look at everything online, we have all the exhibits and all the changes online. Then, you can submit the online form. You can find that on the Planning Department's Comprehensive Plan web page or under Latest News, or you can mail it to us. You can email clerk@winchesterv.gov, or you can just contact the clerk, which is you or Kerri at City Hall and make other arrangements if those don't work for you.

Dan Hoffman ([06:09](#)):

There you go. Plenty of ways to provide feedback. And if you wanna learn a little bit more about what the Comp Plan is and what its purposes is, stick around for Part 2.

Amy Simmons ([06:18](#)):

Yep. And it's all online, as well. Hopefully you can stick around. But if you're gonna submit your comments in writing, we just need those by February 28th so we can get those to Council on time with the agenda. Each year the Winchester Police Department releases an evaluation and analysis of their annual statistics. They just recently released those for 2021. Those include the analysis of their arrest and use of force. So that is on their website at Winchesterpolice.org. They also have other reports there if you are more interested in seeing things daily. They have daily reports there and then, also their annual statistics. Also, there are a couple Council committees meetings coming up. There's the Planning and Economic Development Committee. That's held every last Thursday. So that's on February 24th at 2:00 PM. And then the first Tuesday is always the Finance Committee and that's March 1st at 1:30.

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We've been talking a lot about ways for the public to provide their input different things. Well, there's another opportunity. There's one now from VDOT. They're seeking input on potential safety improvements to Valley Avenue. They recently released that information...

Dan Hoffman ([07:27](#)):

Not South Pleasant Valley Avenue.

Amy Simmons ([07:28](#)):

<Laughs> Right.

Dan Hoffman ([07:29](#)):

Valley Avenue.

Amy Simmons ([07:29](#)):

Just Valley Avenue. And that's between Middle Road and Bellview Avenue. They currently have an online survey, both in English and Spanish. You can find that under the Latest News section of our website or on VDOT's website [<https://vapipeline.org/studies/st02-11-valley-avenue.asp>].

Dan Hoffman ([07:42](#)):

Excellent.

Amy Simmons ([07:42](#)):

That's all I have.

Dan Hoffman ([07:43](#)):

All righty, then. Okay. So everybody we'll see you. If you're not sticking around for Part 2, you're missing out.

Amy Simmons ([07:51](#)):

I know. So sad.

Dan Hoffman ([07:51](#)):

Then, hopefully we'll see you at one of these upcoming meetings. Otherwise, stick around and we're gonna bring on Tim Youmans here in just a moment.