

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

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

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

Hello, Dan. I got another giggle box going, sorry.

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

Oh, giggle box.

Amy Simmons ([00:16](#)):

Yeah.

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

Well.

Amy Simmons ([00:18](#)):

It's one of those days.

Dan Hoffman ([00:20](#)):

Yeah, yeah. Okay, giggle box. Let's talk about the meeting tomorrow night. And pretty soon we're gonna talk to Kenny Johnson. We're gonna talk to Kenny about transit and how it works here in the City of Winchester and hopefully some applicable lessons for other jurisdictions as well. But we're gonna talk to Kenny about WinTran and how the bus system works. But before we do that--that's in Part 2--let's go ahead and talk about the meeting tomorrow night. You ready?

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

I'm ready.

Dan Hoffman ([00:54](#)):

Not gonna laugh?

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

Giggle box has been put away. This is serious.

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

Giggle box is put away? Cuz we are gonna talk about massage parlors.

Amy Simmons ([01:00](#)):

What? Why is that funny?

Dan Hoffman ([01:03](#)):

I don't know. You get very bashful about these things. Okay. But before we get to that, we've got some other things on the agenda. First off, we have a public hearing tomorrow regarding voting districts. If you're interested in this folks, please come on out. But I don't think there's really much there.

Amy Simmons ([01:26](#)):

Well, there's nothing new.

Dan Hoffman ([01:27](#)):

Yeah. Well, the lines are being moved very slightly. So unless you live on one of the two or three streets that are moving into a different ward...

Amy Simmons ([01:36](#)):

Yeah. It's a tiny change.

Dan Hoffman ([01:38](#)):

It's a tiny change. Then, also there is a gonna be an ordinance to rezone a few acres over on South Pleasant Valley. This is one that has generated a lot of discussion. Although I think many of the issues at this point have been worked out. There was questions about the roundabout and will East Leicester Street connect through to South Pleasant valley. None of the those things are gonna happen. There's no roundabout, there's no connection. And yeah, so I think the biggest concerns have been addressed. But if you still have an issue with it or you want to come out and voice your support for it, come on out. It's gonna be a second reading tomorrow. Got a few things on consent, mainly around our boards and commissions. And then we will have first reading on, at least we intend to have a first reading, on an ordinance pertaining to solar energy systems. It's a way to kind of make it clear and easier for people to install solar energy systems in their home. We're trying to have it ready in time for tomorrow, but if not, it'll be on the meeting after that. Also in the land use realm, we're gonna have first reading on an application to redevelop the old WINC radio station property. Barry Lee is no longer there.

Amy Simmons ([03:06](#)):

Nope. He's retired.

Dan Hoffman ([03:08](#)):

He just retired. There's an empty radio station. They've already taken the tower down.

Amy Simmons ([03:12](#)):

Have they?

Dan Hoffman ([03:13](#)):

Yeah, it was kind of weird. I just figured that thing was gonna stay up because they still have usefulness, but I don't know. They're gonna put townhouses there. That's gonna be tomorrow as well. There will be a resolution for the Comp Plan. Last week, there was a public hearing on the Comp Plan. Residents have had their opportunity to provide feedback to Council. We've taken some of that feedback and already incorporated it. So, the City Council will have two options tomorrow. They can either go ahead and approve the Comp Plan. We'll set it up so it's ready for them to do that if they don't feel like there need

to be any changes given what happened at the public feedback last week. Or they could ask us to make a few more changes, and then they'll approve it at the next meeting.

Amy Simmons ([04:06](#)):

So, okay. Simple enough.

Dan Hoffman ([04:08](#)):

And then finally there's a first reading on an ordinance to change the regulation of massage salons. I never know what to call them. Is it a massage parlor? But that sounds seedy in a way. But is it a massage establishment? Is it a massage salon? What does Massage Envy call themselves? What a place like that call themselves?

Amy Simmons ([04:30](#)):

I think mainly salons. But that may be just because they have other things there. Like a spa.

Dan Hoffman ([04:37](#)):

Yeah.

Amy Simmons ([04:37](#)):

I don't know.

Dan Hoffman ([04:38](#)):

I just call it the massage place. It's the massage place. So whatever.

Amy Simmons ([04:43](#)):

It just might depend on what else they do.

Dan Hoffman ([04:44](#)):

Yep. So we are updating...I think we might have talked about this a little bit before. We're updating 'em to make it easier for businesses to get started. Right now, there's some redundant regulation between us and the State, and we're trying to streamline things, make it easier for folks to get into that business if they so choose. A lot of the ordinances for massage salons or whatever you wanna call 'em that were written 20-30 years ago, there's a lot of additional regulation because back then it was not as commonly accepted to go, 'oh, I'm gonna go get a massage.' It was something it was seen as either incredibly expensive and you could do that if it was like a super fancy thing that you might go do. Or it was the other direction, and it was something that was associated with some type of sex work. These days it's been professionalized to the point where you got places like Massage Envy and you've got chains that do massages. So, it's in a very different place than it was 20-30 years ago. So we will go ahead and have a first reading for an amendment to our ordinance related to that. There will be an Executive Session where we're gonna discuss some some land acquisition opportunities for the City. We're gonna have an Executive Session to talk to Council about that. Then afterwards, I don't think there's gonna be a Work Session. I think you're off the hook if you guys were looking for a Work Session.

Amy Simmons ([06:17](#)):

Okay. Well good.

Dan Hoffman ([06:18](#)):

All righty. Okay. What events do we have coming up?

Amy Simmons ([06:22](#)):

Okay. Got a few announcements. The yard waste season that we do every year, it begins in March. That starts this year, March 9th. And that is just when we come curbside and collect your yard waste, such as sticks, leaves, grass clippings, whatever you wanna put out. We do that every Wednesday and that season starts this week. So we do that every week, except for holiday weeks. That's when it's canceled because we move either recycling or refuse that day. This is different than the Leaf Collection Season, which happens every fall when we just collect big piles of leaves. So anyway, if you're out doing some spring yard work, you can put that on your curb. There are some new things this year, basically just one thing. Before, it was unlimited. Now, there's a limit you're only allowed to put out five bundles or containers or paper bags. They will not accept it if it's in a plastic bag. So more information is on our Public Works website for that.

Amy Simmons ([07:14](#)):

And then we have a deadline to submit an application for City's Elderly and Disabled Real Estate Tax Relief program. That's coming up in a month. That's April 1st. So you can visit the Commissioner of the Revenue's forms webpage for more information on that. The last Planning and Economic Development Council [Committee] meeting when Tim came and presented the update on all the various residential mixed-use developments happening. He provided a long list of what's going on, the status that they're in, just for informational purposes. Well, I put that on the website. It's on the same page as our City Projects page. We'll have what the developers are doing, and then, what we're doing separately, but ours are not housing. We don't have any housing. These are mostly just housing developments for these developers, but as they as they progress, we will update the website regularly, as well as our projects. Let's see, mark your calendars. I think I mentioned this last time. Celtic Fest is coming March 12th.

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

That's right, Celtic Fest.

Amy Simmons ([08:13](#)):

Right around the corner. That's March 12th and it's always a good time. So come on down to Old Town and...

Dan Hoffman ([08:18](#)):

Is Celtic where they wear kilts?

Amy Simmons ([08:21](#)):

I think so.

Dan Hoffman ([08:22](#)):

Or is Celtic Irish?

Amy Simmons ([08:25](#)):

I think it's Irish. I don't...

Dan Hoffman ([08:28](#)):

Kilts are Scottish. Right?

Amy Simmons ([08:30](#)):

You're asking me something. I don't know.

Dan Hoffman ([08:32](#)):

All right. Keep going. I might look this up.

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

Okay. Look it up. Enjoy OTW.com is the website where you can go and find some more information. And once they have some more information on exactly what is going to happen and at what time throughout the day, we'll post that on our website as well under the special events. And then, last but not least, Council Vice-President, Kim Herbstritt and Vice Mayor John Hill are putting together a schedule of community meetings this year. They had to take a break because of COVID, but they will be discussing topics of interest, such as community policing, grocery stores and why certain grocery stores don't come or food deserts, that kind of thing. They also wanna talk about housing, park improvements, and a few other topics. They're gonna do one topic each Saturday a month, and that's at 10 o'clock in Jim Burnett Park, but they're still working on finalizing some details. Just be on the lookout for that schedule coming soon. We'll post it on the website, but they're hoping to start March 26th with the community policing topic. That's all I have.

Dan Hoffman ([09:30](#)):

Awesome. So, typically Scottish wear kilts. However, kilts are worn in both Scotland and Ireland as a symbol of pride and a celebration of Celtic heritage.

Amy Simmons ([09:43](#)):

Love it.

Dan Hoffman ([09:44](#)):

So there we go. You'll see some kilts.

Amy Simmons ([09:46](#)):

I'm sure you will. Cuz coming in costume is encouraged.

Dan Hoffman ([09:51](#)):

<Laughs> Yes. Then, I assume it's a kilt,

Amy Simmons ([09:53](#)):

Not encouraged, but it's kinda like when they do...

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

Other costumes are there?

Amy Simmons ([09:56](#)):

I don't know. Somebody asked that, and we're like 'absolutely.' But a lot of people come dressed in for Oktoberfest, so that's one I was thinking of.

Dan Hoffman ([10:03](#)):

All right. So a Celtic costume...

Amy Simmons ([10:06](#)):

Should be kilt, I would imagine is the only costume

Dan Hoffman ([10:09](#)):

Celtic costume.

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

Anything plaid.

Dan Hoffman ([10:11](#)):

Some of this looks like Game of Thrones stuff. It's like weird green, a lot of, oh, these are pretty dresses! Okay.

Amy Simmons ([10:19](#)):

Yeah. Dress up. It'll be cool.

Dan Hoffman ([10:21](#)):

Dress up. I encourage you to do that. It'll give good people watching that day.

Amy Simmons ([10:24](#)):

There you go. <Laughs>.

Dan Hoffman ([10:25](#)):

All right. So now you're up to speed on what's happening in the City. We're gonna transition over to Part 2. We're talking about WinTran. So if you wanna learn a little bit more about how our bus system works or how a bus system works, please hop onto Part 2 of this. And if not, we'll see you around City Hall, and you'll hear us in the next podcast. Thanks everybody.