

**MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
FIRST READING MEETING
May 26, 2009**

A First Reading Meeting of the Winchester Common Council was held on Tuesday, May 26, 2009 in the Council Chambers, Rouss City Hall. President Jeffrey Buettner called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

PRESENT: President Jeff Buettner; Vice-Mayor Michael Butler; Councilor Evan Clark, John Hill, Milt McInturff, Les Veach and John Willingham; Vice-President Art Major; Mayor Elizabeth Minor (9)

ABSENT: None (0)

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Chairman Butler presented the following:

- First Reading, by title: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE 19 OF THE WINCHESTER ZONING ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO LANDSCAPING AND SCREENING REQUIREMENTS TA-09-01
- First Reading; by title: AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE AND CONVEY TO ONE OR MORE ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS PORTIONS OF SPRING STREET RIGHT OF WAY SV-09-01

No action was taken for the item above because it was tabled at the May 26th Planning and Development Committee meeting.

- Vice-President Major moved a motion to amend the agenda by adding a presentation by Economic Development Director James Deskins. *The motion was seconded by Councilor McInturff then unanimously approved by voice-vote.*

Mr. Deskins presented a portion of the partially completed Economic Development Analysis and Master Plan. He identified the following as potential or emerging markets:

Business:

- Expansion of existing business
- Health related business
- University related business
- Technology entrepreneurs
- Federal agency facilities and spin-offs

Residential:

- Empty-nest households
- Young single households

He stated that in order to realize these market potentials the city must enhance the city's brand and image as a small, diverse, prosperous, cutting-edge city, whose economy is based on a diverse mix of market sectors with long-term sustainability supported by a vibrant urban lifestyle surrounded by a historic rural regional setting. He then reviewed the improvements required in the housing stock, industry sectors, labor force, quality of life and the built character to achieve image enhancements stated above. He then reviewed certain tactical actions recommended to be taken in order to achieve these improvements.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Councilor Willingham moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m. *The motion was seconded and then unanimously approved by voice-vote.*