

**MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION  
November 5, 2013  
City Council Chambers – Rouss City Hall**

**PRESENT:** Councilor Jeff Buettner, Evan Clark, John Hill, John Tagnesi and Ben Weber; Vice-President Milt McInturff; Mayor Elizabeth Minor; Vice-Mayor Les Veach; President John Willingham (9)

**ABSENT:** None (0)

**1.0 Call to Order** – President Willingham called the meeting to order at 8:28 p.m.

**2.0 Public Comments:** (Each person will be allowed 3 minutes to address Council with a maximum of 10 minutes allowed for everyone)

President Willingham asked if there was anyone wanting to address Council at this time. Seeing none, the President closed the Public Comments at 8:28 p.m.

**3.0 Items for Discussion:**

**3.1 Presentation:** John Kerr Elementary School PPEA Proposal

School Board Member Richard Bell stated last week at the School Board meeting, the board agreed to go with Shockey P3 for a new 650 student school at the current Jefferson Street site with a vote of 4/3. He reviewed the areas of consideration which included the neighborhood connection with the current neighborhood, green space for trails and educational opportunities, land acquisition and rezoning, and design flexibility. He stated this was not a question of the right or wrong site but of the better team and design.

Vice-President McInturff asked if the School Board had any plans for the current school. Mr. Bell stated the board will be addressing the utilization, stabilization or demolition of the school once the comprehensive agreement is finished. The desire is to reutilize it. Vice-President McInturff suggested it would be a great CTE center. Mr. Bell agreed and stated that is the number one choice as a likely utilization.

Vice-Mayor Veach stated a 650 student may not be considered a neighborhood school. Mr. Bell stated the board does not use enrollment to determine a neighborhood school. This site is more of a neighborhood school than the alternate site. Vice-Mayor Veach also expressed his concerns regarding students walking to school, parking issues, and traffic concerns.

Councilor Buettner asked City Manager Dale Iman about the costs to the City. Mr. Iman stated the net cost to the City for Nester Drive is \$949,100 and the Meadow Branch site is \$680,000.

President Willingham stated he would entertain two motions but prior to the motions he wanted to discuss and make sure the conversation does not constitute the approval of any site and does not constitute the authorization of any interim or comprehensive agreement between the City, Winchester Public Schools or anyone else with the actual Shockey response. With that, he stated he would entertain a motion to add a motion to approve the recommendation of Winchester Public Schools to proceed with the geotechnical studies as proposed for the Jefferson Street site.

*The motion was made by Mayor Minor, seconded by Councilor Buettner, then unanimously approved 9/0.*

Mayor Elizabeth Minor moved to approve the recommendation of Winchester Public Schools to proceed with the geotechnical studies as proposed for the Jefferson Street site. *The motion was seconded by Councilor Buettner then unanimously approved 9/0.*

**3.2 R-2013-57:** Resolution – Authorization for the issuance, not to exceed \$115,000,000, of Hospital Revenue Bonds and Hospital Revenue Refunding Bonds by the Economic Development Authority

Economic Redevelopment Director Jim Deskins stated the EDA adopted 3 resolutions authorizing, contingent on Council's approval, the issuance of 2 bond issues for the benefit of Valley Health. One is to refinance \$70 million to refund debt that occurred in 2000 that will bring a lower interest rate on that debt. The others are for the construction of a newer hospital Luray, Page County. Page County will also need to approve these resolutions.

Councilor Weber moved to forward R-2013-57 to Council. *The motion was seconded by Councilor Clark then approved 8/0/1 with President Willingham abstaining.*

#### **4.0 Executive Session**

**4.1 MOTION TO CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO §2.2-3711(A)(7) OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING LEGAL ADVICE AND STATUS UPDATE FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY AND LEGAL CONSULTATION REGARDING THE SUBJECT OF SPECIFIC LEGAL MATTERS REQUIRING THE PROVISION OF LEGAL ADVICE BY THE CITY ATTORNEY AND MATTERS OF ACTUAL OR PROBABLE LITIGATION AND PURSUANT TO §2.2-3711(A)(3) AND (6) FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION OR CONSIDERATION OF THE SUBJECT OF THE ACQUISITION OF AN INTEREST IN REAL PROPERTY AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF**

DISCUSSION OF THE SUBJECT OF INVESTMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS WHERE BARGAINING IS INVOLVED, AND WHERE IF MADE PUBLIC, THE BARGAINING POSITION OR FINANCIAL INTEREST OF THE CITY WOULD BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED, AND PURSUANT TO §2.2-3711(a) (40) AND (29) FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION OF THE AWARD OF A PUBLIC CONTRACT INVOLVING THE EXPENDITURE OF PUBLIC FUNDS, INCLUDING INTERVIEWS OF BIDDERS OR OFFERORS, AND DISCUSSION OF THE TERMS AND SCOPE OF SUCH CONTRACT, WHERE DISCUSSION IN AN OPEN SESSION WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT THE BARGAINING POSITION OR NEGOTIATING STRATEGY OF THE CITY, AND PURSUANT TO §2.2-3711(A) (7) OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF INFORMATION REGARDING THE SUBJECT OF THE EMPLOYMENT, ASSIGNMENT, APPOINTMENT, AND PERFORMANCE OF SPECIFIC PUBLIC OFFICERS APPOINTEES, AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF WINCHESTER INCLUDING THE APPOINTMENT OF OR PROSPECTIVE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO CERTAIN BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

Councilor Buettner moved to convene into executive session at 9:12 p.m. *The motion was seconded by Vice-President McInturff then unanimously approved 9/0.*

Vice-President McInturff moved to reconvene in open session at 10:23 p.m. *The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Veach then unanimously approved 9/0.*

## **5.0 Liaison Reports**

No reports were presented.

## **6.0 Adjourn**

Councilor Weber moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:23 p.m. *The motion was seconded by Councilor Buettner then unanimously approved 9/0.*