

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE & SUMMARY MINUTES

### Actions of the City Council for May 26, 2020

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The following legislation was considered and acted upon by the City Council of the City of Falls Church. Copies of legislation are available from the City Clerk [cityclerk@fallschurchva.gov](mailto:cityclerk@fallschurchva.gov) or 703-248-5014.

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**Call to Order:** Mayor Tarter called the virtual meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

*The meeting was held pursuant to and in compliance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and applicable emergency electronic meeting regulations enacted to address the COVID-19 emergency. All participating members of City Council were present through electronic means (Skype) and members of the public could view the meeting [fallschurchva.gov/CouncilMeetings](http://fallschurchva.gov/CouncilMeetings) and City cable access channels. Public hearings were held electronically and public comments were accepted electronically at [cityclerk@fallschurchva.gov](mailto:cityclerk@fallschurchva.gov) or by voicemail at (703) 248-5014 until 3 p.m. on the day of the public hearing.*

**Roll Call:** Upon roll call, the following members were present: Vice Mayor Connelly, Mr. Duncan, Ms. Hardi, Mr. Litkenhous, Mr. Snyder, and Mayor Tarter. Mr. Sze was absent.

A Proclamation was read declaring May 28, 2020 as Barb Cram Day in the City of Falls Church.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Bob Young, Chair of the Economic Development Authority, reviewed the EDA's business grant program. The City Manager reported on issues related to the COVID-19 crisis and general City project updates.

#### **BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA**

##### **Second readings of ordinances and other items requiring public hearings**

**MOTION** by Mr. Litkenhous to approve this budget but make an amendment that we release \$200,000 and direct the City Manager to release from administrative hold: \$100,000 in NTC and \$100,000 in spot improvements now. The motion did not receive a second and was lost.

**MOTION** to direct the City Manager to release and expend for traffic calming projects, \$100,000 in Fiscal Year 2020 surplus money that was allocated as well as \$100,000 for the sidewalk and spot improvements. (Amended below.)

**MOTION to amend the previous motion to change the amount to \$100,000 (clarified to be split evenly between neighborhood traffic calming and spot improvements) PASSED 5-1 (NAY – Ms. Connelly; Absent – Mr. Sze.)**

**MOTION to direct the City Manager to release and expend for traffic calming projects, \$50,000 in Fiscal Year 2020 surplus money that was allocated as well as \$50,000 for the sidewalk and spot improvements PASSED 5-1 (NAY – Ms. Connelly; Absent – Mr. Sze.)**

**(TO20-05) ORDINANCE FIXING AND DETERMINING THE BUDGET OF EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021: GENERAL FUND; SCHOOL OPERATING FUND; SCHOOL COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND; SCHOOL FOOD**

SERVICE FUND; CABLE ACCESS FUND; SEWER FUND; AND STORMWATER FUND

**MOTION to adopt (TO20-05) PASSED 6-0. (Ord. 2009)**

**(TO20-07)** ORDINANCE SETTING THE RATE OF TAX LEVY ON REAL ESTATE FOR TAX YEAR 2021 AND ON PERSONAL PROPERTY, MACHINERY AND TOOLS AND ALL OTHER PROPERTY SEGREGATED BY LAW FOR LOCAL TAXATION IN THE CITY OF FALLS CHURCH VIRGINIA FOR TAX YEAR 2020 **MOTION to adopt (TO20-07) PASSED 6-0. (Ord. 2010)**

**(TO20-13)** ORDINANCE TO ENSURE THE CONTINUITY OF THE FALLS CHURCH CITY GOVERNMENT, IMPLEMENTING EMERGENCY PROCEDURES, MODIFYING PUBLIC MEETING REQUIREMENTS AND PUBLIC PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES IN ORDER TO ADDRESS CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC DISASTER **MOTION to adopt (TO20-13) PASSED 6-0. (Ord. 2011)**

**(ORD. 2007) (TO20-14)** EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE BUSINESS RELIEF DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC TO EXTEND THE DUE DATE OF THE SECOND INSTALLMENT OF THE 2020 REAL ESTATE TAX FROM JUNE 5, 2020 TO JULY 6, 2020 AND TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND PAYMENTS OF MEALS AND TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX **MOTION TO RE-ADOPT ORDINANCE 2007 PASSED 6-0. (Ord. 2007)**

**(ORD. 2008) (TO20-15)** EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO SUSPEND ENFORCEMENT OF ZONING REGULATIONS THAT LIMIT OUTDOOR CONDUCT OF BUSINESS AND PLACEMENT OF TEMPORARY SIGNS IN ORDER TO GRANT TEMPORARY RELIEF FROM CONDITIONS CAUSED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC **MOTION TO RE-ADOPT ORDINANCE 2008 PASSED 6-0. (Ord. 2008)**

#### **Resolutions and first readings of ordinances**

**(TO20-06)** ORDINANCE FIXING AND DETERMINING THE FY2021-FY2026 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING EXPENDITURE AND REVENUE FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 AND REPROGRAMMING OF PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED FUNDS **MOTION TO grant first reading to (TO20-06), schedule public hearings for June 8 and June 22, schedule second reading and final consideration for June 22, and advertise the same according to law PASSED 6-0.**

**(TR20-22)** RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN EASEMENT FOR DOMINION ENERGY VIRGINIA, TO PLACE A POLE AND OVERHEAD SERVICE AT THE PROPERTY YARD TO SUPPORT SCHOOL BUS OPERATIONS, TO THE REQUESTED EASEMENT SITE LOCATED AT THE NORTHERN PROPERTY LINE AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE DEED **MOTION TO ADOPT (TR20-22) PASSED 6-0. (Res. 2020-18)**

#### **Consent items**

**MOTION to adopt the Consent Items (below) PASSED 6-0.**

Reappointment: Andrew Young – Environmental Sustainability Council -03/01/20 – 02/28/23

Reappointment: Charles Moore – Historic Architectural Review Board - 02/01/20 – 01/31/24

Appointment: Chrystie Swiney – Library Board of Trustees Representative on the Arts and Humanities Council of Falls Church – (03/01/20) – 02/28/23 (Unexpired Term)

Reappointment: Amy Crumpton – Urban Forestry Commission - 04/01/20 – 03/31/23

Reappointment: Kathleen Philpott Costa – Urban Forestry Commission - 04/01/20 – 03/31/23

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

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	Legislation	Action
	Ord. 2007	Record
	Ord. 2008	Record
	Ord. 2009	Record
	Ord. 2010	Record
	Ord. 2011	Record
	Res. 2020-18	Record
	TO20-06	Advertise for June 8 and 22
	Appointments	Notifications