

A special meeting of the Amherst Town Council, organized under the authority of the Mayor, was called to order by the Mayor J. Paul Kilgore, Jr. on March 25, 2016 at 2:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall at 174 S. Main Street. Council members Kenneth Bumgarner, Michael Mozingo, Rachel Thompson and Kenneth Watts were present; Councilor André Higginbotham was absent. Town Manager Jack Hobbs, Town Attorney Tom Berry and Police Chief Robert Kimbrel were present.

The Councilors discussed new information pertaining to the Local Government Challenge Grant opportunity presented on March 9. Mr. Bumgarner made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Watts and passed 4-0-1 to:

- Agree to directly apply for monies that would result in \$5,000 in subgrantee monies being routed through the Town's books to the Second Stage organization:  
\$2,500 of Town monies requested for the support of the Cultivate Amherst project  
\$2,500 in Local Government Challenge Grant monies  
\$5,000 Total
- Clarify that Second Stage is responsible for meeting all requirements specified by the Virginia Commission for the Arts such as complying with the listed and other relevant state and federal regulations and listing the indicated state and federal agencies on all "published materials".
- Disburse monies to Second Stage on a reimbursement basis, i.e. the Town would send monies to Second Stage as part of the next scheduled batch of payables as copies of invoices for expenses incurred are provided to the Town by Second Stage.
- Require Second Stage to provide the Town a written report on the project, in either electronic or paper format, by January 31, 2017.

Messrs. Bumgarner, Mozingo, Thompson and Watts voted "Aye"; Mr. Higginbotham was absent.

The Councilors discussed potential times for a proposed meeting with the Board of Supervisors. The Town Manager was asked to continue working with the County Administrator to organize such a session.

Mr. Bumgarner made a motion that was seconded by Mrs. Thompson and passed 4-0-1 that the Town Council convene in closed session for discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body per the exemption at §2.2-3711A.3 of the Code of Virginia. Messrs. Bumgarner, Mozingo, Thompson and Watts voted "Aye"; Mr. Higginbotham was absent.

Mr. Bumgarner made a motion that was seconded by Mrs. Thompson and passed 4-0-1 that the Town Council certify that to the best of each councilors' knowledge that (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under Title 2.2, Chapter 37 and §15.2-2907 of the Code of Virginia and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed session was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the session. Messrs. Bumgarner, Mozingo, Thompson and Watts voted "Aye" by the roll call method; Mr. Higginbotham was absent.

Mr. Mozingo made a motion that was seconded by Mrs. Thompson and passed 4-0-1 to authorize the Mayor work with the Town Attorney to formalize an agreement to sell the old Town Hall and to hold the required public hearing on the matter at the April meeting. Messrs. Bumgarner, Mozingo, Thompson and Watts voted "Aye"; Mr. Higginbotham was absent.

There being no further business, Mrs. Thompson made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Mozingo and passed 4-0-1 to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 P.M. Messrs. Bumgarner, Mozingo, Thompson and Watts voted "Aye"; Mr. Higginbotham was absent.

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J. Paul Kilgore, Jr.  
Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of Council