

The regular meeting of the Amherst Town Council was held on September 13, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers, Mayor Jacob P. Bailey presiding. Council members present were: Bobby J. Bondurant; Haney Mottley; C. Manly Rucker, III and Harold Swisher. Council Member Jason D. Campbell was absent.

Also present were Town Manager Jack Hobbs, Town Attorney W. Thomas Berry, Police Chief Kenneth S. Watts and Office Manager Colan R. Davis.

The Reverend Adam White from Sweet Briar College gave an invocation.

Mr. Rucker made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Bondurant to accept the agenda as presented for the meeting. The motion passed 4-0. Messrs. Bondurant, Mottley, Rucker and Swisher voted "Aye". Mr. Campbell was absent.

Mr. Bill Gillespie of MRG Consulting, LLC gave a status report on the downtown revitalization study project. Mr. Swisher made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Mottley to authorize the Town Manager to sign a grant contract with the Department of Housing and Community Development and consulting work agreements with MRG Consulting, LLC and Arnett Muldrow & Associates to support the study. The motion passed 3-1. Messrs. Bondurant, Mottley and Swisher voted "Aye". Mr. Rucker voted "Nay". Mr. Campbell was absent.

Auditor Doug Thompson gave a presentation on a draft copy of his FY06 audit report.

Mr. Mottley made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Swisher to approve the minutes of August 9, 2006 as previously distributed. The motion passed 4-0. Messrs. Bondurant, Mottley, Rucker and Swisher voted "Aye". Mr. Campbell was absent.

Mr. Swisher made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Bondurant to appoint Mr. William E. Hathaway to the Planning Commission with a term to expire June 30, 2010. The motion passed 4-0. Messrs. Bondurant, Mottley, Rucker and Swisher voted "Aye". Mr. Campbell was absent.

Mr. Rucker made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Bondurant to approve the scheduling of the Ray Puckett Amherst Lions Christmas Parade for December 2, 2006 at 6:30 P.M. The motion passed 4-0. Messrs. Bondurant, Mottley, Rucker and Swisher voted "Aye". Mr. Campbell was absent.

Mr. Rucker made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Bondurant to authorize the Town Manager to sign a Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Amherst and Virginia's Region 2000 Local Government Council to administer the South Main Streetscape project as funded by an approved Transportation Enhancement Grant. The motion passed 4-0. Messrs. Bondurant, Mottley, Rucker and Swisher voted "Aye". Mr. Campbell was absent. It was agreed that Messrs. Rucker and Mottley were asked to serve as the advisory committee for the project.

After Mayor Bailey gave a status report on the CVCC/Brockman Park Project, and there being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:23 P.M.

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Jacob P. Bailey, Mayor

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Jack Hobbs, Clerk of Council