

Mayor D. Dwayne Tuggle called a special called meeting of the Amherst Town Council to order on July 29, 2020, at 7:06 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall at 174 S. Main Street.

As a result of COVID-19 cautionary restrictions and limited space the below council members and staff met in person and electronically via virtual meeting for those wishing to view from home.

It was noted that a quorum was present as follows:

P	D. Dwayne Tuggle	P	Kenneth G. Bunch
P	Rachel A. Carton	P	Sarah B. Ogden
P	Kenneth S. Watts	P	Janice N. Wheaton

Also present were the following staff members:

W. Thomas Berry	Town Attorney	Vicki K. Hunt	Clerk of Council
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Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was followed by an invocation by Kenneth S. Watts.

At 7:08 P.M. Ms. Carton made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Bunch as follows: I move that the Town Council go into closed session pursuant to §2.2-3711A.1 of the Code of Virginia as it relates to assignment, appointment, promotion, performance of specific public officers, appointees, or employees, specifically that of an interim Town Manager; and §2.2-3711A.29 of the Code of Virginia related to the negotiation of the terms or scope of a contract for an interim Town Manager.

The motion carried 5-0 via the roll call method as follows:

D. Dwayne Tuggle		Kenneth G. Bunch	Aye
Rachel A. Carton	Aye	Sarah B. Ogden	Aye
Kenneth S. Watts	Aye	Janice N. Wheaton	Aye

At 7:18 P.M. Ms. Carton made the following motion which was seconded by Mr. Watts: I move that the Town Council adjourn the closed session and enter open session and 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.

The motion carried 5-0 via the roll call method as follows:

D. Dwayne Tuggle		Kenneth G. Bunch	Aye
Rachel A. Carton	Aye	Sarah B. Ogden	Aye
Kenneth S. Watts	Aye	Janice N. Wheaton	Aye

Ms. Carton made a motion seconded by Ms. Ogden to appoint L. Kimball Payne, III, interim Town Manager.

There being no discussion, the motion carried 5-0 via the roll call method as follows:

D. Dwayne Tuggle		Kenneth G. Bunch	Aye
Rachel A. Carton	Aye	Sarah B. Ogden	Aye
Kenneth S. Watts	Aye	Janice N. Wheaton	Aye

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m. until August 12, 2020, on motion by Mr. Watts seconded by Ms. Ogden.

D. Dwayne Tuggle, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council

FOR APPROVAL