

**CITY OF BUENA VISTA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING & EXECUTIVE SESSION
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
April 20, 2023, 6:00 P.M.**

The City of Buena Vista City Council met for a Regular Meeting and Executive Session on Thursday, April 20, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Melvin Henson
Tyson Cooper
Steve Webb

Mayor Bill Fitzgerald
Vice-Mayor Cheryl Hickman
Stanley Coffey
Danny Staton

Members Absent: None.

ADG #1: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND PRAYER

Councilman Coffey delivered the opening prayer.

ADG #2: APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Vice-Mayor Hickman moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilman Staton, and it was carried by Council.

ADG #3: MINUTES DELAYED

ADG #4: RECOGNITION/COMMUNICATION FROM VISITORS

Citizens who desire to speak to council will be recognized at this time. Please limit your statement to three (3) minutes.

No one spoke.

ADG #5: REPORTS

1. Mayor

None.

2. City Manager

Mr. Tyree stated that he had one thing to talk to Council about. He brought Director of Parks and Recreation, Ed Armentrout, up to update and explain the details of what has been going on at Glen Maury Park.

Mr. Armentrout stated that he and his staff had a meeting with the electrician, Fred Roscher, on Tuesday. Ed said that Mr. Roscher has been diligently working on the wire installation, but he cannot complete his project until the remainder of the breakers arrive. He is waiting on those parts and has received a ship date of June 11th. Ed stated they are also dealing with the power company who also do not have all of the parts needed. He said that he and Mr. Tyree thought it was time to put an end to the speculation and put a date on [completion] that is more realistic. He stated that there are events scheduled and they have been trying to string those along, but they can't keep doing that. He said looking into July is more reasonable and they will be releasing that to the public via social media, newspaper, etc. with his contact information attached. He mentioned that for the Fiddlers

Convention they have decided to do a dry camp. Weather permitting, they will grade, seed, and straw the left side behind the softball field and this is where they will plan on putting campers. A total of 88 campers can fit in there reasonably. They are willing to put any overflow in the soccer field or small field by the river. They anticipate with these additional locations they can accommodate 125-150 campers without power or hookups. If there are people that would like power, they can take them up to the top campground. They are currently at 20% capacity up there and should have 25-30 spots available.

Councilman Coffey asked if this has been told to the people that normally come to play at the Fiddler's Convention so that they are aware. He was curious if they would still be willing to come and stay without having power or if we could change the Convention to another date.

Mr. Tyree stated that he had spoken with Fred Roscher earlier in the day and they talked about seeing if there was any way they could get the supplies earlier. Mr. Roscher said that even if they were able to get the supplies as early as the next day, it still would not be available until at least June because Dominion is so far behind on their transformers, so they still would not be able to get the power connected any earlier than the beginning of June. Ed stated that he will keep everyone abreast of any and all updates and changes throughout the process.

3. City Attorney

None.

4. Council Committees/Representatives

Councilman Henson began his report by announcing the youth fishing day at the park on Saturday starting at 9:00 a.m. He mentioned that this is something we started a few years ago. He then talked about the Combat Warriors coming through on Saturday starting around 10:00 a.m. He said there will be about 200 bikes. The Guns and Hoses softball game is set for April 29th at GMP; donations will go toward the fence and accessories needed for the new playground.

ADG #6: CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS TO BOARD, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

Mountain Gateway Community College Board

We have an opening on the Mountain Gateway Community College Local Board. This term will expire on June 30, 2024. This is the 2nd time this has appeared on the agenda. The term will begin immediately, as Lisa Clark has resigned.

Mayor Fitzgerald announced that there are two applicants for the MGCC Board: Vice-Mayor Cheryl Hickman and Ms. Sarah Henson.

Councilman Coffey moved to appoint Vice-Mayor Cheryl Hickman. Councilman Webb seconded the motion, and it was carried by Council, with the exception of Vice-Mayor Hickman who abstained.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE.

NEW BUSINESS

NONE.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Fitzgerald read the following:

According to Section 2.2-3711 (A) (1) of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, for the purpose of interviewing applicants for the Clerk of Council position.

CERTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE MEETING

MOTION: Councilman Coffey

DATE: April 20, 2023

SECOND: Councilman Webb

WHEREAS, the Buena Vista City Council has convened an Executive Meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of The Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS Section 2.1-344.1 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Buena Vista City Council that such Executive Meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Buena Vista City Council hereby certifies to the best of each member's knowledge that: (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the Executive Meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the Executive Meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Buena Vista City Council.

VOTE:

AYES – ALL NAYS – NONE

MEMBERS ABSENT DURING VOTE: None

MEMBERS ABSENT DURING MEETING: None

Jason L. Tyree, City Manager

REGULAR SESSION:

Council Member Coffey moved to return to regular session, seconded by Council Member Webb and carried by Council.

Mayor Fitzgerald - Y

Mr. Webb - Y

Mr. Staton - Y

Mr. Henson - Y

Vice-Mayor Hickman - Y

Mr. Cooper - Y

Mr. Coffey - Y

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Jason L. Tyree, City Manager

William H. Fitzgerald, Mayor