

**CITY OF BUENA VISTA  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING & PUBLIC HEARINGS  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
May 4, 2023, 6:00 P.M.**

The City of Buena Vista City Council met for a Regular Meeting and Public Hearings on Thursday, May 4, 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 Cooper delivered the opening prayer.

**ADG #2: BUENA VISTA CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**PUBLIC HEARING #1**

**Boundary Adjustment for City-Owned Greenwood Cemetery, Near the Intersection of 1<sup>st</sup> Street and South Woodland Avenue**

Tom Roberts opened the discussion by recapping the background and need for boundary adjustment. He stated that in 2021, the Friends of Greenwood Cemetery worked with Steve Doughty to devise new boundaries for the Greenwood Cemetery to encompass all the known grave locations. At this same time, Mr. Doughty also proposed dividing his own property, which was adjacent to the cemetery, into multiple home sites. The potential for the home sites made the boundary adjustment proposal more complicated. Mr. Roberts further noted that there had been a lot of discussion about the matter about a year ago. Around that same time, Mr. Doughty passed away, which generated more uncertainty, and resulted in the matter being tabled until a revised proposal could be worked out. Mr. Roberts went on to speak about the revised proposal. He stated that this new proposal does expand the boundaries of the City-owned land to include all the known graves and to fix the odd angles of the parcel of land, making the boundaries neater and more straightforward. It also provides the Friends of Greenwood Cemetery with the road frontage that they need to have proper access to the cemetery and allows them to move forward with erecting the fence that they want to put up. This revised proposal does not include the creation of new home sites. It also does not address the ownership of maintenance for the stormwater retention pond which remains on private property. Mr. Roberts said that this new proposal expands the cemetery parcel a little over an acre.

Mr. Preston Evans of the Friends of Greenwood Cemetery spoke and stated that they have currently marked 190 graves with stakes and orange ribbons. Mr. Evans said, at this time, there is only one grave that has a signature and that is for Ms. Kaye Curtis, but they cannot make out any others. Mayor Fitzgerald thanked Mr. Evans for all they have done with the Greenwood Cemetery.

Councilman Coffey asked if there were any records of Buena Vista residents that are buried there. Mr. Evans said that, unfortunately, the records had been sent to a funeral home in Lynchburg and they cannot currently find those. He further noted that they have a list of names, but that list is incomplete.

Mayor Fitzgerald closed Public Hearing #1.

## **PUBLIC HEARING #2**

### **Contract with Greenspot, LLC to Place Electric Vehicle Charging Stations at Four Parking Spaces in the City-Owned Parking Lot on Magnolia Avenue**

Tom Roberts opened the discussion by stating that earlier this year they had identified a grant funded program that could bring electric vehicle charging stations to the City with no cost to the City. The grant comes from Virginia Clean Cities non-profit organization. There are currently no electric vehicle charging stations in Buena Vista. Mr. Roberts said that this gives the City an opportunity to provide this amenity and step forward and take the lead on this. He added that this would help make the City more appealing to visitors and residents. The project is to place four charging stations in the City owned parking lot between Magnolia and Forest. He clarified that this would entail two charging podiums, and each would have two plug-ins for electric vehicles. Mr. Roberts explained that these would be installed, owned, and operated by Greenspot LLC, which is a private company, and they would have their own separate electric meter. These would be level 2 chargers which means 240 volts. Mr. Roberts explained that customers will park and use their credit card or phone to pay. Greenspot will be available 24/7 for customer service and they will be responsible for general maintenance as well as any damage or if the stations are broken. The plan is to have signage on Magnolia to point out the location. This will be a 20-year contract. Mr. Roberts said that the parking lot is almost never full except on Mountain Day or when there are downtown festivals; but on a routine basis, there are plenty of spots there. These four spots will be next to the alley as opposed to next to the street and there is currently no plan to add any more charging stations.

Councilman Coffey asked if this would put a burden on the power grid. Mr. Roberts explained that it would not since these are the lower voltage chargers.

Councilman Coffey asked about insurance and Mr. Roberts stated that they had exchanged insurance information and Greenspot would be liable for anything that may go wrong there.

Kristina Ramsey spoke and emphasized the potential for economic benefit by having these electric vehicle chargers in town. As EVs become more popular, we will see more people coming off the interstate to use them as these new stations will be on Google Maps as well as some other online platforms for folks who drive electric vehicles. She added that this is an additional benefit as a gateway community from the Blue Ridge Parkway. So as people are traveling, it would be a natural first location for them to exit the Parkway and come charge their vehicles here. She added that this is the perfect location for these chargers; while folks are charging their vehicles, they will be walking around visiting restaurants and shops.

Mr. Brent Styler, 2104 Walnut Avenue, said that he agrees that having the chargers is a good idea. He did ask to reconsider the planned location of the chargers as he feels that the parking lot does get busy from time to time.

Vice-Mayor Hickman asked for clarification on Greenspot's electric responsibility stating that the contract says they will pay up to \$5,000 per designated parking space. She wanted to know if the City would be responsible for paying anything over \$5,000. City Attorney Kearney responded saying that at this point, Greenspot does not think they will get anywhere close to that total, but if they do, they will have to talk to the City about upgrading the parking lot and electric service first. Mr. Kearney also stated that at any time the City needs those parking spots back, we can terminate the contract.

Mayor Fitzgerald closed Public Hearing #2.

### **PUBLIC HEARING #3**

#### **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application on Behalf of Mountain Gateway Community College (MGCC)**

Tom Roberts opened the discussion by stating that MGCC will be building the new Wilson Workforce Center in the former Ford dealership. They have secured about \$4M toward the project through a combination of different grants, donations, loans, etc. They do still need additional funding to complete the project. The CDBG, which is overseen by the Department of Housing and Community Development has multiple subprograms including an Economic Development program which focuses on job creation. This is what we are applying for to assist with the workforce center. This money is tied to creating a certain number of jobs which the college is confident they will be able to do through the various programs they will be offering. The programs will include automotive/diesel technician, HVAC technician and welding to name a few. They will also have spaces for use by community organizations, such as meeting rooms. Since local governments are the only eligible recipients for CDBG funds, the City will be applying on behalf of MGCC. The City will sign a Memorandum of Understanding with MGCC Real Estate Foundation. This MOU will transfer responsibility of executing the grant to the college and the real estate foundation. The City will not actually be managing or completing the project. He stated that the MOU has clear language about holding the City harmless for liability so the City would not be "on the hook" if something were to go wrong. He further noted that DHCD and MGCC have been great to work with during the application process. He also mentioned that they are working with the Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission about helping to manage the grant. He stated that the funding request for the grant will be about \$1.07M and this would be for construction.

Mr. Roberts then let Council know that there will be another Public Meeting for this at the May 18, 2023, City Council meeting as that is part of the CDBG guidelines.

Mayor Fitzgerald closed Public Hearing #3

### **PUBLIC HEARING #4**

#### **Proposed 2023/2024 Municipal Budget for the City of Buena Vista**

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**SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION REVENUE**  
**PROPOSED**

<u>Item</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
City Funds	\$23,181
Interest Recovery	<u>\$19,583</u>
TOTAL SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION REVENUE	\$42,764

**SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION EXPENDITURES**

Middle School Loan	\$42,764
TOTAL SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION EXPENDITURES	\$42,764

**SENIOR CENTER FUND REVENUE**  
**PROPOSED**

<u>Item</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
BV/Lex/Rockbridge County	\$8,500
TOTAL SENIOR CENTER REVENUE	\$8,500

**SENIOR CENTER FUND EXPENDITURES**

Utilities and Operations Cost	\$8,500
TOTAL SENIOR CENTER EXPENDITURES	\$8,500

**SCHOOL NUTRITION FUND REVENUE**  
**PROPOSED**

<u>Item</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
Nutrition Revenues	\$780,053
TOTAL SCHOOL NUTRITION FUND REVENUE	\$780,053

**SCHOOL NUTRITION FUND EXPENDITURES**

Nutrition Expenses	\$780,053
TOTAL SCHOOL NUTRITION FUND EXPENDITURES	\$780,053

Mayor Fitzgerald opened the floor for public comment regarding the proposed budget; no one spoke.

Mayor Fitzgerald closed Public Hearing #4.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING #5**

**The City Council is giving consideration to adopting the following real estate tax, personal property tax, and refuse fees for FY 2024:**

**Real Estate: \$1.27 per \$100.00 Assessed Valuation**

**Personal Property: \$5.85 per \$100.00 Assessed Valuation**

**Refuse Fee: \$21.00 per Month**

Mayor Fitzgerald opened the floor up to the public for comment; no one spoke

Mayor Fitzgerald closed Public Hearing #5.

#### **ADG #3: APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

City Attorney Brian Kearney advised that we have a Resolution dealing with the land purchase for the Social Services building that he would like to add to the agenda. He asked that it be added as NB #11.

Councilman Cooper moved to approve the agenda as amended above. The motion was seconded by Councilman Staton and carried by Council.

#### **ADG #4: MINUTES DELAYED**

#### **ADG #5: 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 advised that Kristina Ramsey would be scheduling a ribbon cutting for the new playground once the fence and signage are complete. The signage will be things like thanking the volunteers, Carilion for their grant, etc. This would not include any "after hours" signage.

Mr. Tyree also stated that they had begun interviews for the Chief of Police position and would be finishing those interviews by the following week. He anticipates having the candidates narrowed down to two or three folks and hopefully have a decision nailed down by the end of the following week.

##### **3. City Attorney**

None.

##### **4. Council Committees/Representatives**

Councilman Henson talked about the Guns and Hoses softball game. He thanked the City

Manager for his help. He also mentioned that the park is currently working on the electrical upgrades for the ball field. Outdoor recreation was chosen out of 25 cities nationwide to participate. They will have a meeting on May 23, 2023, to discuss.

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

None.

**OLD BUSINESS**

NONE.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**NB #1: AFFIRM HIRING OF CLERK OF COUNCIL**

Mr. Tyree spoke about conducting the interviews during a closed session of the last City Council meeting on April 20, 2023. Sarah Burch was the candidate chosen. Sarah is out of town on vacation and could not attend tonight's meeting, but she did accept the position and upon the Council's affirmation tonight, she is able to start on May 22, 2023.

Councilman Webb made a motion to affirm Sarah Burch as Clerk of Council. Councilman Coffey seconded the motion, and it was carried by Council.

**NB #2: DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF THE VIRGINIA OPIOID ABATEMENT AUTHORITY COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT**

Mr. Tyree opened the discussion by introducing Lori Turner with the Community Foundation in case anyone has any questions regarding the Agreement. He explained the details of the Cooperative Agreement between the three localities. Along with the Opioid Abatement Authority, the state of Virginia has a grant available and regionally, you can apply for a Cooperative Agreement for a project. There is a new project under the Community Foundation. The organization is called Rockbridge Recovery, and they are getting ready to use a house in Buena Vista for recovery efforts for opioid users. This will be a recovery house and the three localities are approving this. Rockbridge County has already approved, Lexington will be approving it tonight and we would like to approve ours tonight as well so that we can start the grant process. Mr. Tyree stated that he and Mrs. Turner are planning to meet tomorrow to apply for the grant from the state. He stated that they are planning to apply for the grant as a region instead of a single unit to get more money.

Councilman Cooper moved to adopt the Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority Cooperative Agreement. Vice-Mayor Hickman seconded, and the motion was carried by Council.

The adopted Agreement is as follows:

**VIRGINIA OPIOID ABATEMENT AUTHORITY COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT**

**WHEREAS** the mission of the Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority (OAA) is to abate and remediate the opioid epidemic in the Commonwealth through financial support in the form of grants, donations, or other assistance; and



**WHEREAS** the OAA operates a financial assistance program to support certain cooperative partnerships of cities and/or counties in Virginia that implement regional efforts to treat, prevent, and reduce opioid disorder and the misuse of opioids; and

**WHEREAS** the cities and/or counties listed below have committed to work together to develop and jointly submit an application for regional cooperation partnership funding for the OAA; and

**WHEREAS** at least two of the cities and/or counties listed below are located within the same region of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services; and

**WHEREAS** the cities and/or counties and other organizations listed below agree they will execute a legally binding agreement formalizing the cooperating partnership if the application for financial assistance is approved; and

**WHEREAS** the cities and/or counties and other organizations listed below seek a total of \$210,481 in grant funding from the OAA for Fiscal Year 2024.

**WHEREAS** the City of Buena Vista, Virginia has committed to allocate \$\_\_\_\_\_ of its Individual Distribution from the OAA to this project for Fiscal Year 2024.

**WHEREAS** the City of Lexington, Virginia has committed to allocate \$ of its Individual Distribution from the OAA to this project for Fiscal Year 2024.

**WHEREAS** the County of Rockbridge, Virginia has committed to allocate \$0 of its Individual Distribution from the OAA to this project for Fiscal Year 2024.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the cities and/or counties and other organizations listed below hereby authorize the City of Buena Vista, Virginia to execute the cooperative partnership grant application to the Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority and the execute all documents in connection therewith.

Name of City, County, or Organization	Printed Name of Authorized Signor	Title of Authorized Signor	Signature
City of Buena Vista	Jason Tyree	City Manager	
City of Lexington	Jim Halacz	City Manager	
County of Rockbridge	Spencer Sutter	County Administrator	

### **NB #3: DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

Mr. Tyree opened by stating that on the grant for the recovery house, Buena Vista will be the fiscal agent. He explained that it is really a fiscal agent between the City and the Community Foundation who will be managing the grant and making sure all the requirements are met. He mentioned that Ms. Turner has attended every opioid abatement class that the VOAA has offered which has helped her gain a wealth of knowledge. He opined that she is probably the most knowledgeable person in

this region when it comes to the Opioid Abatement Authority. He explained that this MOU is to make sure that if the grant isn't done correctly, that it will not be coming out of City coffers and will be paid back to the City.

Councilman Cooper made a motion to adopt the MOU and was seconded by Vice-Mayor Hickman. The motion was carried by Council.

**NB #4: DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF ALLOCATION OF OPIOID FUNDS TO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

Mr. Tyree shared that to-date we have received around \$23,250 of opioid funds through the Cooperative Agreement. There is also "Gold Standard" money that we can also apply for through this grant, and it would give us an additional \$7,266 and \$1,816. He stated that a lot of this opioid money must be used within 12 months. He then recommended that we go ahead and distribute what we have already received as well as the additional funds that will be coming through. He mentioned that we do not have any scheduled projects currently that will meet the requirements of the opioid abatement program.

Councilman Cooper moved to approve allocating the current and anticipated grant opioid funds to the Community Foundation. Vice-Mayor Hickman seconded, and the motion was carried by Council.

**NB #5: BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT FOR CITY-OWNED GREENWOOD CEMETERY**

Mr. Kearney stated that as part of the motion to approve the boundary adjustment, they would need to authorize the City Manager to enter into the boundary line agreement deed that Mr. Kearney will be preparing.

Councilman Henson made the motion authorizing the City Manager to enter into the Boundary Line Adjustment Agreement and was seconded by Vice-Mayor Hickman then carried by Council.

**NB #6: APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH GREENSPOT, LLC**

Mr. Kearney assured Council that he and Tom Roberts had gone through the contract multiple times to ensure that the language is correct and making sure the City is protected.

Councilman Cooper moved to approve the contract with Greenspot LLC. Councilman Staton seconded the motion, and it was carried by Council.

**NB #7: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS ON BEHALF OF MOUNTAIN GATEWAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Councilman Cooper read the following Resolution:

**CITY OF BUENA VISTA  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT  
COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS** Mountain Gateway Community College provides workforce development services to the City of Buena Vista, the Rockbridge region, and the Alleghany Highlands; and

**WHEREAS** Mountain Gateway Community College has acquired two properties in downtown Buena Vista and has obtained partial funding to renovate them into a modern workforce training center; and

**WHEREAS** the City of Buena vista seeks to support said renovation project.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that, pursuant to two public hearings, the City of Buena Vista wishes to apply for \$1,070,000 of Virginia community Development Block Grant funds for the Buena Vista MGCC Com Econ Dev CDBG 2022 Project.

**Be it further resolved** that City Manager Jason Tyree is hereby authorized to sign and submit appropriate documents for the submittal of the Virginia Community Development Block Grant proposal.

**Be it further resolved** that City Manager Jason Tyree shall enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Mountain Gateway Community College, and Mountain Gateway Community College Real Estate Foundation if needed, to allocate responsibility for implementation of this grant to said entity or entities.

Mr. Tyree stated that this is the first reading and asked if we would have to have a second public hearing. Tom Roberts stated that the Resolution could be approved tonight pursuant to the second public hearing. Mr. Kearney advised that Council wait until after the second public hearing to approve so that members of the public would have an opportunity to comment.

**NB #8: FIRST READING OF THE ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED 2023-2024 TAX RATES FOR THE CITY OF BUENA VISTA**

Councilman Cooper read the following Ordinance:

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE TAX RATES FOR  
THE CITY OF BUENA VISTA, VIRGINIA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF BUENA VISTA, VIRGINIA**, that in accordance with Section 26-1 of the Code of the City of Buena Vista, there is hereby levied upon taxable real estate an effective tax rate of One Dollar and Twenty-Seven Cents (\$1.27) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) assessed valuation for the fiscal year 2024, said levy to be based upon the value of such property as of July 1, 2023.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that there is hereby levied upon Personal Property a tax rate of Five Dollars and Eighty-Five Cents (\$5.85) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) assessed valuation for the calendar year 2023, said levy to be based upon the value of such property as of January 1, 2023.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that there is hereby levied upon all public service corporation real estate the sum of One Dollar and Twenty-Seven Cents (\$1.27) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) assessed valuation for the fiscal year 2024, said levy to be based upon the value of such property as of January 1, 2023.

**BE IT STILL FURTHER ORDAINED**, that all other tax rates not expressly defined above shall remain the same until further action by Council.

**NB #9: FIRST READING OF THE PROPOSED 2023-2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BUENA VISTA**

Councilman Cooper read the following:

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET**

**BE IT ORDAINED** that the City Council on May 4, 2023, held a public hearing on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2024; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that the City Council, during a series of work sessions, has developed a balanced budget for fiscal year 2024.

**NOW, BE IT STILL FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF BUENA VISTA**, that the following budget be and the same is hereby adopted for fiscal planning purposes:

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TOTAL SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION REVENUE	\$42,764
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**SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION EXPENDITURES**

Middle School Loan	\$42,764
TOTAL SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION EXPENDITURES	\$42,764

**SENIOR CENTER FUND REVENUE**  
**PROPOSED**

<b><u>Item</u></b>	<b><u>2023-2024</u></b>
BV/Lex/Rockbridge County	\$8,500
TOTAL SENIOR CENTER REVENUE	\$8,500

**SENIOR CENTER FUND EXPENDITURES**

Utilities and Operations Cost	\$8,500
TOTAL SENIOR CENTER EXPENDITURES	\$8,500

**SCHOOL NUTRITION FUND REVENUE**  
**PROPOSED**

<b><u>Item</u></b>	<b><u>2023-2024</u></b>
Nutrition Revenues	\$780,053
TOTAL SCHOOL NUTRITION FUND REVENUE	\$780,053

**SCHOOL NUTRITION FUND EXPENDITURES**

Nutrition Expenses	\$780,053
TOTAL SCHOOL NUTRITION FUND EXPENDITURES	\$780,053

**NB #10: FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE CITY OF BUENA VISTA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024**

Councilman Cooper read the following Ordinance:

**AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF  
THE CITY OF BUENA VISTA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA VISTA, VIRGINIA**, that in accordance with Section 4-1, Budgets and Appropriations, of the Charter of Buena Vista, funds to support the operations of the City for the Fiscal Year 2024 is hereby appropriated effective July 1, 2023, in the amount of \$19,519,622 and in accordance with the following provisions:

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>\$15,431,548</b>
<b>Water Fund</b>	<b>\$1,358,223</b>
<b>Sewer Fund</b>	<b>\$1,201,302</b>
<b>Parks &amp; Recreation Fund</b>	<b>\$697,232</b>
<b>School Construction Fund</b>	<b>\$42,764</b>
<b>Senior Center Fund</b>	<b>\$8,500</b>
<b>School Nutrition Fund</b>	<b>\$780,053</b>
<b>TOTAL FY 2024 BUDGET</b>	<b>\$19,519,622</b>

### **NB #11: RESOLUTION DEALING WITH LAND PURCHASE FOR THE SOCIAL SERVICES BUILDING**

Mr. Kearney opened by stating that the six acres by Food Lion is being acquired and the scheduled closing date is next Thursday, May 11, 2023. It turns out that it will be best to have the land titled in the name of Lexington for future financing. This will allow for easier financing instead of having it in Buena Vista or Rockbridge County. They had talked about creating an Authority, but this is the simplest way and gives the most flexibility. So, it will be in Lexington's name for the purpose of funding or grants. Since this is a joint Social Security building, it gives a lot of grant opportunities; they really like when you do two or three localities together. The purchase price of the land is \$438,000. Under the Memorandum Of Understanding, which should be in good shape by the next meeting, Buena Vista will be paying 18.1% of the capital cost of the building. This percentage is based on population. The land and any future building(s) are a separate mechanism for the operating of the business and that cost will be based on usage. In order to close next week, since the Agreement is not in place, the County has sent an email to Lexington and Buena Vista stating they will be going ahead and paying their portion. If we can authorize and get this Resolution approved tonight, Lexington will go ahead and pay their portion as well as our portion, so we can go ahead and move forward with the closing of the land purchase. This Resolution states that we will be paying our 18.1% share back to Lexington. The ARPA funds can be used for this.

Councilman Cooper read the following Resolution:

### **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS** the County of Rockbridge, the City of Lexington, and the City of Buena Vista have agreed to acquire two parcels of real estate located on the western side of Buena Vista, identified as tax parcel number 14-A-1B – 4.81 acres and tax parcel number 14-A-A1 – 1.236 acres; and

**WHEREAS** the purchase price of \$438,000 is to be divided between the three localities with BV paying 18.1% of the purchase price, \$79,278; and

**WHEREAS** to allow the greatest flexibility for financing, the property will be deeded directly to the City of Lexington although subject to the mutual agreement of the parties; and



**WHEREAS** it is in the best interest of the citizens of Buena Vista to enter into this purchase, as each locality must provide Social Services and the cost of said services are reduced through their joint procurement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council authorizes the City Manager to spend up to \$79,278 to acquire the property. The City Manager can either reimburse Lexington if Lexington fronts the purchase price or use the funds to directly pay the seller of the property.

Councilman Webb made the motion to approve the Resolution and use ARPA funds as required. Councilman Henson seconded the motion, and it was carried by Council.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Jason L. Tyree, City Manager

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William H. Fitzgerald, Mayor