

A Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Front Royal, Virginia was held on June 30, 2020, in the Warren County Government Center.

**ROLL CALL for MAYOR/TOWN COUNCIL**

**PRESENT:**

- Mayor Eugene R. Tewalt
- Vice Mayor William A. Sealock
- Councilman Lori A. Cockrell
- Councilman Chris W. Holloway
- Councilman Jacob L. Meza
- Councilman Letasha T. Thompson
- Town Attorney Douglas W. Napier
- Interim Town Manager Matthew A. Tederick
- Clerk of Council Tina L. Presley

*(The above represent municipal officers of the Town of Front Royal as stated in Town Charter Section 4)*

**COUNCIL APPROVAL** – Agreement for Interim Town Manager

Clerk of Council Presley read the summary: Interim Town Manager Matthew A. Tederick’s current contract with the Town of Front Royal expires July 1, 2020. Council is requested to approve an Agreement for Employment with Mr. Tederick until such time a new Town Manager is appointed.

***Councilman Holloway moved seconded by Councilman Gillispie that Council approve an Agreement for Employment with Mr. Tederick until such time a new Town Manager is appointed.***

Councilman Thompson clarified that the agreement was for month-to-month and that the contract would be available tonight after the meeting.

Councilman Meza noted that the Town was saving money under the current contract since no benefits were being paid out; however, with the agreement Mr. Tederick will become an employee with benefits.

- Vote: Yes – Councilmen Sealock, Cockrell, Gillispie, Holloway, Meza and Thompsons
- No – N/A
- Abstain – N/A
- Absent – N/A

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**COUNCIL APPROVAL** – Reservations of Rights Agreement with the EDA and County of Warren

Clerk of Council Presley read the summary: The County of Warren has asked the Town of Front Royal to make a good faith payment for the disputed July 1, 2020 payment for a loan incurred by the Economic Development Authority (EDA) in constructing and financing the construction of the Town of Front Royal Police Department and the Town has agreed, subject to the terms and

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conditions stated in the Reservation of Rights Agreement. Council is requested to approve the Reservation of Rights Agreement as presented.

**Councilman Cockrell moved, seconded by Councilman Thompson that Council approve a “Reservations of Rights Agreement” with the Economic Development Authority (EDA) and the County of Warren as presented, to make a good faith payment for the disputed July 1, 2020 payment for a loan incurred by the EDA in constructing and financing the construction of the Town of Front Royal Police Department.**

Councilman Cockrell read the following statement for the record: There has been a significant misperception that the Town and County are not working together on various issues. This false narrative has appeared in local media as well as across various social media platforms. I’m here before you tonight to attest that this perception is inaccurate and false. To my point, before you this evening is the reservations of rights agreement which outlines the good faith efforts of our town government. It is my belief and hope that this is the first step towards a mutually acceptable resolution of any pending and future issues.

As you know, Councilman Holloway and I recently met with Supervisors Oates and Cullers with the County Board of Supervisors. This began the talking stages of a coordinated effort between the town and the county to work together towards an understanding that will address the problems created by the EDA and carve a path forward for both parties to continue working together with the EDA. Tonight’s “Reservations of Rights Agreement” for the town to make a one-time payment towards the Police Department will be good faith proof of the town's desire to work with the county towards a resolution with respect to the Police Department. I look forward to working with the Board of Supervisors now and in the future with the intention of doing what is in the best interests of the citizens of our community.

Vote: Yes – Councilmen Sealock, Cockrell, Gillispie, Holloway, Meza and Thompson  
No – N/A  
Abstain – N/A  
Absent – N/A

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**CLOSED MEETING** – Personnel

*Councilman Gillispie moved seconded by Councilman Thompson that Town Council go into Closed Meeting to discuss and consider the assignment, appointment, promotion, performance and salaries of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of the Town, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711. A. 1. of the Code of Virginia.*

Vote: Yes – Councilmen Sealock, Cockrell, Gillispie, Holloway, Meza and Thompson  
No – N/A  
Abstain – N/A  
Absent – N/A

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The Mayor adjourned this portion of the meeting at 7:07pm.

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**Motion to Certify Closed Meeting at its Conclusion** [At the conclusion of the Closed Meeting, immediately re-convene in open meeting and take a roll call vote on the following:]

*Councilman Cockrell moved seconded by Councilman Thompson that the Mayor and Council certify that to the best of each member's knowledge, as recognized by each Mayor and Council member's affirmative vote, that only such public business matters lawfully exempted from Open Meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act as were identified in the motion by which the Closed Meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the Closed Meeting by the Mayor and Council, and that the vote of each individual member of the Mayor and Council be taken by roll call and recorded and included in the minutes of the meeting of Town Council.*


Vote: Yes -- Mayor Tewart and Councilmen Sealock, Cockrell, Gillispie, Holloway, Meza and Thompson  
No -- N/A  
Abstain -- N/A  
Absent -- N/A

ROLL CALL

APPROVED:

  
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Eugene R. Tewart, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Tina L. Presley Clerk of Council

Councilman Gillispie moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Sealock approved the Special Council Meeting minutes of June 30, 2020 on July 13, 2020.

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