



TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 2, 2021 at 6:00 PM

Town Hall Conference Room

The following minutes are a summary of items on the agenda. This meeting may be viewed in its entirety by accessing the video of the same date online via the Town's website at www.frontroyalva.com.

ROLL CALL FOR MAYOR/TOWN COUNCIL

PRESENT: Mayor Chris W. Holloway
 Vice Mayor Lori A. Cockrell
 Councilman Gary L. Gillispie
 Councilman E. Scott Lloyd
 Councilman Letasha T. Thompson

ABSENT: Councilman Joseph E. McFadden

APPOINTED STAFF PRESENT: Town Manager Steven W. Hicks
 Clerk of Council Tina L. Presley

APPOINTED STAFF ABSENT: Town Attorney Douglas W. Napier

Resolution Pertaining to a Legislative Request

Councilman Gillispie moved seconded by Councilman Thompson that Council approve a resolution encouraging all businesses located in the Town corporate limits from requiring COVID-19 vaccines as a condition of employment.

Mayor Holloway advised that he initiated the resolution before Council for their consideration as an alternative to the recently denied Medical Freedom Ordinance on July 26, 2021. Councilman Lloyd advised that the resolution before Council was not the one circulated to Council just recently. Clerk of Council Presley made copies for Council with the most current resolution. Councilman Lloyd continued that his question of legality was not fully answered stating provisions in the Virginia State Code and the Town's Charter that say otherwise. He questioned where it said that localities cannot mandate a vaccine. He voiced concern about paragraph #3 as well as other areas in the resolution. Mayor Holloway advised that an Attorney General's opinion would be sought. Councilman Thompson advised that she would be voting no on the resolution because after reading it she was afraid confusion would still exist on what Council can and cannot do.

Vote: Yes – Vice Mayor Cockrell and Councilman Gillispie

No – Councilmen Lloyd and Thompson

Absent – Councilman McFadden

Abstain – N/A

ROLL CALL

Mayor Holloway: Yes - to break tie

CLOSED MEETING – Interviews for FREDA and BAR and Personnel

Councilman Gillispie moved seconded by Vice Mayor Cockrell that Town Council go into Closed Meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711, of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, discipling or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of a public body, under subsection A.1.

Vote: Yes – Vice Mayor Cockrell, Councilmen Gillispie, Lloyd, and Thompson

No – N/A

Absent – Councilman McFadden

Abstain – N/A

ROLL CALL

Councilman Gillispie moved seconded by Councilman Thompson that Council certify that to the best of each member's knowledge, as recognized by each 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 Council, and that the vote of each individual member of Council be taken by roll call and recorded and included in the minutes of the meeting of Town Council.

Vote: Yes – Mayor Holloway, Vice Mayor Cockrell, Councilmen Gillispie, Lloyd, and Thompson

No – N/A

Absent – Councilman McFadden

Abstain – N/A

ROLL CALL

Meeting was adjourned.

Approved by Town Council

Date: 8/23/21