

**CITY OF COLONIAL HEIGHTS, VIRGINIA**  
**Special Meeting of City Council**  
**Tuesday, May 21, 2019**

**1. Call to Order.**

**The Special Meeting of City Council was called to order by Mayor Kochuba at 6:00 P.M.**

**2. Roll Call.**

**Present:**  
Councilman Michael A. Cherry  
Councilman Kenneth B. Frenier  
Councilman John E. Piotrowski  
Councilman John T. Wood  
Vice Mayor Elizabeth G. Luck  
Mayor T. Gregory Kochuba

**Absent:** Councilman W. Joe Green, Jr.

**Also Present:** Mr. Douglas E. Smith, City Manager  
Mr. Hugh P. Fisher, III, City Attorney  
Mrs. Pamela B. Wallace, City Clerk

**3. Declarations of Personal Interest**

**A Declaration of Personal Interest was read by Messrs. Frenier and Piotrowski then filed with the Clerk.**

**The Clerk announced the purpose of the meeting.**

**4. Work Session on the Following Items:**

**A. Presentation and Discussion of Proposed Baseball Franchise at Shepherd Stadium**

**Mr. Smith stated that Recreation and Parks Director Craig Skalak and his staff had been in conversations with a representative from the Coastal Planes League (CPL) regarding an interested party locating a league at Shepherd Stadium.**

**Mr. Skalak provided background information on the CPL stating that the league promotes a family atmosphere and not just baseball. Mr. Skalak provided attendance numbers from those localities which currently host a league, as well as costs associated with upgrades to the Shepherd Stadium facility. Mr. Skalak expressed his opinion relative to the positive impact this type of investment would have on the City's sports tourism. Mr. Skalak stated if Council was in favor of moving forward with the proposed project, he would provide them with more secure numbers and have the owner of the league come speak to them.**

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**Mr. Skalak addressed questions from Council relative to the scheduling and how it would affect the existing team schedule of the American Legion teams and BIB Tournament.**

**After additional questions, it was the consensus of Council for Mr. Smith and Mr. Skalak to move forward with the proposed project.**

**B. Discussion of the Pay Plan Study**

**Mr. Smith advised he had spoken with Sheriff Wilson regarding recommended changes from the Sheriff's Office. Mr. Smith stated the changes included a revised new minimum salary for Deputy Sheriff, Administrative Services Deputy and Lt. Deputy Sheriff.**

**Many Councilmembers thanked Mr. Smith and Human Resources Director Jennifer Carpenter for their efforts in compiling the Pay Plan Study. Mayor Kochuba stated he would like to see performance standards added in conjunction with years of service to increase employee pay grades.**

**It was the consensus of Council for staff to move forward with the implementation of the Pay Plan.**

**C. A RESOLUTION NO 19-26  
Providing for representation on the Chesterfield-Colonial Heights Social Services Board**

**After brief comments by Mr. Smith, he recommended moving forward with the reduction of one City of Colonial Heights representative on the board upon their term expiration.**

**At the request of Mr. Cherry, Mrs. Luck, as a member of the board, provided comments relative to the atmosphere of the meetings, stating there was a good rapport among both Chesterfield and Colonial Heights representatives. Mrs. Luck stated it was her recommendation that the compromise be met continuing to be good neighbors with Chesterfield County.**

**Mr. Fisher addressed questions relative to mandates and legal requirements to relinquish representation.**

**A motion was made by Mayor Kochuba, seconded by Mr. Cherry, to adopt Resolution No. 19-26.**

**VOTE: 6-0  
Yes: Cherry  
Frenier  
Piotrowski**

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**Wood**  
**Luck**  
**Kochuba**  
**No: None**  
**Abstained: None**  
**Absent: Green, Jr.**

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**D. Discussion of City Code Section 286-518.05 – Vehicle Parking in Residential Districts**

**At the request of Mr. Cherry, this item was placed on the agenda for Council’s discussion and further consideration. Mr. Cherry asked that Council discuss and consider changing the penalty for violation of the so noted code section from criminal to civil and suggested Council consider a continuing penalty. Additionally, Mr. Cherry stated he would like to give leniency and consideration to companies with City contracts.**

**Mr. Fisher stated the City goes out of its way to work with individuals allowing an abatement of the violation. Mr. Fisher stated that the entire zoning chapter of the City code was enforced criminally; and stated that in those rare occasions where court action was necessary, criminal charges seemed to get the defendant’s attention better than civil penalties. Mr. Fisher clarified that the criminal charges were an unclassified misdemeanor.**

**Mr. Fisher and Chief Faries addressed questions relative to the rotational process of those on-call towing companies and the response time requirements. Mr. Fisher also clarified for Council, with agreement from Chief Faries, that the City does not have contracts with tow truck companies for on-call services; they are simply on a rotation list. Mr. Fisher further stated he preferred not to make a change for this portion of the code when there were so few instances involving court action.**

**A motion was made by Mr. Cherry, seconded by Mayor Kochuba, to change the penalty for violation of Code Section 286-518.05 – Vehicle Parking in Residential Districts- from criminal to civil.**

**VOTE: 2-4**  
**Yes: Cherry**  
**Frenier**  
**No: Piotrowski**  
**Wood**  
**Luck**  
**Kochuba**  
**Abstained: None**  
**Absent: Green, Jr.**

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**MAJORITY FAIL**

**5. Adjournment**

**A motion was made by Mr. Cherry, seconded by Mrs. Luck to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 P.M.**

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**T. Gregory Kochuba, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Pamela B. Wallace, City Clerk**