

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE & SUMMARY MINUTES

Actions of the City Council for May 10, 2021

The following legislation was considered and acted upon by the City Council of the City of Falls Church. Copies of legislation are available from the City Clerk cityclerk@fallschurchva.gov or 703-248-5014.

Call to Order: Mayor Tarter called the virtual meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was held pursuant to and in compliance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and applicable emergency electronic meeting regulations enacted to address the COVID-19 emergency. All participating members of City Council were present through electronic means and members of the public could view the meeting fallschurchva.gov/CouncilMeetings and on FCCTV (Cox 11, RCN 2, Verizon 35). Public hearings were held electronically and public comments were accepted electronically at cityclerk@fallschurchva.gov.

Roll Call: Upon roll call, the following members were present: Mayor Tarter, Vice Mayor Connelly, Mr. Duncan, Ms. Hardi, Mr. Litkenhous, Ms. Schantz-Hiscott, and Mr. Snyder.

Public Comments and Council Requested Items and other requests

Claire Weatherly, regional winner of the Virginia Municipal League's "If I were Mayor" essay contest shared her essay. Robert Bullington, Communications Director for the Virginia Municipal League spoke about the programs

CITY COUNCIL RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS FOR A BETTER CITY (CBC) APPOINTED STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES TO CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AND CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

MOTION by Mr. Duncan, second by Litkenhous to recognize the Citizens for a Better City recommended students as Youth Representatives to Boards, Commissions, and Civic Organizations and direct the City Clerk to administer Oaths of Office to students serving on City boards and commissions PASSED 7-0.

Second readings of ordinances and other items requiring public hearings

(TO21-06) ORDINANCE SETTING THE RATE OF TAX LEVY ON REAL ESTATE FOR TAX YEAR 2022 AND ON PERSONAL PROPERTY, MACHINERY AND TOOLS AND ALL OTHER PROPERTY SEGREGATED BY LAW FOR LOCAL TAXATION IN THE CITY OF FALLS CHURCH VIRGINIA FOR TAX YEAR 2021 MOTION by Ms. Schantz-Hiscott, seconded by Mr. Snyder to adopt (TO21-06) PASSED 7-0. (ORD. 2029)

(TO21-01) ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REENACT, AND RECODIFY CHAPTER 14, "ENVIRONMENT," ARTICLE III, "NOISE," OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF FALLS CHURCH TO REMOVE PROVISIONS DEFINING VIOLATIONS AS THOSE THAT DISTURB A REASONABLE PERSON, CREATE AN EXCEPTION FOR SMALL POWER EQUIPMENT OPERATION DURING DAYTIME, ALLOW HIGHER DECIBEL LEVELS AND LONGER DAYTIME HOURS ON WEEKENDS IN COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS MOTION by Mr. Snyder, seconded by Mr. Duncan to adopt the staff recommendations to (TO21-01) along with a direction to staff to provide recommendations

on how best to tailor the issue to particular circumstances to be reported back to City Council within a month PASSED 6-1 (Mr. Litkenhous – NAY.) (ORD. 2030)

[Staff recommended changes: the definition of Daytime: strike 10:30 pm and insert 10 pm; and make no changes to the decibel levels in the current City Code.]

Resolutions and first readings of ordinances

(TO21-09) ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCES 2009, 2012, 2016, 2018, AND 2023 REGARDING THE BUDGET OF EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 FOR THE GENERAL FUND, STORMWATER FUND, AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND, THE SCHOOL ACTIVITY FUND, AND THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM FUNDS MOTION by Ms. Connelly, seconded by Ms. Schantz-Hiscott to grant first reading to (TO21-09), schedule second reading and public hearing for May 24, 2021, and advertise the same according to law PASSED 7-0.

(TO21-10) ORDINANCE TO CREATE AND ESTABLISH THE WEST FALLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY No action taken.

Closed Session

City Council held a closed session at 9:24 p.m. pursuant to Virginia Code section § 2.2-3711.A.(8) for "consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel" [Legal advice regarding a request to create a Community Development Authority and a request to approve the development at the West Falls Church Economic Development Project.]

City Council re-entered open session at 10:58 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

	Legislation	Action
	ORD. 2029	Record
	ORD. 2030	Record
	(TO21-09)	Advertise Public Hearing