



**Minutes of the  
Colonial Beach Town Council  
Regular Meeting held on  
Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.**

Colonial Beach Town Center  
22 Washington Avenue

**Present**

Eddie Blunt, Mayor  
Robin Schick, Vice Mayor  
Frank Alger, Council Member  
Patrick Ey, Council Member  
Dallas Leamon, Council Member  
Vicki Roberson, Council Member

**Absent**

All Council Members were present.

**Also Present**

Town Manager, Quinn Robertson  
Deputy Town Manager, Rob Murphy  
Interim Town Attorney, Vivian Seay Giles  
Town Clerk, Heather Oliver

**Call to Order**

Mayor Blunt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Blunt led the meeting in a Moment of Silence, Pledge of Allegiance was not conducted due to CDC recommendations.

**Roll Call of Members**

Mayor Blunt noted that all Council Members were present.

## **Additions to the Agenda**

No additions to the agenda.

## **Approval of the Agenda**

Mr. Leamon made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Ey seconded the motion.

Mayor Blunt called for a roll call vote to approve to the agenda. Mr. Alger voted “aye,” Mr. Ey voted “aye,” Mr. Leamon voted “aye,” Mr. Cirbee voted “aye,” Ms. Roberson vote “aye,” Ms. Schick voted “aye,” and Mayor Blunt voted “aye.”

*The motion to approve the agenda passed with a unanimous vote of council members present*

## **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Leamon made a motion to approve minutes from September 2, 2020 Work Session and September 16, Regular Meeting. Mr. Ey seconded the motion.

Mayor Blunt called for a roll call vote to approve the minutes. Mr. Alger voted “aye,” Mr. Ey voted “aye,” Mr. Leamon voted “aye,” Mr. Cirbee voted “aye,” Ms. Roberson vote “aye,” Ms. Schick voted “aye,” and Mayor Blunt voted “aye.”

*The motion to approve the minutes passed with a unanimous vote of council members present*

## **Council Member Announcements**

Mr. Alger congratulated all the new members of council and the school board. He thanked the citizens for coming out and voting. It is how the citizens can control their democracy.

Mr. Ey congratulated all the new council members and Ms. Schick for Mayor. He thanked Mr. Alger, Mr. Cirbee, Mr. Leamon and of course Mayor Blunt for the time they served on the council and everything they did for the community. He also congratulated the new school board member Ms. Lucas Peyton.

Mr. Leamon congratulated the newly elected officials and apologized for his absence at the polls due to the passing of a close childhood friend in his hometown.

Mr. Cirbee stated he was amazed with the turn out at the polls and thanked Dr. Self-Sullivan for the hard work she put in to get voters registered in our community. He congratulated all the winners.

Ms. Roberson noted it was amazing to see so many people out voting and involved throughout the election. She hopes the interest continues and the citizens stay involved.

Ms. Schick thanked all the candidates that ran for a seat. She is excited to work with the new council and go into 2021.

Ms. Schick noted the library is changing its hours to Monday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Tuesday and Thursday from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM and Saturday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Mayor Blunt noted the hours were decided before the recent rise in COVID cases, so it could change.

Ms. Schick further noted to call the library before going to make sure the hours did not change.

Mayor Blunt thanked all the citizens that voted, and each candidate had a significant number of votes, that proved there was a huge turnout at the polls. He looks forward to what the future has to offer.

## **New Business**

### **Resolution #43-20, Establishment of Personal Property Tax Relief, Rates for Tax Year 2020**

Mr. Leamon made a motion to approve Resolution #43-20, as written. Ms. Roberson seconded the motion.

Mayor Blunt called for a roll call vote. Mr. Alger voted “aye,” Mr. Ey voted “aye,” Mr. Leamon voted “aye,” Mr. Cirbee voted “aye,” Ms. Roberson voted “aye,” Ms. Schick voted “aye” and Mayor Blunt voted “aye.”

***The motion to approve Resolution #43-30 passed with a unanimous vote of council members present.***

### **RESOLUTION #43-20, Establishment of Personal Property Tax Relief Rates for Tax Year 2020**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, in accordance with the requirements set forth in VA. CODE ANN. §58.1-3523 et seq., as amended by Chapter 1 of the Acts of Assembly (2004 Special Session I), Chapter 879 of the Acts of Assembly (2008) and as set forth in Item 503.E. (Personal Property Tax Relief Program) of Chapter 951 of the 2005 Acts of Assembly, any qualifying vehicle situated within the Town of Colonial Beach commencing January 1, 2020, shall receive personal property tax relief in the following manner:

- Personal use vehicles with assessed value of \$1000 or less will be eligible for 100% tax relief;

- Personal use vehicles with assessed value of \$1001 to \$20,000 will be eligible for 40.379% tax relief;
  - Personal use vehicles with assessed value over \$20,000 will be eligible for 40.379% tax relief on the first \$20,000 and shall receive 0% tax relief for the assessed value over \$20,000;
  - All other vehicles which do not meet the definition of “qualifying” (such as business use vehicles, farm use vehicles, motor homes, etc.) will not be eligible for any form of tax relief under this program.
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### **Resolution #44-20, Appoints Tommy Edwards to the Memorials Advisory Commission**

Mr. Leamon made a motion to approve Resolution #44-20, as written. Mr. Cirbee seconded the motion.

Mr. Cirbee noted he can’t believe that they missed Tommy the first go around with appointees. He is the perfect fit for this commission.

Mayor Blunt called for a roll call vote. Mr. Alger voted “aye,” Mr. Ey voted “aye,” Mr. Leamon voted “aye,” Mr. Cirbee voted “aye,” Ms. Roberson voted “aye,” Ms. Schick voted “aye” and Mayor Blunt voted “aye.”

*The motion to approve Resolution #44-20 passed with a unanimous vote of council members present.*

### **RESOLUTION #44-20, Appoints Tommy Edwards to the Memorials Advisory Commission**

**WHEREAS**, Tommy Edwards has expressed a willingness to serve on the Memorials Advisory Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the Memorials Advisory Commission was created to identify and honor men and women who gave of themselves for the benefit of our town.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Council meeting in regular session, Wednesday, November 18, 2020 hereby appoints Tommy Edwards to serve on the Memorials Advisory Commission; with his respective term expiring January 2024.

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## **Closed Meeting**

Mr. Leamon made a motion to go into a closed meeting pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 (A)(1), to discuss the performance of a specific employee and possibly take action following the closed meeting AND pursuant Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 (A)(8) consultation with legal counsel for discussion on legal services contract. Ms. Roberson seconded the motion.

Mayor Blunt called for a roll call vote. Mr. Alger voted “aye,” Mr. Ey voted “aye,” Mr. Leamon voted “aye,” Mr. Cirbee voted “aye,” Ms. Roberson voted “aye,” Ms. Schick voted “aye,” and Mayor Blunt voted “aye.”

*At 6:12 p.m. council moved into closed session.*

## **Reconvene/Certification**

*At 9:46 PM council moved into open meeting.*

Mr. Leamon made a motion to reconvene and that Council certify that only those matters as were identified in the motion to go into closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered. Mr. Cirbee seconded the motion.

Mr. Alger, Mr. Ey, Mr. Leamon, Ms. Roberson, Ms. Schick and Mayor Blunt all so certified.

Ms. Schick noted Mayor Blunt does not certify because he left prematurely.

*All council members present certified that only those matters as were identified were heard, discussed or considered during closed meeting, with the exception of Mayor Blunt.*

## **Council Action**

Ms. Schick stated a statement has been made that the Town Manager has elected to resign from his position immediately. The Town Council agreed to a severance package of two months paid, health benefits and accrued time. We would like to thank Mr. Robertson for his time and service to the community and its citizens. We wish Mr. Robertson the very best and support him going forward in whatever he endeavors.

Ms. Alger made a motion to accept the resignation of the Town Manager effective immediately. Ms. Roberson seconded the motion.

Roll call vote was made. Mr. Alger voted “aye,” Mr. Ey voted “nay,” Mr. Cirbee “abstained due to reasons that may have personal conflict,” Ms. Roberson voted “aye,” and Ms. Schick voted “aye.”

*The motion passed with a 4-1 vote with one abstained vote of council members present.*

Mr. Leamon made a motion to appoint Rob Murphy as acting Interim Town Manager and as soon as possible council will contact VML and will pursue a temporary town manager for an undetermined amount of time. Mr. Alger seconded the motion.

Roll call vote was made. Mr. Alger voted “aye,” Mr. Ey voted “aye,” Mr. Leamon voted “aye,” Mr. Cirbee voted “aye,” Ms. Roberson voted “aye,” and Ms. Schick voted “aye.”

*The motion to appoint Rob Murphy as Acting Interim Town Manager passed with a unanimous vote of council members present.*

### **Adjournment/Recess**

Mr. Leamon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Ey seconded the motion.

Roll call vote was made. Mr. Ager voted “aye,” Mr. Ey voted “aye,” Mr. Leamon voted “aye,” Mr. Cirbee voted “aye,” Ms. Roberson voted “aye,” and Ms. Schick voted “aye.”

*At 9:48 PM, Ms. Schick adjourned the meeting.*

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Heather Oliver, Town Clerk