**Ashburn City Council**

**Thursday, January 4, 2024**

**6:00 P.M.**

**Present: Mayor Sandra Lumpkin, City Clerk Amanda Hill, Councilmember Corey Jordan, Councilmember John Burgess, Attorney Gary Lamar, Councilmember Jermaine Rockwell, City Manager Daryl Hall, Councilmember Andrea Pierce, by phone, and Councilmember Sheldon Smith**

**Guests: Howard Jordan, Public Safety Director Richard Purvis, Ben Baker, Vuzeda Rudgles, Ben Walker, Roy Martin, Major Richard Troutman, Ashley Miller, Charles Jordan Jr., Albert Shephard, Shylynski Smith, Richard Chatfield**

**Mayor Lumpkin asked City Manager, Daryl Hall to do the Invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Councilmember Pierce made a motion to amend the agenda to add a bill that the police department incurred with vehicles, court fee resolution, proposed meeting format, and roll call. Councilmember Smith made the Second.**

**Ayes: Pierce, Smith, Burgess, Jordan, Rockwell**

**Roll call was done by City Clerk Amanda Hill.**

**Mayor Lumpkin asked for approval of the December 7, 2023, regular meeting minutes. Councilmember Jordan made the motion to approve, and Councilmember Burgess and Pierce made the Second. Ayes: Jordan, Burgess, Pierce, Smith, Rockwell**

**City Manager Hall discussed the Intergovernmental SPLOST agreement with the County and Cities. Forty percent was agreed upon to be given to the City which is $2.6 million over 6 years. SPLOST needs to be on the ballot for the citizens to decide. Councilmember Pierce made the motion to approve the Intergovernmental SPLOST agreement and Councilmember Rockwell made the Second. Ayes: Pierce, Rockwell, Smith, Burgess, Jordan**

**Mayor Lumpkin discussed the reappointments of the Municipal Court Judge, Municipal Court Prosecutor, Municipal Court Indigent Defense Attorney, and the City Attorney. Councilmember Burgess interrupted the discussion by reminding Mayor Lumpkin that this was supposed to be done last year but was not. He advised her that he told her that it should be done and that he knew what he was talking about.**

**Mayor Lumpkin asked for a motion to reappoint Ray Holland as the Municipal Court Judge. Councilmember Rockwell made the motion and Councilmember Pierce made the Second.**

**Ayes: Rockwell, Pierce, Smith, Burgess, Jordan**

**Councilmember Rockwell made the motion to reappoint Dustin Land as the Municipal Court Prosecutor and Councilmember Pierce made the Second.**

**Ayes: Rockwell, Pierce, Burgess, Jordan, Smith**

**Councilmember Rockwell made the motion to reappoint John Sherrer as the Municipal Court Indigent Defense Attorney and Councilmember Pierce made the Second.**

**Ayes: Rockwell, Pierce, Jordan, Smith, Burgess**

**Councilmember Pierce made the motion to reappoint Gary Lamar as the City Attorney and Councilmember Rockwell made the Second.**

**Ayes: Pierce, Rockwell, Smith, Jordan, Burgess**

**City Manager Hall asked for one more amendment to the agenda so that the reappointment of the City Clerk could be added. Councilmember Pierce made the motion to amend the agenda once again to add the reappointment of the City Clerk. Councilmember Rockwell made the Second. Ayes: Pierce, Rockwell, Jordan, Burgess, Smith**

**Councilmember Pierce made the motion to reappoint Amanda Hill as the City Clerk and Councilmember Rockwell made the Second.**

**Ayes: Pierce, Rockwell, Burgess, Jordan, Smith**

**Mayor Lumpkin asked for a motion to reappoint Andrea Pierce as the Mayor Pro-Tem. Councilmember Rockwell made the motion and Councilmember Smith made the Second.**

**Ayes: Rockwell, Smith, Burgess, Jordan, Pierce**

**Mayor Lumpkin asked for a motion to approve the list of approved alcohol beverage licenses.**

**Councilmember Rockwell made a motion to approve the approved list of alcohol beverage licenses. Councilmember Pierce made the Second.**

**Ayes: Rockwell, Pierce, Jordan, Smith, Burgess**

**City Manager Hall discussed speed bumps on Pate Avenue. Councilmember Jordan said that all the citizens on Pate wants speed bumps. Public Safety Director, Richard Purvis, also mentioned that Whatley Drive still wants speed bumps as well. Councilmember Rockwell does not want speed bumps in every neighborhood. He wants Public Safety Director Purvis to have more patrols done for speeders.**

**Ben Walker, asked if he could speak to the audience? He was told that he could not since he did not have a speaker appearance form done. Councilmember Rockwell made a motion to allow Mr. Walker to speak at the meeting and Councilmember Pierce made the Second.**

**Ayes: Rockwell, Pierce, Burgess, Jordan, Smith**

**Mr. Walker wants the speed bump signs to be placed closer to the actual speed bumps so that drivers will know where they are located.**

**Mayor Lumpkin asked for a motion to have speed bumps placed on Pate Avenue. Councilmember Pierce made the motion and Councilmember Jordan made the Second.**

**Ayes: Pierce, Jordan, Smith, Burgess**

**Nays: Rockwell**

**City Manager Hall discussed the Holiday Calendar for 2024. He discussed July 4th being on a Thursday and suggested maybe letting the employees use their leave to take July 5th off as well. Councilmember Burgess said that he felt like the employees should not have to use their own time. He thinks that they should be given the day before and the day after a holiday.**

**Councilmember Pierce asked about how the Budget would be affected? City Manager Hall said that the Budget would not be affected at all. Councilmember Smith wanted to know if this is the only change unless all the Council agreed on a change. City Manager Hall said that was correct. Councilmember Burgess made a motion to approve the Holiday Calendar for 2024 and add July 5, 2024, as one of the holidays, and Councilmember Jordan made the Second.**

**Ayes: Burgess, Jordan, Smith, Rockwell, Pierce**

**City Manager Hall discussed a bill that the police department incurred with vehicles. Public Safety Director, Purvis has received the money from the wrecked vehicles already and this has been approved at a earlier date. Councilmember Burgess made the motion to approve the bill and Councilmember Smith made the Second.**

**Ayes: Burgess, Smith, Jordan, Rockwell, Pierce**

**Attorney Lamar discussed a resolution to authorize the Municipal Court of the City of Ashburn to charge a technology fee of $25.00 for each criminal and quasi-criminal fine imposed. This fee would help to offset some other charges at the court. Councilmember Pierce offered a motion to approve the resolution and Councilmember Jordan made the Second.**

**Ayes: Pierce, Jordan, Burgess, Smith, Rockwell**

**Attorney Lamar discussed a proposed meeting format. Councilmember Pierce wants Mayor Lumpkin to look at this since she is over the meetings. Councilmember Burgess wants to table this because he is tired of the Council having to rush and approve items. Councilmember Pierce offered a motion to table the proposed meeting format and Councilmember Jordan made the Second.**

**Ayes: Pierce, Jordan, Smith, Rockwell, Burgess**

**Vuzeda Rudgles spoke about her not being placed on this meeting’s agenda. She said that she never agreed to her not being on the agenda. Councilmember Rockwell made a motion to allow Vuzeda Rudgles to speak at the meeting. Councilmember Pierce made the Second.**

**Ayes: Rockwell, Pierce, Smith, Jordan, Burgess**

**Ms. Rudgles discussed the call she made to communications on 12/29/2023 and received no response. She says that she was run off the road by a semi-truck. City Manager Hall said that the matter is still being investigated.**

**Mayor Lumpkin asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 P.M. Councilmember Pierce made the motion to adjourn, and Councilmember Rockwell made the Second.**

**Ayes: Pierce, Rockwell, Smith, Jordan, Burgess**

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**City Clerk**

**Approved this 1st day of February 2024**

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