February 19, 2019

A CALLED MEETING OF THE BRISTOL, VIRGINIA, CITY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON FEBRUARY 19, 2019 AT 300 LEE STREET, BRISTOL, VIRGINIA WITH VICE MAYOR KEVIN WINGARD PRESIDING. COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE ANTHONY FARNUM, WILLIAM HARTLEY, AND NEAL OSBORNE. MAYOR KEVIN MUMPPOWER WAS ABSENT. CITY MANAGER/INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY, RANDALL EADS WAS ALSO PRESENT.

Vice Mayor Wingard called the meeting to order and asked for a moment of silence, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

1. Consider closed session pursuant to §2.2-3711.A6, Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended. Discussion or consideration of the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, where, if made public initially, the financial interest of the governmental unit would be adversely affected (proprietary)

Vice Mayor Wingard asked for a motion and second to enter closed session. Mr. Osborne made the motion to enter into closed session for the reasons stated, which was seconded by Mr. Farnum. The motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Farnum, Hartley, Osborne, Wingard.

Vice Mayor Wingard asked for a roll call vote to certify the closed session.

Ayes: Farnum, Hartley, Osborne, Wingard.

2. Consider Approval of First Amendment to Revised and Restated Agreement with Interstate Development Partners.

City Manager Randall Eads said that the amendment would remove the list of businesses that are pre-approved for The Falls development.

Michael Pollard spoke in support of removing restrictions on businesses and said that he would prefer Council to have discussions about The Falls in public session.

Mr. Osborne made a motion to approve the amended agreement with the following changes to paragraph 4: the removal of “amphitheater, stadium, sports venues and facilities, sports betting, gambling, and casino operations, and car washes.” Mr. Farnum seconded the motion.

Mr. Hartley said he supported the changes and that he hoped to see some positive momentum at The Falls. Mr. Osborne agreed and said he hoped to see more activity with the removal of restrictions. Mr. Farnum and Mr. Wingard also spoke in support of the amendments.

Vice Mayor asked for a roll call on the motion to approve, which carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Farnum, Hartley, Osborne, Wingard.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.