

**SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING OF THE FARMVILLE TOWN COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON MAY 26, 2015**

At the special called Council meeting of the Farmville Town Council held on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 2:00 pm in the Town Manager's Conference Room, located at 116 North Main Street, Farmville, Virginia there present were Mayor D.E. Whitus presiding and Council members D.E. Dwyer, D.L. Hunter, T.M. Pairet, J.J. Davis, Jr., and G.C. Cole. Council members S.B. Thompson and A.D. Reid were absent.

Staff present was Town Manager, Gerald Spates and Town Clerk, Lisa Hricko.

Mayor Whitus called the meeting to order and stated the purpose of the meeting was to consider granting a site development easement to the Longwood Real Estate Foundation on a ten foot wide by forty foot in length alley, located off Redford Street between Griffin Blvd. and Race Street. Mr. Spates stated the Longwood Real Estate Foundation, preparing the closing documents discovered that the alleyway had not been abandoned. In order to meet the lenders closing deadline, the Attorney for the Foundation and Ms. Erard, the Town's Attorney suggested Town Council issue a site development easement. Mr. Spates stated the Town will need to hold a public hearing to abandon the alleyway to the adjoining owner, which is Longwood University.

For clarification, the Town Attorney joined the meeting by telephone and provided an overview of the purpose of the site development easement. There were no other questions and the conversation with Ms. Erard was terminated.

Members discussed the site development easement and the abandonment of the alleyway. Mr. Spates stated Phillip Moore, Building Official for the Town, informed him that the property being developed is owned by the State and as such, the Foundation will not be applying for a building permit. Mr. Moore joined the meeting and said he estimates loss of revenue for the Town from the building permit fee to be approximately \$30,000 to \$35,000. Mr. Moore stated the contractors and subcontractors would still be required to get a business license.

**CLOSED MEETING – PERSONNEL MATTERS, SECTION 2.2-3711.A.1 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA**

On motion by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Hunter and with all Council members voting "aye", the motion to go into closed session under **Section 2.2-3711.A.1** of the Code of Virginia, for discussion of the performance of specific public officers, appointees or employees of the Town of Farmville was approved.

On motion by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Mr. Davis and with all Council members voting “aye”, the motion to return to the regular order of business was approved.

**CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING**

WHEREAS, the Farmville Town Council has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of The Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Farmville Town Council that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Farmville Town Council hereby certifies that, to the best of each member’s knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Farmville Town Council.

VOTE: Davis, Hunter, Dwyer, Cole and Pairet

MOTION: Davis

SECOND: Hunter

AYES: Dwyer, Hunter, Pairet, Davis and Cole

NOES: none

ABSENT DURING VOTE: Thompson and Reid

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Clerk

**REQUEST FOR SITE EASEMENT ON BEHALF OF LONGWOOD REAL ESTATE FOUNDATION**

On motion by Hunter, seconded by Mr. Davis and with a recorded vote with Council members Dwyer, Hunter, Pairet, Reid, Davis and Cole voting “aye”, the motion to authorize the Town Manager to sign the Deed of Easement dated March 26, 2015, as prepared by the Town Attorney, Andrea Erard was approved.

**BACKGROUND:** The Deed of Easement is a perpetual site development easement for the property described as the 10 foot alley off Redford Street between Griffin Blvd. and Race Street. The alley is a dead end alley that is 10 foot in width and 40 foot in length and is located on the

property owned by Longwood University. Before Town Council may consider abandonment of the alley, a public hearing must be held. The Town Manager stated it has been Council's policy when abandoning an alleyway, the property reverts to the adjacent property owners, and in this case it would be Longwood University.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

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David E. Whitus, Mayor

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Lisa M. Hricko, Clerk