

TOWN COUNCIL WORKSESSION
Tuesday, May 9, 2019
Clifton Forge Council Chambers, Town Hall
547 Main Street

Mayor Jeff Irvine called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present: Jeff Irvine, David Oeltjen, Pamela Marshall, and Ronald Goings

Also present: Darlene Burcham, Town Manager, and LeeAnna Tyler, Finance Director

The Town Manager, opened the meeting asking what items/issues Council members wanted to discuss since she had received no comments from individual members. The Mayor indicated the majority of Council still wanted to eliminate town stickers and yet did not want to raise taxes.

The Town Manager with the assistance of the Finance Director, suggested the license fee still be assessed as of March of each year, but that the code be changed to eliminate the requirement for the decal to be placed on the windshield. LeeAnna passed out a marked-up section of the code reflecting the suggested changes. The Town Manager indicated she had spoken with the Town Attorney who was reviewing the suggested changes with the goal of having an ordinance amendment on the May 28th agenda.

The Town Manager indicated this approach, somewhat unique, had also been shared with the County Treasurer who thought it would work. Both the Town Manager and Finance Director reiterated their concern for revenue loss on personal property as a result of the loss of the decal as an enforcement tool. It was stated that the Town would have to use more aggressive enforcement techniques in the future like those used by the County.

Council members expressed support of the method proposed and were told it could be mentioned at the upcoming meeting; however, the ordinance would not be available that soon.

The Town Manager requested an additional meeting on May 21 at 7 PM to consider purchase of CSX property since the advertisement for the required public hearing did not occur. Council agreed.

On a motion by Councilman Oeltjen, seconded by Vice Mayor Marshall, the meeting adjourned at 4:40 PM.