



SOUTH HILL TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2022, 7:00 P.M.

The regular monthly meeting of the South Hill Town Council was held on Monday, August 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the South Hill Town Hall located at 211 S. Mecklenburg Avenue, South Hill, Virginia 23970. The meeting was also available livestream via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXx969rpU0hUwMLl1ot78g>. Town Clerk Anna Cratch took minutes of the meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER

As the prior special meeting exceeded the expected timeframe, Honorable Mayor Dean Marion called the regular meeting to order at 7:43 p.m. and then called for a 10-minute recess.

Mayor Marion welcomed Will Stacy to the meeting. Mr. Stacy is the son of the new pastor at South Hill United Methodist Church. Mr. Stacy, who is a political science major, attended the meeting as an observer.

2. INVOCATION

Mayor Marion rendered the invocation.

3. ROLL CALL

Mayor Marion called upon Town Clerk Anna Cratch to call the roll, which was as follows:

A. Council Members

Lillie Feggins-Boone	Alex Graham	Gavin L. Honeycutt
W.M. "Mike" Moody	Shep Moss	G. Ben Taylor
Joseph E. Taylor, Jr.		

Councilwoman Delores B. Luster was absent from the meeting.

B. Staff in Attendance

Kim Callis, Town Manager	Anna B. Cratch, Town Clerk
Sheila Cutrell, Dir. of Finance and Admin.	C.J. Dean, Dir. of Municipal Services
David Hash, Code Compliance Official	Kristine Martin, HR Manager
Michael Vaughan, Fire Dept. Admin.	Howard P. Estes, Jr., Town Attorney

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilman Honeycutt, second by Councilman Joseph Taylor, to approve the agenda for August 8, 2022. The motion carried unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JULY 11, 2022, REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

A motion was made by Councilwoman Feggins-Boone, second by Councilman Honeycutt, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 11, 2022 as distributed by Town Clerk Anna Cratch. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Moody, second by Councilman Honeycutt, to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on July 11, 2022 as distributed by Town Clerk Anna Cratch. The motion carried unanimously.

6. COUNCILMAN MIKE MOODY – BUDGET AMENDMENT PROPOSAL

Councilman Moody presented a request for an amendment to the FY22-23 budget, which Council adopted at its regular meeting on June 13, 2022 and was effective July 1, 2022. He reported the budget was advertised locally, and a Work Session and Public Hearing were held. There were no tax rate increases. Due to the increased cost of water and sewer, there was a water and sewer consumption rate increase. Also included was an increase in the water and sewer connection fees, which have not increased since 1993. As he doesn't feel everyone read all of the budget items listed in the paper and doesn't recall it being mentioned in any of the meetings, Councilman Moody asked Council to consider delaying the imposition of the new water and sewer connection fees until FY23-24. This would allow Budget and Finance and the Town to look at the matter again. Since this request is a change to the Town's adopted ordinance, the state code requires a Public Hearing before any amendment vote can be effective.

Connection fees approved were as follows:

<u>In Town</u>	<u>FY 2021-2022</u>	<u>FY 2022-2023</u>
Water Connection Fee	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
Irrigation Meter Fee	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
Sewer Connection Fee	\$1,500.00	\$3,000.00
<u>Out of Town</u>		
Water Connection Fee	\$2,000.00	\$4,000.00
Sewer Connection Fee	\$3,000.00	\$6,000.00

Several Council members expressed concerns regarding budgetary impacts.

A motion was made by Councilman Moody, second by Councilman Honeycutt, to hold a Public Hearing at the September 12, 2022 Town Council meeting to receive public opinion regarding a budget amendment for water and sewer connection fees. The motion passed via **roll call vote** as follows:

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| Councilwoman Feggins-Boone-Aye | Councilman Graham-Aye |
| Councilman Honeycutt-Aye | Councilwoman Luster-Absent |
| Councilman Moody-Aye | Councilman Moss-Aye |
| Councilman Ben Taylor-Aye | Councilman Joseph Taylor-Aye. |

7. CITIZENS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Comments are limited to three minutes (five minutes if on behalf of a group).

Mayor Marion reminded everyone regarding the policy for those who wish to address Council. The following citizens addressed Council:

- Tony Hayes – Water and sewer hookup charges
- Wade Crowder – Various concerns including his language, a dumpster behind the fire department, and the Town Manager

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Comments are limited to three minutes (five minutes if on behalf of a group).

A. RE 2022-5, Request by Woody Oakley to rezone his property on the west side of Ridgewood Avenue from single-family residential district R1-10 to single-family residential district R1-6 – David Hash

David Hash informed Council a Public Hearing has been called for comments regarding the request of Woody Oakley to rezone his property on the west side of Ridgewood Avenue from single-family residential district R1-10 to single-family residential district R1-6. At the Public Hearing held on August 1, 2022, the South Hill Planning Commission voted to recommend that Council approve the rezoning request.

Mr. Hash opened the Public Hearing.

- Joe Church commented on the small lot size.
- Woody Oakley stated the use of the lot wouldn't change. Mr. Oakley shared he is requesting the rezoning due to setback requirements.

Mr. Hash closed the Public Hearing. **A motion was made by Councilman Honeycutt, second by Councilman Moody**, to approve the RE 2022-5 request by Woody Oakley to rezone his property on the west side of Ridgewood Avenue from single-family residential district R1-10 to single-family residential district R1-6. The motion carried unanimously.

9. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

A. South Hill Volunteer Fire Department (SHVFD) Bucket Drive Request

Kim Callis informed Council Chief Michael Vaughan requests permission for the SHVFD to hold a bucket drive fundraiser on Saturday, September 3, 2022. Donations will be accepted at six locations throughout Town:

- North Mecklenburg Avenue (E-Z Stop)
- East Atlantic Street (Farrar Auction and Realty)
- West Atlantic Street (Food Lion)
- West Danville Street (Slip In)
- Shaw Street (Walmart)
- Peebles Street/Furr Street

A motion was made by Councilman Moody, second by Councilwoman Feggins-Boone, to approve the SHVFD request to hold a bucket drive fundraiser on September 3, 2022 from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Moss congratulated and thanked Chief Vaughan and the SHVFD for their recent lifesaving mission in Kentucky. Mr. Callis mentioned Emmett Williams and Williams Enterprises donated a 26' box truck and a fuel card. VCU Health Community Memorial Hospital donated items along with Tractor Supply, Crowder-Hite-Crews Funeral Home and Crematory, and many others.

B. August 8 Council Work Session Update

Mr. Callis reported that at the last Council meeting, a motion was made to set up a Work Session with Council to discuss grant program possibilities for multiple housing projects. The Work Session was held on August 8 at noon in the Council Chambers. Erika Tanner with the Southside Planning District Commission shared a Regional Housing Market Analysis presentation. Chris Thompson with Virginia Housing shared a presentation regarding Virginia Housing Tools and Resources. A number of speakers shared their thoughts and concerns.

Governor Youngkin has directed the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to host a series of listening sessions by invitation around the state.

10. FINANCE REPORT

A. Proposed Real Estate Tax Rate

Sheila Cutrell informed Council that based on the recent assessment of real property, property values in Town increased by approximately 12%. The Code of Virginia § 58.1-3321 requires either a reduction in the rate of levy for the forthcoming tax year so as to cause such rate of levy to produce no more than 101% of the previous year's real property tax levies or holding a Public Hearing to implement an effective rate increase.

Ms. Cutrell asked for a motion to hold a Public Hearing at the September 12, 2022 regular meeting of the Town Council to hear comments regarding the proposed real estate tax rate amendment.

A motion was made by Councilman Ben Taylor, second by Councilman Honeycutt, to hold a Public Hearing at the September 12, 2022 Town Council meeting to hear comments regarding the proposed real estate tax rate amendment. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Appropriation of DHCD Funds for Nicks Lane Area Comprehensive Project

Ms. Cutrell reported the Town has been awarded a 2022 CDBG Planning Grant for planning assistance for the Nicks Lane Area Comprehensive Project. DHCD will make a total of up to \$60,000.00 available to the Town for researching and developing strategies for the project. Ms. Cutrell asked that Council appropriate the grant funds for this purpose.

A motion was made by Councilman Joseph Taylor, second by Councilwoman Feggins-Boone, to appropriate \$60,000.00 in planning grant funds from DHCD for the Nicks Lane Area Comprehensive Project. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Appropriation of Grant Funds for Façade and Up-Fit Grant Programs

Ms. Cutrell reported that in FY21-22, the Town received a 2022 Virginia Statewide Business District Resurgence Grant in the amount of \$50,000.00 to be utilized as a match to its current Façade and Up-Fit Grant programs to enhance the downtown. At the close of FY21-22, the Town had funds remaining in the amount of \$32,975.85. As the appropriation technically lapsed with the close of the fiscal year, the remaining funds need to be appropriated in the FY22-23 budget. Ms. Cutrell asked that Council appropriate the remaining grant funds for the stated purpose.

A motion was made by Councilman Moody, second by Councilwoman Feggins-Boone, to appropriate funds in the amount of \$32,975.85 from the 2022 Virginia Statewide Business

District Resurgence Grant to be utilized as a match to the Town's current Façade and Up-Fit Grant programs. The motion carried unanimously.

11. REPORTS TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED

For efficiency, the following reports for July 2022 were grouped to approve as presented.

A. Town Manager Report

i. Facilities Reservation Calendar

Kim Callis presented Council with a calendar of activities and reservations at Centennial Park, Parker Park, the South Hill Exchange, and other Town facilities.

The Dixie Baseball state tournaments that began July 8 were very successful in spite of dealing with some rain delays. The Town heard many compliments about the facilities and the staff's efforts.

The work to locate the South Hill Yellow Jackets storage building on the Centennial Park Upper Field is underway. Plans are to place the building in the northeast corner of the field outside the walking track. Town crews are performing clearing and some minor excavation so that the building will be level and safe.

There have been several instances of vandalism in the Centennial Park restrooms at both the lower park and upper park pavilions. When the parties are identified, the Town plans to charge them and ban them from using the park.

ii. Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions

Mr. Callis shared general information on the role of Virginia planning district commissions (PDCs), which provide valuable support services to local governments. The Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions (VAPDC) facilitates numerous efforts that help the PDCs, individually and collectively, provide assistance in many ways in their respective regions. The Southside Planning District Commission (SPDC) serves Brunswick, Mecklenburg, and Halifax Counties.

The VAPDC Summer Conference was recently held in Staunton. Unfortunately, the Secretary of Administration was unexpectedly not able to attend, but 20th District Delegate John Avoli was able to speak in her absence and made very interesting and informative remarks about how the General Assembly works. In response to a question from Mr. Callis, Delegate Avoli informed the audience the games of skill issue would be addressed during the next session of the General Assembly.

Mr. Callis shared his remarks given as outgoing President of the VAPDC, a role in which he served for the past three years. He will remain on the Executive Board as Immediate Past President and will continue to help with legislative and other matters.

As to the over \$500 million in broadband funding being administered by Virginia PDCs, the SPDC is working with Empower to manage over \$69 million to provide important internet service to unserved and underserved areas in our region. The SPDC is also working regionally with the DHCD, Virginia Housing, the Southside Outreach Group, and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on affordable housing initiatives. Of the \$40 million in Virginia Housing funds, the

SPDC allocation based on population was \$1 million which will be primarily used to assist lower-income families. Additionally, the SPDC continually works with localities on initiatives to improve quality of life such as community improvement block grants to help neighborhoods by renovating homes and constructing or replacing water and sewer systems, VDOT SmartScale funding for roadway improvements, and applying for funding for other special projects that have broad benefit.

B. Finance Report

Sheila Cutrell submitted the financial report as follows:

General Fund	- \$12,932,345.89	Total Investment Accounts	- \$14,868,293.46
Water and Sewer Fund	- 4,710,956.50	Total Police Dept. Savings	- \$ 33,185.30
Cemetery Fund	- 18,125.45	Total Taxes Due Thru 7/31/22	- \$ 233,412.83
Business Dist. Resurgence Grant	- 29,522.36	(Real Estate and Personal Property, all years)	
Total in Checking	- \$17,690,950.20		

C. Police Report

Chief Bowen submitted the police report. He reported there were 247 activity incidents, 32 reportable criminal offenses, 1082 calls for service, and \$16,478.00 property recovered. Other miscellaneous included 17 court hours, 41.5 training hours, 55 warrants issued, and 2 inoperative vehicles tagged.

He reported the following administrative news:

- Lieutenant Scott Zincone retired effective July 31, 2022.
- Officer Ryan Mills completed Driver Training Apprenticeship at the training academy.
- Donna Burch completed 1.5 hours virtual training through DCJS in regards to Asset Forfeiture.

D. Municipal Services Report

i. Projects Report

C.J. Dean submitted the projects report as follows:

- The contractor on the NE Sewer Project continues the process of boring under Interstate 85. The boring job under the interstate has been complicated as rock has been encountered slowing the work. A new piece of equipment arrived that will be used to complete the bore.
- The Parks Crew had Parker Park in excellent condition for the recent ball tournaments. Even though the crew was shorthanded and the weather did not always cooperate, they all did an exceptional job to have the fields ready for play.
- The Street Crew has made several water and sewer connections for new residential units.
- VDOT accepted all but two of the streets that the Town submitted back this spring. This increased the lane miles that South Hill maintains by 8.2 miles, from 57.40 to 65.60 lane miles, and the centerline mileage by 4.13 miles from 28.71 to 32.84 lane miles.

- The Town has worked on updating the Bacteriological Sample Siting Plan (BSSP). The BSSP has been submitted to VDH ODW for their approval. This update was necessary in the event that the waterlines are transferred to RRSA. Fifty percent of the sites in the BSSP are located on the waterlines that would be transferred to RRSA. The new plan will only be put in place when the transfer takes place.

ii. Fire Report

Chief Vaughan submitted the fire report. Chief Vaughan reported the SHVFD responded to 100 total alarms with an average of 15 volunteers present per call. The current volunteer roster is 45. Calls responded to in Town were 59, within the county district were 41, and involving fire were 13. Mutual aid given was 10 and automatic aid received was 15. Training included rural water operations, basic pump operations, aerial operations, and live fire. Fundraising efforts include the S&S BBQ Fundraiser, Rescue 7 Challenge Coins, and the upcoming Annual Bucket Drive.

He reported the following administrative news:

- Engine 73 was paid off with funds from the sale of surplus apparatus.
- The Municipal Shop completed all services and only required one brake job on Engine 72.
- Unit 79 is fully in service and is a huge asset.
- Chief 7 is awaiting warning equipment that is on backorder with an expected delivery of November 2022.
- Rescue 7 has progressed to the next stage and the build spec has been released to the assembly team. Due to supply chain issues, the delivery time frame has been moved to late January 2023.
- The Community Relief Drive was a huge success. A special thanks was extended to everyone who pulled together to assist with providing aid to so many families affected by the horrific floods in Kentucky and Southwest Virginia.

E. Code Compliance Report

i. Report of Activity

David Hash submitted the report of activity as follows:

Inspections Completed	-	46
Permits Issued	-	18
Fees Collected	-	\$ 1,322.59
UEZ Exemption	-	\$ 0
Rehab Exemption	-	\$ 0
General Exemption	-	\$ 655.52
Work Value	-	\$ 293,321.39

New businesses included:

- Val's Unique Finds, 935 W. Atlantic Street (flea market vendor)
- L&C Enterprises, 935 W. Atlantic Street (flea market vendor)
- Pam's Unique Boutique, 935 W. Atlantic Street (flea market vendor)
- Fiesta Mexico, 1799 N. Mecklenburg Avenue (restaurant)

ii. Dilapidated Properties

Along with the list of completed dilapidated properties, a report on the status of 65 dilapidated properties was also presented.

F. Business Development Report

Brent Morris submitted the business development report as follows:

- Mr. Morris is continuing to push information about South Hill out to major retailers in conjunction with Retail Strategies and Rosemyr for the old Peebles store.
- Mr. Morris is working with a development group on several buildings in the downtown area. The group has purchased several and is looking at several more. New upstairs apartments are being discussed in addition to new retail on the ground level.
- Mr. Morris and the Chamber are working with Mecklenburg County Economic Development to have an Economic Impact Study done as a tool for future business recruitment.
- Mr. Morris is continuing to show the former Stage Distribution Center to prospective industries.
- On July 27, the Executive Director of Longwood Small Business toured South Hill to discuss the progress made in downtown and future development.

G. Human Resources Report

Kristine Martin submitted the following administrative news:

- Congratulations to Code Compliance Inspector Robert York for recently completing a series of required code training seminars including Virginia Maintenance Code, International Swimming Pool and Spa Code, Elevator Provisions, Statewide Fire Prevention Code, and Administrative and Related Codes.
- Congratulations to Code Compliance Technician Stacy Archer for recently completing a required administrative refresher training for code changes.
- A welcome was extended to two new employees, Gabe Misner and Seth Townsend, who joined the Parks and Grounds Department on August 1.
- The Town is currently in the interviewing stages for two Maintenance Operator positions (Streets and Maintenance and Water and Sewer).

A motion was made by Councilwoman Feggins-Boone, second by Councilman Honeycutt, to approve the Reports to Approve as Presented for July 2022. The motion carried unanimously.

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Budget and Finance Committee

Councilman Ben Taylor reported the Budget and Finance Committee met on August 4. At the direction of Town Council, staff requested proposals from all of the local banks for investment opportunities. In analyzing the proposals received, the proposal from The Bank of Charlotte County and the proposal from First Citizens Bank provided the most favorable interest rates; however, the proposal from First Citizens Bank is the most favorable in liquidity as well as interest rate. In speaking with representatives of First Citizens Bank, interest on the Town's checking account has been increased from .2% to .3% effective August 4, 2022. Their analysis of the Town's checking account indicates that the

Town will need to maintain an average balance of at least \$7.5 million to avoid paying service charges. Staff recommends investing \$6 million with First Citizens Bank and \$3 million in the VIP Stable NAV Liquidity Pool. This will provide \$8 million in liquid funds with no penalty for making withdrawals as funds are needed for multiple planned projects.

The Committee requested staff obtain additional information regarding early withdrawal penalties. Sheila Cutrell reported The Bank of Charlotte County proposed the Town invest half of the investment in a six-month treasury bill and the other half in a 12-month treasury bill; however, the funds could not be withdrawn until they matured. The proposal from First Citizens Bank was laddered over 10 months, with 1/10 of the investment maturing each month October 31, 2022 through July 31, 2023. There is a 1% to 2% loss of principal for early withdrawal, but it should not be a problem because of the way it is structured.

As some of this information was received the day of the meeting, Councilman Honeycutt commented it was his understanding the funds were going to be moved to the liquidity pool until a decision is made.

A motion was made by Councilman Honeycutt, second by Councilwoman Feggins-Boone to move \$9 million to the VIP Stable NAV Liquidity Pool to allow the Budget and Finance Committee to meet and review for discussion at the September 12, 2022 Town Council meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

A. FOIA Request to Councilman Moss

Based on information provided to Council, **a motion was made by Councilman Ben Taylor, second by Councilman Joseph Taylor** that Council make a Freedom of Information Act request that Councilman Moss provide all photos, texts, emails, correspondences, and any other documents/records related to the photos taken at the Town Hall loading dock and the burn site adjacent to the Town's Wastewater Treatment Plant. The motion passed via **roll call vote** as follows:

Councilwoman Feggins-Boone-Aye	Councilman Graham-No
Councilman Honeycutt-No	Councilwoman Luster-Absent
Councilman Moody-Aye	Councilman Moss-No
Councilman Ben Taylor-Aye	Councilman Joseph Taylor-Aye.

B. Alleged Behavior of Council Member

Councilman Ben Taylor commented that after prayerful and thoughtful consideration, based on information provided to Council, he is going to make a motion to refer the matters of Councilman Moss's behavior in allegedly trespassing and removing documents from Town possession to the Police and the Commonwealth Attorney's Office.

During the discussion, the audience had to be called to order several times.

Councilman Honeycutt commented on how unfortunate these allegations and smear campaigns are and that it should really be about the untruths that were presented to Council. He mentioned there was never a "No Trespassing" sign on that property until this incident occurred. Kim Callis reported the Town has never had an issue until now with anyone going to that site other than Town authorized employees for the purposes of disposing of things. He commented he has no reason to lie.

Councilman Ben Taylor stated Councilman Moss had no right to go on property that did not belong to him and remove documents that did not belong to him. He further stated we don't know that all of the documents have been turned in.

Councilman Moss shared he works hard to stand up for transparency, the truth, and the betterment of the Town. He stated his job has been threatened. He commented who took the picture is irrelevant.

Councilman Joseph Taylor commented the goal should be equal treatment of all under the law. He read from the South Hill Town Council Code of Ethics as follows, "The citizens of South Hill are entitled to impartial, ethical, accountable, and efficient local government. Such a government requires that elected public officials: Abide by the laws, Code of Ethics, ordinances, and policies of Town government." and through that the laws of the Commonwealth. Councilman Joseph Taylor stated public documents were returned to the Town Attorney in a bag that Councilman Moss admitted were obtained from what was considered to be a burn site operated by the Town.

Councilman Moody commented there is no way he can support this motion.

Attorney Estes stated there has been some investigation and the referral would flesh out more details that we just don't have information to. One of the police officers filed a statement.

A motion was made by Councilman Honeycutt, second by Councilman Moody to call the question. The motion passed via **roll call vote** as follows:

Councilwoman Feggins-Boone-Aye	Councilman Graham-Aye
Councilman Honeycutt-Aye	Councilwoman Luster-Absent
Councilman Moody-Aye	Councilman Moss-Aye
Councilman Ben Taylor-Aye	Councilman Joseph Taylor-Aye.

A motion was made by Councilman Ben Taylor, second by Councilman Joseph Taylor to refer the matters of Councilman Moss's behavior in allegedly trespassing and removing documents from Town possession to the Police and the Commonwealth Attorney's Office. The motion failed via **roll call vote** as follows:

Councilwoman Feggins-Boone-No	Councilman Graham-No
Councilman Honeycutt-No	Councilwoman Luster-Absent
Councilman Moody-No	Councilman Moss-No
Councilman Ben Taylor-Aye	Councilman Joseph Taylor-Aye.

14. CLOSED SESSION

Legal – § 2.2-3711 A(8)

Pursuant to Legal – § 2.2-3711 A(8) of the Code of Virginia and on **motion** of **Councilwoman Feggins-Boone**, and **second** of **Councilman Ben Taylor**, the South Hill Town Council entered into **Closed Session** to discuss a Legal matter involving consultation with counsel on asset sale negotiations. The motion carried unanimously. The Mayor announced publicly in the meeting that the South Hill Town Council was now in Closed Session.

In addition to the Mayor and Town Council members, Council requested the presence, in the entirety of the Closed Session, of Kim Callis, Anna Cratch, Sheila Cutrell, C.J. Dean, and Howard Estes.

15. OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Councilman Honeycutt, second by Councilman Moody, that the Closed Session be adjourned and that the South Hill Town Council reconvene its meeting in **Open Session**. The motion carried unanimously. The South Hill Town Council reconvened in Open Session.

RESOLUTION CERTIFYING CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Councilman Honeycutt, second by Councilman Moss, that the minutes of this meeting reflect that no formal action was taken in the Closed Session and further moved that a Resolution Certifying the Closed Session be adopted and reflected in the minutes of this meeting as follows:

WHEREAS, the South Hill Town Council convened in Closed Session on this date by an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Hill Town Council does hereby certify that to the best of each member’s knowledge, (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Freedom of Information Act were discussed in the Closed Session to which this certification applies, and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motions by which the said Closed Session was convened were heard, discussed, or considered by the South Hill Town Council. The motion passed via **roll call vote** as follows:

Councilwoman Feggins-Boone-Aye	Councilman Graham-Aye
Councilman Honeycutt-Aye	Councilwoman Luster-Absent
Councilman Moody-Aye	Councilman Moss-Aye
Councilman Ben Taylor-Aye	Councilman Joseph Taylor-Aye.

A motion was made by Councilman Moody, second by Councilman Honeycutt, on the Legal matter to approve the Resolution Authorizing and Approving the Sale of Certain Water Facilities of the Town of South Hill, Virginia to the Roanoke River Service Authority. The motion passed via **roll call vote** as follows:

Councilwoman Feggins-Boone-Aye	Councilman Graham-Aye
Councilman Honeycutt-Aye	Councilwoman Luster-Absent
Councilman Moody-Aye	Councilman Moss-Aye
Councilman Ben Taylor-Aye	Councilman Joseph Taylor-Aye.

16. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

A. Resignation of Councilman Ben Taylor

Councilman Ben Taylor stated his moral compass will not allow him to be a part of an organization that ignores what was presented at this Council meeting. Therefore, he announced he would be resigning immediately with a formal letter to be presented the next day. As he had been referred to as an old guard in the previous discussion, he commented old guard has universal values. Repeating Tom Fitzgerald’s parting words, he stated, “Govern Well.”

B. FOIA Lawsuit at Supreme Court

In answer to a question from Councilman Moss regarding the FOIA lawsuit, Kim Callis stated counsel expects it to be held sometime in September.

17. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business matters before the South Hill Town Council, Mayor Marion adjourned the meeting at 9:44 p.m.

VALIDATION

Minutes approved this ____ day of _____, 20____.

Anna B. Cratch, Town Clerk

Dean Marion, Mayor



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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE SALE OF CERTAIN WATER FACILITIES OF THE TOWN OF SOUTH HILL, VIRGINIA TO THE ROANOKE RIVER SERVICE AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Town of South Hill, Virginia (the "Town") and the Roanoke River Service Authority ("RRSA") have negotiated terms and conditions on which the Town will sell to RRSA certain water facilities as described in the Contract (defined below);

WHEREAS, a Contract of Purchase and Sale of Water Facilities ("Contract") negotiated with RRSA was presented to, and reviewed by, the Town Council ("Council"); and

WHEREAS, the Council has concluded that terms and conditions of the Contract are in the best interests of the Town, and accordingly, that the Town should enter into the Contract, as presented to the Council, with certain further authority and limitations related thereto.


BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF TOWN OF SOUTH HILL, VIRGINIA (THE "COUNCIL") AS FOLLOWS:

1. The form of the Contract of Purchase and Sale of Water Facilities ("Contract") is hereby approved as presented to the Council. Other than the sale price as set forth in the Contract and consistent with terms and conditions of this Resolution, the final terms and conditions set forth in the Contract may be further revised with approval and agreement of the Mayor and Town Manager, after consultation with the Town Attorney.
2. The Mayor and the Town Manager, either of whom may act, are each authorized to execute the Contract, with such completions, omissions, insertions and changes not inconsistent with this Resolution as may be approved thereby, in consultation with the Town Attorney, and whose approval shall be evidenced conclusively by the execution and delivery thereof.
3. The Contract shall be executed not later than September 30, 2022. Proceeds from the sale of the water facilities pursuant to the Contract shall be transferred to the Town not later than September 30, 2022.
4. All other actions of Town officials in conformity with the purposes and intent of this Resolution and in furtherance of the terms and conditions of the Contract are ratified, approved and confirmed. The Town officials are authorized and directed to execute and deliver all certificates and other instruments considered necessary or desirable in connection with the execution, completion, enforcement and performance of the rights and duties under the Contract.
5. This Resolution is effective immediately.

ADOPTED this 8th day of August, 2022.

Attest:


Anna B. Cratch, Town Clerk


Dean Marion, Mayor



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MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2022, 7:00 PM**

Town Hall Council Chambers ~ 211 S. Mecklenburg Avenue ~ South Hill, Virginia 23970

- ⌒ *Please remember speaker sign ups are required before meeting begins. Sign up sheets are located on the table outside the front Council doors. Speakers are asked to use the aisle microphone.*
- ⌒ *Please silence all cell phones while Council is in session.*

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approval of Minutes – July 11, 2022, Regular and Special Meetings
6. Councilman Mike Moody – Budget Amendment Proposal
7. Citizens to Address Council *Comments are limited to three minutes (five minutes if on behalf of a group).*
 - A. Tony Hayes – Water and Sewer Hookup Charges
8. Public Hearings *Comments are limited to three minutes (five minutes if on behalf of a group).*
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 - ii. Dilapidated Properties
 - F. Business Development Report
 - G. Human Resources Report
12. Committee Reports
13. Other Business

14. Closed Session
 - A. Legal, Section 2.2-3711 A(8) to discuss matter involving consultation with counsel on asset sale negotiations
15. Open Session
16. Adjournment