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Town of Louisa
April 27, 2020
Budget Work Session #2

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Present: R. Garland Nuckols, Mayor; Jessie Lassiter, Vice-Mayor; A. Daniel Carter, Bud Dulaney, John J. Purcell IV, Council members; Elizabeth T. Nelson, Town Manager; Jessica M. Ellis, Clerk/Treasurer; Tom Leary, Chief of Police

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Absent: James S. Artz

Also in Attendance: Michelle Dmytryszyn, The Central Virginian; Sylvia Rigsby, town resident at 115 Cammack Street

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Mayor Nuckols brought the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Old Business:

1) Preliminary Budget Review & Discussion

Council and staff held a budget work session to discuss the upcoming FY2020-2021 draft budget.

The following items are highlights from their discussions:

- Meals Taxes – Mayor Nuckols led the discussion about potentially reducing the meals tax revenues due to restaurants who have had to close or had to scale back tremendously.

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- It was noted by Council and staff that many CIPS would have to be put on hold due to the lack of revenue in this upcoming fiscal year.
- Recycling – Council and staff discussed contacting Updike about potentially reducing recycling from twice a month to once a month to see how it would affect the town’s expenses.
- Mrs. Nelson questioned Council’s desire to fill two positions that have already been budgeted for in the upcoming 2020-2021 budget. Mrs. Nelson stated that the town’s Grounds/Maintenance Keeper at town hall would be retiring at the end of this fiscal year, and the Public Works Department has been down one employee for several months due to an injury - he would not be returning to work. Council and staff discussed the need for both of those full-time positions, but were unsure as to how they would like to move forward at this time.
- Mrs. Nelson was requested to speak with all department heads to discuss their needs further to see where any potential cuts could be made to their budgets.

During the meeting, no action took place.

A third budget work session was decided upon.

It was scheduled for Friday, May 1, 2020 at 5 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:08 p.m., Council member Carter made the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor

Clerk