

## CLIFTON TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET WORK SESSION & SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2015, 7:30 PM CLIFTON TOWN MEETING HALL 12641 CHAPEL ROAD CLIFTON, VA 20124

Town Council Present:

Mayor Bill Hollaway;
Vice Mayor Dwayne Nitz
Deborah Dillard;
Jennifer Heilmann;
Eric Hencken; and
Wayne Nickum.

Absent:

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Town Officials Present: Town Clerk/Manager: Sandra Scales-Siwek

Treasurer: Marilyn Barton

## **Summary of Work Session:**

1. Open the Work Session at 7:30 p.m. Motion: W. Nickum 2<sup>nd</sup>: E. Hencken Vote: Unanimous

- 1. Budget Work Session. Town Council members worked through draft budget line-by-line, reviewing associated submitted requests and comparing year-to-date results to projections.
- 1.1. Motion to Table 3<sup>rd</sup> Work Session budget work completed in two work sessions. Motion: W.Hollaway; 2<sup>nd</sup> W.Nickum, Approved Unanimous.
- 2. Policy and Code Changes for Outdoor Music and Noise Ordinance.

Noted that there are two things to address: 1) Noise Ordinance revisions; and, 2) Outdoor Music in Special Use Permits.

- 2.1. Noise Ordinance, Noise Committee represented by Steve Effros gave an overview of the provisions in the proposed Noise Ordinance and how it differs from what Fairfax County has published as a proposed revision to their ordinance. The Council then discussed how the Town of Clifton differs with regard to certain categories of noise, such as barking dogs. And, enforcement. The Town Council determined more deliberation is required and decided to take up the Noise Ordinance separately in a future Council Meeting.
- **2.2. Outdoor Music in Special Use Permit.** Planning Commission Chair gave an overview of the present situation wherein current Special Use Permits include the special restriction, "No Outdoor Music." Outdoor Music hosted by dining establishments would be an adjunct or supplemental use, not the primary use approved for the set of Special Use Permits currently on file.

Discussion included how the Outdoor Music hosted by commercial businesses under the authority of a Special Use Permit differs from the Town Sponsored or endorsed community events, such as Clifton Day. In a community event, Outdoor Music is a key part of the festival. And, community events are infrequent, and precisely controlled as to when it starts and stops, and advance notice is given to all residents. Discussion continued that, initially, some Council members were planning to propose a compromise of some sort – a schedule or rotating, proscribed series of dates. However, the Spring Break atmosphere of the past weekend illustrated that it is not necessary at this time to encourage and allow outdoor music.time.

Motion: The Town Council is not interested in removing the restrictions on Outdoor Music at this time. D.Nitz; 2<sup>nd</sup> W.Nickum; Vote: Unanimous 6/6.

3. Closed Session: Tabled.

4. Adjournment Motion: W.Holloway 2<sup>nd</sup>: W.Nickum Vote: Approved -- Unanimous

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