



CORPORATION OF HARPERS FERRY

Town Council

MINUTES

Special Meeting

Wednesday, 8 July 2020

5:00 p.m.

Town Hall • 1000 Washington Street, Harpers Ferry, West Virginia 25425 • VIA ZOOM

Called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Bishop. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting was conducted through Zoom and live-streamed on social media, in compliance with the State's emergency guidance on the Open Governmental Meetings Act.

Member	Title	Status
Wayne Bishop	Mayor	Present
Kevin Carden	Recorder	Present
Barbara Humes	Councilmember	Present
Hardwick S. Johnson, Jr.	Councilmember	Present
Christian Pechuekonis	Councilmember	Present
Jay Premack	Councilmember	Present
Charlotte Thompson	Councilmember	Present

The agenda was approved as received.

1. Task Force update, discussion, and action on path forward regarding parking, sanitation, and the limited opening of businesses in the Corporation of Harpers Ferry.

Mayor Bishop gave an update on the meeting earlier today with local and state officials. More free testing will be offered in the county at a date to be announced. The National Park has submitted a reopening plan. Jay Premack said there has been positive feedback from the community regarding the updated signage that was installed last week. It was noted that although the Governor has issued an executive order requiring face coverings in buildings, there is unfortunately no enforcement provision. Mr Premack suggested sending a message to the Governor's Office asking for clarification on the order or asking that an enforcement mechanism be issued. It is still incumbent on merchants at this time to require face coverings within their establishments if they wish. Harpers Ferry was named in the news as a hot spot for new COVID-19 cases. Mr Premack said one of the sandwich boards on Washington Street came up missing in the last few days and should be replaced. There was a recommendation to set up a sign at the footbridge coming into Harpers Ferry from Maryland advising visitors of the face covering order and public safety recommendations. Superintendent Tyrone Brandyburg said the Park will agree to the placement of the sign.

A new sandwich board will be purchased to replace the missing one, and a sign will be placed at the pedestrian footbridge.

2. Discussion and action on engaging a contractor to make a curb cut at Franklin and Washington streets for improved safety of pedestrian traffic.

The corner of the intersection at Franklin and Washington streets adjacent to the park has an unusually large turning radius which allows vehicles to turn quickly, creating a safety hazard. Additionally, access to the sidewalk does not comply with ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act). Since Washington Street is a state road, redesigning and rebuilding this sidewalk and turn radius will require coordination with the WV Division of Highways (DOH). Christy Huddle volunteered to draft a drawing for the redesigned radius and sidewalk access. After Ms Huddle submits the draft to the Mayor, the Division of Highways will be contacted to determine the next steps.

Motion to adjourn by Jay Premack, second by Christian Pechuekonis. Meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

The above minutes are true and correct, as approved.

Mayor: _____ Date: _____

Recorder: _____ Date: _____