



# CORPORATION OF HARPERS FERRY

## Town Council

### MINUTES

**Special Meeting**

**Thursday, 7 May 2020**

**7:00 p.m.**

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

Called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Bishop. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting was held via Zoom and livestreamed 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

**1. Follow-up discussion and action based on guidance from May 6 meeting regarding parking, sanitation, and the limited opening of businesses in the Corporation of Harpers Ferry.**

Several proposals were made for ways to provide public access to the Lower Town while maintaining social distancing requirements. Chief Brown noted that the Park does not plan to reopen its parking areas until a plan is in place to do so, which may be several weeks from now. A suggestion was made to assemble a task force that could work on finding the best possible and acceptable solution for a limited opening of the Lower Town as soon as practicable.

<b>Main Motion</b>	Motion to appoint a task force to gather data and study options including parking, traffic flow, and social behaviors for a Phase I opening of Lower Town businesses, resulting in a recommended plan to be presented seven days from now.
<b>Motion by</b>	Barbara Humes
<b>Second</b>	Charlotte Thompson
<b>YES</b>	Humes, Premack, Johnson, Thompson, Pechuekonis, Carden, Bishop
<b>NO</b>	<i>none</i>
<b>Result</b>	<b>MOTION APPROVED</b>

<b>Amendment to Main Motion</b>	Motion to maintain the current parking enforcement policy until a plan is revisited by the Town Council, after a recommended plan is presented five days from now.
<b>Motion by</b>	Jay Premack
<b>Second</b>	Christian Pechuekonis
<b>YES</b>	Humes, Premack, Johnson, Thompson, Pechuekonis, Carden, Bishop
<b>NO</b>	<i>none</i>
<b>Result</b>	<b>MOTION APPROVED</b>

The task force will present its recommendation to the Town Council no later than Tuesday, 12 May. The Town Council will hold a special meeting on Wednesday, 13 May to consider the recommended plan of action, allowing the Council members a day to study the recommendation before the special meeting.

The task force will include Town Council members Barbara Humes, Charlotte Thompson, and Hardy Johnson.

Motion to adjourn by Hardy Johnson, second by Christian Pechuekonis. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

*The above minutes are true and correct, as approved.*

Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Recorder: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_