



CORPORATION OF HARPERS FERRY

Town Council

MINUTES

Special Meeting

Wednesday, 13 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. Task Force update, discussion, and action on path forward regarding parking, sanitation, and the limited opening of businesses in the Corporation of Harpers Ferry.

Reports were received from the task force and from some residents on observations of visitors to the Town over the past weekend. It was noted that the number of active cases of COVID-19, as well as deaths, in the counties immediately surrounding Harpers Ferry are still quite high. Although parking has been closed in Harpers Ferry since March, visitors are still coming to the town during nice weather. Many of them are currently parking in Bolivar and walking down through Harpers Ferry. Options for allowing parking in the Lower Town for visitors was discussed, as well as modified traffic circulation.

Main Motion	Motion to employ a two-phase opening of parking in Harpers Ferry. Phase 1 would begin on the morning of Saturday, 16 May 2020, following the implementation of signage at choke points in Lower Town promoting physical distancing, and open parking on Potomac Street; the Harpers Ferry Police Department and National Park Service police can work together to capture data for the Town Council to review and assess at the next weekly COVID-19 meeting. This would be followed by Phase 2, which would require approval of the Town Council at our next weekly meeting and would include a full opening of parking in Harpers Ferry. This would require working with the WVDOH to implement one-way traffic on High / Washington Street during the weekend with traffic directed westbound in the southern lane (south side of the
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	street) with a pedestrian lane on the north side of the street. Foot traffic would be directed to move one-way counterclockwise.
Motion by	Jay Premack
Second	Christian Pechuekonis
YES	Humes, Premack, Johnson, Thompson, Pechuekonis, Carden, Bishop
NO	<i>none</i>
Result	MOTION APPROVED

Amendment to Main Motion	Motion to delete Phase 2 of the main motion (above).
Motion by	Charlotte Thompson
Second	Barbara Humes
YES	Humes, Premack, Johnson, Thompson, Pechuekonis, Carden, Bishop
NO	Premack, Pechuekonis
Result	MOTION APPROVED

Main Motion	Motion to reach out as soon as possible to the West Virginia Division of Highways for permission to create a one-way street on Washington / High Street.
Motion by	Christian Pechuekonis
Second	Hardy Johnson
YES	Humes, Premack, Johnson, Thompson, Pechuekonis, Carden, Bishop
NO	<i>none</i>
Result	MOTION APPROVED

Amendment to Main Motion	Motion to amend the main motion, to direct the Harpers Ferry Chief of Police to reach out to the West Virginia Division of Highways to allow one-way traffic flow on Washington / High Street at peak times of visitation.
Motion by	Jay Premack
Second	Christian Pechuekonis
YES	Humes, Premack, Johnson, Thompson, Pechuekonis, Carden, Bishop
NO	<i>none</i>
Result	MOTION APPROVED

Motion to adjourn by Hardy Johnson, second by Charlotte Thompson. Meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

The above minutes are true and correct, as approved.

Mayor: _____ Date: _____

Recorder: _____ Date: _____