

1 **Minutes of the New Market**
2 **Town Council Meeting**
3 **Monday, September 19, 2016**
4 **7:30 pm**

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6 The New Market Town Council met in the Council Chambers of the Arthur L.
7 Hildreth, Jr. Municipal Building on Monday, September 19, 2016 with the following
8 members present: Mayor Douglas Bradley, Peter Hughes, Scott Wymer, Gary Comer,
9 John Blosser, Tim Palmer and Peggy Harkness.

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11 Town Attorney – Jason Ham
12 Town Manager – Mike Ritchie
13 Administrative Assistant – Donna Lohr

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15 Mayor Bradley called the meeting to order and established a quorum. The Pledge
16 of Allegiance was recited in unison.

17 Mayor Bradley welcomed all visitors and guests.
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19 **Approval of the Agenda:**

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21 **Mr. Comer made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Palmer**
22 **seconded the motion which carried on a 6-0 unanimous voice vote.**

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24 **Consent Agenda:**

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26 **Mr. Comer moved to approve the consent agenda which included the**
27 **minutes from the August 15, 2016 Meeting of the Town Council and the Financial**
28 **Statements for August 2016. Mrs. Harkness seconded the motion which carried on**
29 **a 6-0 unanimous voice vote.**

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31 **Public Hearing:**

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33 No public hearings scheduled.
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35 **Citizen Comments and Petitions:**

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37 There were no citizen comments or petitions.
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39 **Committee Reports:**

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41 **Finance & Personnel:** Mrs. Harkness stated that the Finance and Personnel
42 Committee met on Tuesday, September 6, 2016. A quorum was established with all
43 members present. There was no new business to discuss so the meeting was adjourned.
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45 **Public Works:** Mr. Blosser stated that the Public Works Committee met on
46 Tuesday, September 6, 2016 with all members present. The only item on the agenda was
47 an update on the Community Center/Rebel Park entrance project. Mr. Andrew Stauff
48 announced that the project is now complete. He thanked Council Members for the

49 opportunity to do this project and he presented some pictures of the various stages of the
50 project. With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

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Public Safety: Mr. Comer stated that the Public Safety Committee met on Monday, September 6, 2016 with all members present. The only item on the agenda was the Police Department report from Chief Rinker. With no other business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

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Economic Development: Mr. Hughes stated that the Economic Development Committee met on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 with all members present. The first item on the agenda was the discussion and consideration of Resolution #229 in Support of Early Childhood Education. Mr. Palmer made a motion to recommend to Council the Adoption of Resolution #229 in Support of Early Childhood Education. Mr. Wymer seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous 3-0 voice vote. In other business, Mr. Hughes advised that the Committee will be meeting at 6:30 on October 17th to discuss a survey that the committee and staff members are working on. The plan is for committee members to determine if the survey should be sent out to residents. The survey is regarding several economic development issues as well as other issues that may be of concern to residents. With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

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Tourism and Historic Preservation: Mr. Palmer stated that the Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee met on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 with all members present. There was no new business on the agenda. Under other business, the VMI Cadet Swearing In ceremony was mentioned and commented favorably on by Mr. Palmer and Mayor Bradley. Mr. Ritchie advised that the VML Conference is scheduled for October 10th and 11th, 2016. With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

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Action Items:

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The first action item on the agenda was the discussion and consideration of Resolution No. 229 in Support of Early Childhood Education. Mr. Ritchie advised that the Stairway to Success is a competition through VML. The program seeks to increase local government's role in early childhood education, which in turn, builds a qualified, well-educated workforce. The competition awards points to localities for specific actions that enhance the early childhood experience. Mr. Hughes read Resolution No. 229 aloud. **Mrs. Harkness made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 229 in Support of Early Childhood Education. Mr. Hughes seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous roll call vote of 6-0 as follows:**

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Mr. Hughes	Aye	Mr. Blosser	Aye
Mr. Wymer	Aye	Mr. Palmer	Aye
Mr. Comer	Aye	Mrs. Harkness	Aye

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The next item on the agenda was the discussion and consideration of amending Article XI "Floodplain Conservation, District FC". Mr. Ritchie commented that in order to keep the Town of New Market compliant with the National Flood Insurance Program, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) assisted the Town in drafting changes to the existing regulations for the Floodplain Conservation, District FC. The

98 Town does not currently have any properties in the floodplain but that is a possibility in
99 the future. We want to be sure we are in compliance with the requirements of the flood
100 insurance program. This change simply updates some of the required language. Mr.
101 **Palmer made a motion to adopt the amendment to Article XI "Floodplain**
102 **Conservation, District FC" as sent forth from the Planning Commission. Mr.**
103 **Wymer seconded the motion. Mr. Palmer commented that the Planning**
104 **Commission reviewed the amendment to Article XI "Floodplain Conservation,**
105 **District FC" in great detail. Mr. Palmer commends Mr. Chad Neese for the**
106 **excellent job he did in presenting the changes in this document. The motion passed**
107 **on a unanimous roll call vote of 6-0 as follows:**

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109	Mrs. Harkness	Aye	Mr. Comer	Aye
110	Mr. Palmer	Aye	Mr. Wymer	Aye
111	Mr. Blosser	Aye	Mr. Hughes	Aye

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113 **Mayor's Comments:**

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115 Mayor Bradley commented on the numerous events going on in the Town of New
116 Market. He listed multiple events that occurred during August as well as events coming
117 up during the month of September.

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119 **Council Comments:**

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121 There were no comments from Council.

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123 **Staff Comments:**

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125 Mr. Ritchie reminded Council Members of the VML Conference scheduled for
126 October 10th and 11th, 2016. He also mentioned the Town & County dinner which is
127 scheduled for October 5, 2016 and will be held at Bryce resort.

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129 **Closed Meeting:**

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131 At 7:48 p.m., Mr. Comer made a motion to enter into Closed Session to
132 Consult with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision
133 of legal advice by our attorney, as authorized by section 2.2-3711(A)(7) of the state
134 code. The subject matter of the meeting is: The residence at 9969 S. Congress
135 Street. Mr. Wymer seconded the motion which passed on the following unanimous
136 6-0 roll call vote:

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138	Mr. Hughes	Aye	Mr. Blosser	Aye
139	Mr. Wymer	Aye	Mr. Palmer	Aye
140	Mr. Comer	Aye	Mrs. Harkness	Aye

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142 At 8:22 p.m., Mr. Ritchie read the aloud the following Certification
143 Resolution: With respect to the just-concluded closed session, and to the best of
144 each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from
145 open meeting requirements under The Virginia Freedom of Information Act and (ii)
146 only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the

147 closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting by
148 the Town Council. Mr. Comer made a motion to accept the Certification
149 Resolution as read. Mr. Wymer seconded the motion which passed on the following
150 unanimous 6-0 roll call vote:

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152	Mrs. Harkness	Aye	Mr. Comer	Aye
153	Mr. Palmer	Aye	Mr. Wymer	Aye
154	Mr. Blosser	Aye	Mr. Hughes	Aye

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156 **Adjournment:**

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158 At 8:24 p.m. Mr. Comer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Blosser
159 seconded the motion which carried on a unanimous 6-0 voice vote.

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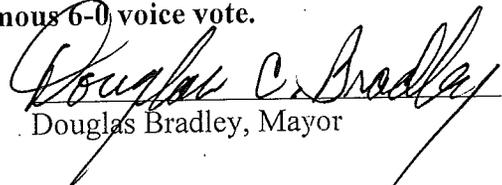
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Mike Ritchie, Town Clerk


Douglas Bradley, Mayor