

1 **Minutes of the New Market**  
2 **Special Called**  
3 **Town Council Meeting**  
4 **Wednesday, June 7, 2023**  
5 **6:30 pm**  
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7 The New Market Town Council met in the Council Chambers of the New Market  
8 Town Office on Wednesday, June 7, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members  
9 present: Mayor Larry Bompiani, Peggy Harkness, Peter Hughes, Daryl Watkins, Bob  
10 King, Scott Wymer and Janice Hannah.

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12 Mayor Bompiani called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and established a  
13 quorum with all members present.

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15 The only item on the agenda was a Closed Meeting.

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17 **Closed Meeting:**

18 **At 6:31 p.m. Mrs. Harkness made a motion to recess into Closed Session to**  
19 **discuss the performance and employment of specific local government personnel, as**  
20 **authorized by section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the state code. The subject matter of the**  
21 **meeting is the Town Manager. Mrs. Hannah seconded the motion which carried on**  
22 **the following unanimous 6-0 roll call vote:**

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24 **Mr. Wymer Aye Mr. Hughes Aye**  
25 **Mrs. Hannah Aye Mr. King Aye**  
26 **Mr. Watkins Aye Mrs. Harkness Aye**  
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28 **At 8:20 p.m., Mr. Watkins made a motion to return from Closed Session by**  
29 **reading aloud the following Certification Resolution: With respect to the just**  
30 **concluded closed session, and to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only**  
31 **public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under**  
32 **The Virginia Freedom of Information Act and (ii) only such public business matters**  
33 **as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were**  
34 **heard, discussed or considered in the meeting by the Town Council. Mr. Hughes**  
35 **seconded the motion which passed on the following unanimous 6-0 roll call vote:**

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37 **Mrs. Harkness Aye Mr. Watkins Aye**  
38 **Mr. King Aye Mrs. Hannah Aye**  
39 **Mr. Hughes Aye Mr. Wymer Aye**  
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41 **Mrs. Harkness then moved that Mr. Nicholson be provided three month's**  
42 **severance, including health coverage if available to the Town under its current**  
43 **policy, contingent upon his execution of a settlement agreement to the satisfaction of**  
44 **the Mayor, with the consultation of the Town Attorney, and she further moved that**  
45 **such settlement agreement is approved by the Town. Mr. Hughes seconded the**  
46 **motion which passed unanimously on the following roll call vote:**

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48 **Mr. Wymer Aye Mr. Hughes Aye**  
49 **Mrs. Hannah Aye Mr. King Aye**

50 **Mr. Watkins** **Aye** **Mrs. Harkness** **Aye**  
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52 Mr. Nicholson then stated that he was tendering his resignation, effective June 7,  
53 2023. Mr. Nicholson stated that he wanted to make it very clear to both the Town  
54 Council and Town staff that he was very appreciative of this opportunity and it was a  
55 pleasure working with everyone and he thanked everyone again.

56 **Mrs. Harkness then made a motion to appoint Mr. Todd Walters as the**  
57 **Interim Town Manager and the Interim Town Clerk, to be hired through his**  
58 **consulting company. Mr. Watkins seconded the motion which passed on the**  
59 **following unanimous roll call vote:**  
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61 **Mr. Wymer** **Aye** **Mr. Hughes** **Aye**  
62 **Mrs. Hannah** **Aye** **Mr. King** **Aye**  
63 **Mr. Watkins** **Aye** **Mrs. Harkness** **Aye**  
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65 **Adjournment:**  
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67 **At 8: 25 p.m. Mrs. Harkness made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr.**  
68 **Hughes seconded the motion which carried on a unanimous 6-0 voice vote.**  
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Larry Bompiani, Mayor

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73 J. Todd Walters, Interim Town Clerk