



GATE CITY TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
December 10, 2019
156 E. JACKSON ST.
6:30 PM

I. PUBLIC HEARING MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:32 P.M. BY: Mayor - Frances Perry

II. ROLL CALL – Town Clerk – Lydia Lane

	PRESENT:	ABSENT:
Mayor, Frances Perry	X	
Vice Mayor, Robin Richards	X	
Council Member, Allan “Cotton” Roberts	X	
Council Member, Roger Cassell	X	
Council Member, Wallace W. Ross, Jr.	X	
Council Member, Ron Kindle	X	
Town Manager, Greg Jones	X	
Town Attorney, Michele Brooks	X	

Others present: Commonwealth Attorney Andrew Johnson; Marley Brooks; Chief Terry Sivert; Jason Snapp, Mattern & Craig; Cindy White, Scott County Virginia Star Newspaper; Kevin Barnett; Brandi Trinkle; Joshua Trinkle; Joshua Callahan, C Group Insurance; Jessica Keith; Scott Service Coordinator; Nathan Kilgore, CrossFit Ionracas; Bob Richards; Deana Stoddard, LENOWISCO; Mattie Stoddard

III. NEW BUSINESS

Solicit Public Input Concerning the Proposed 2019 Comprehensive Plan

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Town Manager Greg Jones explained, in detail, the proposed 2019 Comprehensive Plan. Town Manager Greg Jones stated that the comprehensive plan is a planning document that identifies where we are now versus where we want to be in five years. Town Manager Greg Jones stated that the plan includes the demographics, future goals, historic perspective, economic characteristics, agricultural details, labor statistics, per capita income, housing trends, commercial land use, transportation goals, advertising and marketing, infrastructure and other objectives for the Town over the next five years. Town Manager Greg Jones stated that this is a living document.

Council member Wallace W. Ross, Jr. asked how the average income is determined? Town Manager Greg Jones stated that this information came from the U.S. Census Bureau and is done on a per capita basis to compare one person rather than a household. Council member Wallace W. Ross, Jr. asked how the projection of the population was calculated? Town Manager Greg Jones stated that the U.S. Census Bureau was the source for this data as well and that it is an estimate. Council member Wallace W. Ross, Jr. asked if VDOT will go by the comprehensive plan? Town Manager Greg Jones stated that yes, there is a section on their application that asks, “is this listed on your comprehensive plan?” and we will be able to check yes. Vice Mayor Robin Richards asked if the comprehensive plan can be updated? Town Manager Greg Jones stated yes, it can be updated anytime. Town Attorney Michele Brooks stated that there is a standing committee on the planning commission for comprehensive plans. Council member Wallace W. Ross, Jr. stated that many of the items in the comprehensive plan have been on the books for 9 to 10 years. Council

member Wallace W. Ross, Jr. asked if the five-year plan will be able to be developed within that time frame? Town Manager Greg Jones stated that the time frame would depend on a lot of different variables, but that the plan is just an idea of what to work towards. Council member Wallace W. Ross, Jr. asked if the budget will be able to provide for this plan? Town Manager Greg Jones stated that it is possible that it could be too big for the budget. Town Attorney Michele Brooks stated that the plan is just goals and objectives.

V. PUBLIC HEARING CLOSES AT 7:01 P.M

Frances Perry – Mayor

Town Clerk – Lydia Lane