

1 **Minutes of the New Market**
2 **Town Council Meeting**
3 **Monday, May 18, 2020**
4 **6:30 pm**
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6 The New Market Town Council met via a virtual GoTo.com telephone meeting
7 and a YouTube Live broadcast on Monday, May 18, 2020 with the following members
8 present via phone: Mayor Douglas Bradley, Peggy Harkness, Daryl Watkins, Larry
9 Bompiani, and Peter Hughes. Also present via phone was Town Attorney Jason Ham.
10 Council members Scott Wymer and Tim Palmer were absent.

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12 Present in the Town Office were the following staff:

13 Town Manager – J. Todd Walters

14 Town Treasurer – Teresa Green

15 Chief of Police – Chris Rinker

16 Administrative Assistant – Donna Lohr
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18 Mayor Bradley called the meeting to order and established a quorum with four
19 members present. Mayor Bradley welcomed all guests to the meeting.
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21 **Approval of the Agenda:**
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23 **Mr. Hughes made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Watkins seconded**
24 **the motion which passed on a unanimous 4-0 voice vote.**
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26 **Consent Agenda:**
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28 **Mr. Watkins moved to approve the consent agenda which included the**
29 **minutes from the April 20, 2020 meeting of the New Market Town Council, the**
30 **minutes from the May 7, 2020 Special Called Meeting of the New Market Town**
31 **Council as well as the Financial Statements for April 2020. Mr. Hughes seconded**
32 **the motion which carried on a unanimous 4-0 voice vote.**
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34 **Public Hearing:**
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36 There were no Public Hearings.
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38 **Citizen Comments and Petitions:**
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40 John Chroniger, 39 Greenview Lane, New Market, VA 22844, emailed the
41 following comments to Mr. Walters:

42 “While I do not regularly attend meetings I do read the minutes and talk with
43 others about the Town governance. I would like to compliment the Town staff that keeps
44 things looking great. The Park sparkles and the streets and walks downtown denote an
45 example of pride. I hope that the new Mayor and Council will keep the faith that our
46 budgets will recoup any downturn from this Virus shutdown.

47 I hope that we can still urge our shopkeepers to remain with some assistance from
48 their landlords and the town concerning payments of rent, and utilities. I hope that the
49 summer festivals and movies can help continue to bring our citizens together and show

50 that the town is vibrant and growing. Last I would like to tell those retiring from service
51 that even though most of us do not show up monthly we still appreciate their
52 diligence and effort over their term in office.”

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54 **Committee Reports:**

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56 There were no Committee Reports.

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58 **Staff Reports:**

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60 Staff reports were presented at the May 7th, 2020 Special Called Town Council
61 Meeting.

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63 **Action Items:**

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65 There were no action items on the agenda.

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67 **Mayor's Comments:**

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69 Mayor Bradley commented that Town staff is doing excellent work for the Town.
70 He also remarked that residents are doing a great job taking care of their yards and
71 homes.

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73 **Council Comments:**

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75 Mr. Watkins advised that it is encouraging to see progress at the property located
76 on John Sevier Road that the Town had purchased.

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78 Mr. Hughes commented that the July 2nd celebration in the New Market Park has
79 been postponed until September 12th, 2020. The committee will contact all those
80 individuals involved. Mr. Hughes remarked that the committee appreciated the work of
81 Mrs. Smoot and Mr. Walters. Mr. Hughes also asked about budget related meetings.

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82 **Staff Comments:**

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84 Mr. Walters advised Council members that he would be emailing them with dates
85 for upcoming meetings to discuss the budget. He advised that those meetings would be
86 in June but he was not certain of the dates yet.

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88 **Closed Meeting:**

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90 **At 6:46 p.m., Mr. Hughes made a motion to enter into Closed Session as**
91 **authorized by Section 2.2-3711(A)(3), to discuss the disposition of real property,**
92 **where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating strategy**
93 **of the public body. The subject matter of the meeting is real estate owned by the**
94 **local government. Dr. Bompiani seconded the motion which carried on the**
95 **following 4-0 roll call vote:**

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97	Mr. Hughes	Aye	Dr. Bompiani	Aye
98	Mr. Watkins	Aye	Mrs. Harkness	Aye

99 At 7:22 p.m. Dr. Bompiani made a motion to accept the following
100 Certification Resolution which he read aloud:


101 "With respect to the just-concluded closed session, and to the best of each
102 member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open
103 meeting requirements under The Virginia Freedom of Information Act and (ii) only
104 such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed
105 meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting by the
106 Town Council."

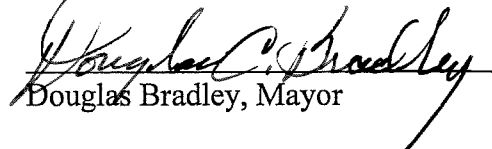
107 Mr. Hughes seconded the motion which passed on the following 4-0 roll call
108 vote:

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110	Mrs. Harkness	Aye	Mr. Watkins	Aye
111	Dr. Bompiani	Aye	Mr. Hughes	Aye

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113 **Adjournment:**

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115 At 7:23 p.m. Mr. Hughes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr.
116 Watkins seconded the motion which carried on a unanimous 4-0 voice vote.

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121 J. Todd Walters, Town Clerk


Douglas Bradley, Mayor