



Agenda Item 2

Virginia's Region 2000 Local Government Council

Holiday Inn Lynchburg
Lynchburg, VA 24504

October 19, 2017
5:00 pm

DRAFT – Minutes

Members Present:

Carl Boggess, Bedford County Administrator, Treasurer of Council
Mayor Joan Foster, Lynchburg City Council, Chair of Council
Mayor Paul Harvey, Town of Appomattox
Bruce Johannessen, Town of Bedford
Megan Lucas, Lynchburg Regional Economic Alliance
Dean Rodgers, Amherst County Administrator
Frank Rogers, Campbell County Administrator
Gary Shanaberger, Town of Appomattox
John Sharp, Bedford County Board of Supervisors
Bonnie Svrcek, Lynchburg City Manager
Russell Thurston, Brookneal Town Manager
Mayor Dwayne Tuggle, Town of Amherst

Members Absent:

Susan Adams, Appomattox County Administrator
Kenneth Campbell, Amherst County Board of Supervisors
Mayor Phyllis Campbell, Town of Brookneal
Del. Ben Cline, Virginia House of Delegates
Waverly Coggsdale, Altavista Town Manager
Mayor Mike Mattox, Town of Altavista
Bryan Moody, Appomattox County Board of Supervisors
Sen. Mark Peake, Virginia Senate
Michael Rousseau, Campbell County Board of Supervisors

Others Present:

Ben Bowman, Local Government Council
Gary Christie, Local Government Council, Executive Director
Susan Cook, Local Government Council
Stacey Hailey, Town of Bedford
Rosalie Majerus, Local Government Council, Deputy Director of Finance
W. Scott Smith, Local Government Council

1. Welcome and Moment of Silence

Mayor Foster, Chair, welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m. with a moment of silence.

2. Approval of Minutes from the September 21, 2017 Meeting

Upon a motion by Dean Rodgers, and seconded by Megan Lucas, the minutes of the September 21st meeting were approved as presented.

3. Financial Report

Rosalie Majerus reviewed the financial report dated September 30th, included in the meeting packet. She reported that operating expenses are where they should be.

Gary Christie informed the Council that Old Madison Heights was selected by the Department of Housing and Community Development in the year's round of CDBG funding.

4. Request from Amherst County to use LGC Reserves for Communications with the General Assembly for the Training Center

Dean Rodgers reported that last year the Local Government Council provided \$20,000.00 toward information to the General Assembly regarding re-use for the Central Virginia Training Center resulting in \$260,000 from the General Assembly. The money was directed to the Virginia Department of General Services and was used to produce a Phase I Environmental Study of the entire property. There was also enough money to direct some of the funds toward a Limited Scope Phase II in other areas of the property.

Mr. Rodgers advised that by the November meeting he should know if additional funding is needed this term and will be requested at that time. This request will probably be \$30,000.00 or less.

Frank Rogers commented that the Council may want to have a line item built in to the operation budget for advocacy.

5. 2018 General Assembly Legislative Recommendations

Gary Christie reported that the first three items were recommended by Amherst County in regard to:

- 1) Broadband
- 2) Freedom of Information Act
- 3) Central Virginia Training Center

Item No. 4 was recommended by the City of Lynchburg:

- 4) Communications Sales Tax was recommended by the City of Lynchburg, to tax streaming services.

A motion was made by Dean Rodgers to adopt the first three recommendations. The motion was seconded by Carl Boggess. The motion was unanimously approved.

1. **Broadband**

- a. *LGC urges the Commonwealth and the Federal Government to assist communities in their efforts to deploy universal affordable access to broadband for all areas, particularly in underserved and rural areas.*
- b. *LGC opposes mandates that limit or restrict local land use authority for the siting of telecommunications infrastructure or result in a negative fiscal impact to local government budgets*
- c. *LGC recommends funding the VRA Broadband Infrastructure Revolving Fund (see Va. Code secs. 15.2-2419 et seq.) adequately for rural broadband infrastructure projects to be able to obtain financing.*

2. **Freedom Of Information Act**

- a. *The LGC opposes making failure to comply a criminal offense or presumptively willful.*
- b. *The LGC opposes proposals that would lessen the scope of the personnel exemption under Va. Code sec. 2.2-3705.1(1).*
- c. *Local Government Council supports changes to the conditional zoning law to allow greater flexibility in the process for determining impacts to be addressed when considering an application for development.*

3. **Central Virginia Training Center**

- a. *The LGC urges the Commonwealth to set aside funding for demolition of buildings that should have been removed long ago and whose presence will detract from the Department of General Service's ability to obtain the highest value for the property.*
- b. *The LGC urges the Commonwealth to set aside funding for a redevelopment plan that will assist the Department of General Services and the local & regional economic development authorities in marketing the property to industries that will achieve its highest and best use.*

Carl Boggess made the motion to table Item No. 4 until more information can be presented. The motion was seconded by Frank Rogers. John Sharp offered a substitute motion to permanently table Item 4 and not consider it at a future meeting. The motion was seconded by Dean Rodgers.

The vote was called for the first motion, which was approved with eleven for and one (John Sharp) against.

6. **GO Virginia Overview**

Gary Christie introduced Mr. John Provo, Director of Virginia Tech's Office of Economic Development. Mr. Provo presented an update on the GO Virginia program.

7. **Adjourn** – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

8. **Next Meeting** - November 16, 2017, 5:00 in the LGC offices.

Agenda Item 3 b.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE VACO/VML VIRGINIA INVESTMENT POOL FOR THE PURPOSE OF INVESTING FUNDS BELONGING TO THE VIRGINIA'S REGION 2000 LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL IN CERTAIN AUTHORIZED INVESTMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTIONS 2.2-4501 *et seq.* AND 15.2-1300 OF THE VIRGINIA CODE.

WHEREAS, Section 15.2-1500 of the Virginia Code provides, in part, that every locality shall provide for all the governmental functions of the locality, including, without limitation, the organization of all departments, offices, boards, commissions and agencies of government, and the organizational structure thereof, which are necessary to carry out the functions of government; and

WHEREAS, the Investment of Public Funds Act (Va. Code §§ 2.2-4500 through 2.2-4519) lists the eligible categories of securities and investments in which municipal corporations, other political subdivisions and other public bodies are authorized to invest funds belonging to them or within their control; and

WHEREAS, Section 15.2-1300 of the Virginia Code provides that any power, privilege or authority exercised or capable of exercise by any political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia may be exercised and enjoyed jointly with any other political subdivision having a similar power, privilege or authority pursuant to agreements with one another for joint action in accordance with the provisions of that Code section; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chesapeake, Virginia and the City of Roanoke, Virginia have jointly established and are participating in the Virginia Investment Pool Trust Fund (the "Trust Fund"), also known as the "VACo/VML Virginia Investment Pool," and have provided in their trust agreement for participation by other eligible governmental entities that execute a trust joinder agreement; and

WHEREAS, it appearing to the governing body of the Virginia's Region 2000 Local Government Council that it is in the best interests of the Local Government Council to become a Participating Political Subdivision in the Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the individual holding the title of Executive Director, is chief investment officer of the Virginia's Region 2000 Local Government Council, and has the authority and responsibility under Virginia law to determine the manner in which funds under his (her) control will be invested;

NOW, THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE VIRGINIA'S REGION 2000 LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL HEREBY RESOLVES:

§ 1 That, pursuant to Sections 2.2-4501 *et seq.* and 15.2-1300 of the Virginia Code, the Virginia's Region 2000 Local Government Council hereby establishes a trust for the purpose of investing funds, other than sinking funds, determined to derive the most benefit from this investment strategy, in investments authorized under the Investment of Public Funds Act, jointly with other participating political subdivisions and public bodies in the Trust Fund. A copy of the Virginia Investment Pool Trust Fund Agreement ("Trust Fund Agreement") is attached and incorporated in this resolution as Exhibit A.

§ 2 That the Virginia's Region 2000 Local Government Council hereby agrees to become a "Participating Political Subdivision" in the Trust Fund as further defined in the Agreement.

§ 3 That the Virginia's Region 2000 Local Government Council hereby designates its Executive Director to serve as its trustee with respect to the Trust Fund and determine what funds shall be invested in the Trust Fund.

§ 4 That the Virginia's Region 2000 Local Government Council hereby authorizes its above-designated trustee to execute and deliver the Trust Joinder Agreement for Participating Political Subdivisions under the Virginia Investment Pool Trust Fund ("Trust Joinder Agreement"), a copy of which is attached and incorporated in this resolution as Exhibit B.

§ 5 This resolution shall be in force and effect upon its adoption.

Adopted November 16, 2017.

Attested: _____

Exhibits: Trust Fund Agreement ("Exhibit A")
Trust Joinder Agreement ("Exhibit B")