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Council Work Session
January 26, 2016

Riverfront Park
Face the River Initiative
Lincoln Terminal Changes

The Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia held a work session on Tuesday, January 26, 2016, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall Conference Room.

Council Present. Mayor Mary Katherine Greenlaw, Presiding. Councilors William C. Withers, Jr., Kerry P. Devine, Timothy P. Duffy, Bradford C. Ellis and Matthew J. Kelly.

Council Absent. Councilor Charlie L. Frye, Jr., work conflict.

Also Present. City Manager Beverly R. Cameron, Assistant City Manager Mark Whitley, City Attorney Kathleen Dooley, Parks, Recreation and Public Facilities Director Jane Shelhorse, Planning and Building Services Director Charles Johnston and Clerk of Council Tonya B. Lacey.

Others Present. Chairman of the Riverfront Taskforce George Solley, Taskforce members Mike Carmody, Johanna Humphrey, Carolyn Helfrich, and Chris Hornung, EDA Chairman, Rhodeside and Harwell's Landscape Architect and Principle Kevin Fisher and Senior Associate and Landscape Designer Derrick Wolbaum.

Riverfront Park. Mr. Fisher and Mr. Wolbaum presented a PowerPoint presentation. The presentation discussed strategies to reduce costs; they presented a design based on the Focus Group Feedback, Concept Progress, Parking Option A, B, C, and D. Mr. Fisher also noted that restrooms was a concern and asked Council for direction.

Councilor Kelly said he felt the City could move forward with the park if a parking garage was built first. He expressed concerns that there would be a loss of space in the area where the Heritage Festival usually holds its events and he asked what kind of staging area would be available for the amphitheater and he wanted to know how many the lawn area would

hold. Mr. Wolhaum said the area would hold between 300-500 people and the area would allow for expansion of the amphitheater if the need arose. They were proposing staging to the south end of the park.

Parks and Recreation Director Shelhorse said her concerns were having access for parking for the staging and room for port-a-potties if there was not going to be permanent restrooms in the area. She also liked the idea of the hard paths and electricity.

Mr. Fisher said the next step would be to have a discussion on the types of events that would be held there and Mr. Solley said the Taskforce would be talking with Parks and Recreation and the Friends of the Rappahannock about the next steps.

The issue of parking came up again and Mr. Cameron explained that the parking garage was only fifty-five percent occupied during the week and the weekend availability was much higher. Councilor Ellis suggested offering the City employees free or reduced parking in the deck to get those cars off the street. He also liked the idea of building a garage, then building the park.

Councilor Devine stated that this was going to be an urban park and patrons typically walk or ride their bikes for typical daily use. She didn't agree with holding up the park to build a garage first. Councilor Duffy agreed and stated the parking would cut into the integrity of the park.

After lengthy discussion on parking Council agreed to have Rhodeside and Harwell finalize the plans for the park without the parking but agreed that the parking needed to be addressed.

Face the River Initiative. Mr. Tom Smith presented a PowerPoint presentation discussing the Main Street – Face the River Project. They also discussed the goals to facilitate improvements to the riverscape, and the anticipated results, the Todd Barman report observations, Main Street economics, target area, state of the riverscape, proposed start, opportunities and what is next.

The Council thought this was a great concept and fundraising was suggested to get some of the funding and to allow this to be a community project. Mr. Smith said they thought about doing adopt a spot and Council thought that was a great idea. See attachment for more information.

Lincoln Terminal Application. Staff presented the changes that were agreed upon after the visit to Lincoln Terminal after the last Council meeting. The changes were as

follows: prior to site plan approval, the applicant shall provide an additional mobile foam trailer that will be stored at an off-site location chosen by the City's Fire Department; at the City's request, the applicant shall pay to the City the applicant's proportional share of an expansion of the right turn radii out of Beulah Salisbury Road and in the event of a spill on-site the Operator shall immediately contact the Fire Marshall. The council discussed their concerns with the ingress-egress and how to get VDOT to do the project and Councilor Kelly stated that he would bring it up at the FAMPO meeting. Vice-Mayor Withers suggested getting Spotsylvania's support because it would benefit them as well.

Adjournment. There being no further business to come before the Council at this time. Mayor Greenlaw declared the work session officially adjourned at 7:07.

Tonya B Lacey

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Clerk of Council
City of Fredericksburg**

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