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Workshop Meeting
October 28, 2025**

The Appomattox Town Council held a Workshop Meeting on Monday, October 28, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. at the Appomattox Municipal Building, 210 Linden Street, Appomattox, Virginia with Mayor Richard Conner, presiding.

Members present: James J. Boyce, Sr., Timothy W. Garrett, McKinley Cardwell, Jack Hensley, Nathan Simpson, and Mary Lou Spiggle

Others present: Robert S. Fowler, Director of Community Development and Planning; Dianne Tanner, Deputy Town Clerk; and Carlton Duck, Alive Media

Mayor Richard Conner called the Workshop meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Richard Conner made a request to add mayor comments to the agenda. A motion was made by Council Member McKinley Cardwell to add mayor comments to the agenda, seconded by Vice Mayor Timothy W. Garrett, with all Council members voting aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Richard Conner asked if there were any further amendments to the agenda. With no further amendments made to the agenda, the mayor asked for a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Council member McKinley Cardwell made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Vice Mayor Timothy W. Garrett, with all Council members voting aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor's Comments:

We've had a great loss to our community. Mr. Bill Jamerson. He was a legacy. He left a legacy of good deeds that he performed for our community. And I hope that all that he has...all of the lives he has touched appreciate what he did for them. Looking down the agenda, I think we are going to appreciate it even more. Thank you all.

Discussion Items

Mayor Richard Conner read into the record the discussion item for Council approval for the acceptance of ownership of the Garment Factory property and authorization for execution of all associated documents and agreements necessary to support the grant application and redevelopment of the site into rental housing units. Robert S. Fowler, the Director of Community Development and Planning, briefed Council on the item up for discussion.

Council Member Nathan Simpson made a motion to proceed with the acceptance of ownership of the Garment Factory property and authorization for the execution of all associate documents and agreements necessary to support the grant application and redevelopment of the site into rental housing units, with approval being conditioned upon the receipt, by staff, of a letter from an attorney explaining the entire process and its compliance with Virginia Code, seconded by Vice-Mayor Timothy W. Garrett. There was no further discussion, and this item was presented for a Roll Call Vote: Garrett-yes, Hensley-yes, Boyce: yes, Cardwell-yes, Simpson-yes, Spiggle-yes. Motion carried 6-0.

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A motion was made by Council Member Nathan Simpson to authorize up to \$6,000 for use in paying miscellaneous expenses associated with the grant application and redevelopment of the Garment Factory site, seconded by Council Member McKinley Cardwell, and this item was presented for a Roll Call Vote: Garrett-yes, Hensley-yes, Boyce: yes, Cardwell-yes, Simpson-yes, Spiggle-yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Council Comments:

Council Member Mary Lou Spiggle: I don't have anything tonight.

Council member Nathan Simpson: Nothing tonight.

Council Member Jack Hensley: No. Nothing tonight.

Vice Mayor Timothy W. Garrett: I am good.

Council Member McKinley Cardwell: Um...I just want to thank members of the Fire Department for giving us a tour of the new engine. I mean, honestly, it's kind of heartening to see all the mechanics up close. The last time I was...to see the trucks up close. I was, you know, there doing all the touring and everything. I was probably in kindergarten along with the rest of the primary school students. It kind of brings tears to your eyes, because, you see all the stuff, and sure the equipment looks fun but...um...you know, all these things we are able to do as a government to help out, it buys some hope...is...um...gosh it's valuable. So, thank you so much for showing us that and kind of reminding my heart why we keep on helping out and doing that.

Council Member James Boyce, Jr.: I want to just ask the Council for prayer for the nation of Jamaica. With what they are going through. And now it has crossed over Jamaica, and it's headed to Cuba. Then it's going to the Turks and Caicos, then Bermuda. But it's just a...watching that storm grow the way it did. And the way it just kept intensifying, intensifying, and intensifying. The only think that really slowed that thing down was those mountains in Jamaica. But still, it came on shore with 140-145 miles per hour winds. And that's...that's just devastating. Only time will tell, you know, how the island survived.

Staff Reports:

Robert S. Fowler, Director of Community Development and Planning, indicated that the Town Manager, Michael Campbell, would be updating Council with the financial report and the fund balance at the next meeting. Council Member McKinley Cardwell expressed his thanks to the Treasurer for providing the actual cash accounts and being able to see those on the back end has been super valuable.

Citizen Comment:

The Mayor, Richard Conner, asked for any citizen comment. There were no citizen comments, and the mayor thanked the citizens who were in attendance.

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Adjournment:

By a Motion from Vice-Mayor Timothy W. Garrett, seconded by Council Member James Boyce, Jr., the Council voted to adjourn at 6:49 p.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Dianne Tanner, Deputy Town Clerk

Richard C. Conner, Mayor