

VIENNA TOWN COUNCIL

August 6, 1962

The Vienna Town Council met in regular session beginning at 8:15 p.m., August 6, 1962, in the Town Office Building, Vienna, Virginia. Mayor Guy M. Wilson called the meeting to order with Councilmen Chittenden, Cowden, Norcross, Willoughy and Ford present. Mayor Wilson said that Councilman Pellegrino was out-of-town.

The invocation was given by the Reverend Gerald Fink, Pastor, Wesley Methodist Church, 125 Courthouse Road, Vienna, Virginia.

Item 1. Roll Call

The Mayor requested the Clerk to call the roll and the members present were noted as above.

Item 2. Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting July 13, 1962 and Regular Meeting July 16, 1962.

Minutes of July 13, 1962 and July 16, 1962 approved as submitted.

Item 3. Petitions, Communications and Public Hearings.

None.

Item 4. Reports of Special Committees or Town Officers

A. Council consideration of suggestion by Councilman Chittenden that the former names of the Town parks (Ohio Park and South Carolina Park) be restored, i.e., to Glyndon Street Park and Meadow Lane Park.

Councilman Chittenden moved that consideration of names of the Town's Ohio Park and South Carolina Park be made a subject of discussion by the Mayor's Advisory Committee, subject only to the limitation that a third set of different names not be considered.

Councilman Cowden seconded the motion.

The motion so carried.

Mayor Wilson asked Mrs. Hall, Administrative Assistant to the Town Manager to have this placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Advisory Committee.

B. Reconsideration of Council's approval of an expenditure not to exceed \$300 for the Vienna Centennial Observation (placed on the agenda at the request of Councilman Ford).

Councilman Ford said that he had talked with the Committee for Vienna Heritage Week and that it appeared that local merchants would help defray the cost of Heritage Week. He, therefore, moved that this item be stricken from the agenda.

Councilman Cowden seconded the motion.

The motion so carried.

7. Council deferred action on amendments to the Zoning Ordinance in order to have a work session before formal consideration.

MOTION: Cowden  
SECOND: Wallace  
CARRIED: Unanimous

Motion was made for an amendment to include a 60-day moratorium on rezoning and building permits in the M zone.

MOTION: Wallace  
SECOND: Ford  
WITHDRAWN

Council adopted the following Resolution for a moratorium:

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Vienna has presently under consideration various problems concerning the M Zone and the ordinances applicable thereto; and,

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town Council to thoroughly investigate and compare the said proposals for the purpose of enacting new ordinances governing the said M Zone; and,

WHEREAS, it is apparent that, in order to draft and enact such ordinances, further time is required for study of the aforesaid proposals; and,

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town Council that the effectiveness of the proposed new ordinances aforesaid not be impaired by the introduction into the aforesaid M Zone of new commercial operations before such ordinances are enacted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that applications for rezoning or building permits within the aforesaid M Zone not be accepted for a period of not more than sixty (60) days from the date of enactment of this resolution.

Polled vote:

MOTION: Wallace  
SECOND: Robinson  
CARRIED

FOR THE RESOLUTION: Councilmen Robinson, Ford, Wallace, Norcross, and Pennino  
AGAINST THE RESOLUTION: Councilman Cowden  
ABSENT: None

Approved Mary M. Wilson  
~~Wetted~~

8. Motion was made to postpone changing the names of the Town parks, it being thought that a public hearing was to be held on this matter.

MOTION: Ford  
FAILED LACKING SECOND  
Council approved changing the names of Ohio and South Carolina parks back to Glyndon Street and ~~Meadow Lane~~ Meadow parks.

Polled vote

MOTION: Pennino  
SECOND: Norcross  
CARRIED

FOR THE MOTION: Councilman Wallace, Norcross, Pennino, Robinson  
AGAINST THE MOTION: Councilman Ford  
ABSTAIN: Councilman Cowden

Approved Mary M. Wilson  
~~Wetted~~



said proposals; and,

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town Council that the effectiveness of the proposed new ordinances aforesaid not be impaired by the introduction into the aforesaid M Zone of new commercial operations before such ordinances are enacted;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that applications for rezoning or building permits within the aforesaid M Zone not be accepted for a period of not more than sixty (60) days from the date of enactment of this resolution.

Councilman Wallace moved the adoption of the Resolution.

Councilman Robinson seconded the motion.

Mayor Wilson requested the Clerk to poll the Council on the Resolution.

FOR THE RESOLUTION: Councilmen Robinson, Ford, Wallace, Norcross, and Pennino.

AGAINST THE RESOLUTION: Councilman Corden

ABSENT: None

The resolution so passed.

Mayor Wilson called for a recess of the meeting at 10:30 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 10:30 with all members of Council present.

Item 9. Names of Town Parks. Discussion of changing the names of Ohio and South Carolina Parks back to Glyndon Street and Meadow Lane Parks.

Councilman Ford moved to lay this item on the table, since it was his understanding that Council had moved to have a public hearing on this item, and the public hearing had not been held.

The motion failed for lack of a second.

Mayor Wilson said that, to the best of his knowledge, the previous Council had recommended that this matter be taken up at the Mayor's Advisory Committee meeting. It was discussed at that time. If the previous Council had asked for a public hearing, he did not recall that action.

Councilman Ford asked for a check of the minutes.

Mayor Wilson said that the minutes of August 6, 1962, under Reports of Special Committees and Town Officers, Item A., show that Councilman Chittenden moved that consideration of the names of the Town's Ohio and South Carolina Parks be made a subject of discussion by the Mayor's Advisory Committee, subject only to the limitation that a third set of different names would not be considered. Council had passed this motion after it had been duly seconded.

Councilman Pennino made a motion that the Council change the names of Ohio and South Carolina Parks back to Glyndon Street and Meadow Lane Parks.

Councilman Norcross seconded the motion.

Councilman Ford asked Mayor Wilson whether the Mayor's Advisory Committee had voted unanimously to change the names back, and the Mayor replied that no vote had been taken. He had asked for an expression of opinion. No one spoke against the change. Everyone spoke in favor of changing the names back to the original names. Councilman Ford then asked if these people were expressing their own personal opinion, or were they speaking for their organizations; and the Mayor said that they were present as representatives of their organizations, and they had been notified in advance that the item was to appear on the agenda.



Councilman Ford then pointed out that the parks had been renamed at the time of the Civil War Centennial. Ohio Park had been named for the Northern troops that fought at Vienna, and South Carolina for the Southern troops. The reason for the attraction of the former names of the parks is a mystery to him. He believes that when the name of any place is changed, there is a little confusion at first. If it is changed back, there is still confusion. He feels that it is a pity the names must be changed back, and that the parks will no longer honor the troops who fought in Vienna, and he opposes the motion.

Mayor Wilson requested the Clerk to poll the Council on the motion.

FOR THE MOTION: Councilmen Pennino, Wallace, Norcross,  
and Robinson.

AGAINST THE MOTION: Councilman Ford

ABSTAIN: Councilman Cowden

ABSENT: None

The motion so passed.

Mayor Wilson said that Mr. Holmes of the Planning & Zoning Commission had mentioned to him that if Council had any names of persons it wished the Planning & Zoning Commission to interview to fill the vacancy on that Board, they would be glad to receive that information.

Mayor Wilson suggested that to keep the interviews within reason, one Councilman should not recommend more than one candidate.

Item 10. VEPKO Transmission Lines. Council consideration of requesting the County Board of Zoning Appeals to again defer the VEPKO application for use permit pending action by the Town Council of Vienna on use Permit required for the section of the line proposed to go through Vienna.

The Town Manager said that the County Board of Zoning Appeals had deferred the request of VEPKO for a use permit until Tuesday, December 18, pending an opinion from the Town Attorney as to whether or not VEPKO would be required to acquire a use permit from the Town of Vienna. The Town Attorney has now determined that since this line would run through a portion of a residential area, that a use permit from the Town is required. He had furnished the Council with a map of the route from information secured from VEPKO. Mr. Leon Johnson of VEPKO has requested permission to explain this route to Council.

Mayor Wilson pointed out that a public hearing would be held on this matter when VEPKO filed for a use permit with the Town. He then asked Mr. Johnson to describe to Council what was proposed by VEPKO.

Mr. Johnson said that one thing that he would like to clarify was the reason VEPKO had applied to the County and not the Town for a use permit. He said that VEPKO had started this project in 1960 and at that time had written to an attorney in Fairfax for an opinion on whether or not it was necessary to comply with any ordinances in Vienna, and the Company had been informed that this was not necessary. Shortly after that the State Highway became interested in the right-of-way for use as a road, and the matter was dropped by VEPKO. Recently the State Highway decided not to use this part of the right-of-way, so VEPKO reactivated its plans. When it was again brought to the attention of the Town Attorney it obtained the ruling that it is now necessary to apply for a use permit. Mr. Johnson said that the line is a part of a project involving a power station located in West Virginia. The plant will be in service in the Spring of 1965. By generating electricity where coal is available a great many economies can be affected. He then outlined the general scope of the project to Council.

Councilman Norcross moved that Council request the County Board of Zoning Appeals to again defer the VEPKO application for a use permit pending action by the Town of Vienna on the use permit required for the section of line proposed to go through Vienna.