



CITY OF BUENA VISTA CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

July 16, 2026 | 6:00 PM

Council Chambers – 2039 Sycamore Avenue

The Buena Vista City Council met for a Regular Council Meeting on Thursday, July 16 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Mayor Jesse Lineberry – *arrived at 6:11*

Vice-Mayor Danny Staton

Michelle Poluikis

Amy Gilliam

Stephanie Noel-Branch

Ronald Cash

Members Absent:

William Kerr

ADG #1: CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, & PRAYER

Vice-Mayor Staton called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m., and Councilmember Poluikis delivered the opening prayer.

ADG #2: APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Councilmember Gilliam moved to approve the agenda, Councilmember Cash seconded, and the motion carried.

ADG #3: APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 18, 2026, REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING & EXECUTIVE SESSION, AND THE JUNE 25, 2026, SPECIAL CALLED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Noel-Branch moved to approve the minutes, Councilmember Cash seconded, and the motion carried.

ADG #4: RECOGNITION/COMMUNICATION FROM VISITORS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No one spoke.

ADG #5: REPORTS:

1. Mayor

None.

2. Interim City Manager

Mr. Handley reported that the City continues to work through the leadership transition while maintaining progress on infrastructure projects and daily operations.

He also highlighted Senator Tim Kaine's recent visit to the Virginia Innovation Accelerator, where representatives from Main Street Buena Vista, Rockbridge County, Southern Virginia University, Mountain Gateway Community College, and Modine discussed workforce development and regional economic opportunities.

Mr. Handley also provided an update on the wastewater treatment plant project, noting that the City continues to pursue congressionally directed funding and has held multiple meetings with the Environmental Protection Agency and other stakeholders. Staff is also exploring additional funding opportunities through the Virginia DEQ, the USDA, and the Water Quality Improvement Fund (WQIF) to support the project's phased implementation.

3. City Attorney

None.

4. Council Committees/Members

Mrs. Noel-Branch reported meeting with Kelly Weaver, Sheryl Wagner, and Jen Carpenter to discuss regional tourism partnerships and collaborative marketing opportunities in support of the Microbusiness Marketing Leverage Program grant. She also attended Senator Kaine's visit to the Virginia Innovation Accelerator, where she discussed the City's wastewater treatment plant needs with the Senator and shared his recommendations with Mr. Handley.

Mrs. Noel-Branch also attended the recent Rockbridge Outdoors meeting, where members discussed regional outdoor recreation initiatives, including planning for the Grit Adventure Race scheduled for May 21-23 next year. This event will involve collaboration with localities throughout the region.

She announced that the July Citizens Advisory Committee meeting was canceled and will resume on August 18. She noted that the Committee is currently accepting applications through the City's website. She also announced that the Outdoor Spaces Committee is scheduled to meet on July 23 to continue planning for outdoor recreation, community amenities, and public space initiatives.

5. Department Heads/Constitutional Officers/Court Clerks

Michael Loudermilk – Public Works

Mr. Loudermilk reported on the installation of a new drinking fountain and water bottle filling station at Magnolia Square. He explained that the project was funded through a \$5,000 grant awarded to Main Street Buena Vista by the Rockbridge Area Community Health Foundation. MSBV allocated approximately \$3,000 of the grant toward the purchase and installation of the fountain, with Public Works managing the procurement process and completing the installation. The project was completed within the allocated budget. Addressing public questions regarding the funding source, he clarified that the project was fully funded through the grant and did not require City funds. He noted the importance of pursuing grant opportunities and collaboration between City departments and community partners to maximize available resources.

6. Invited Community Organizations

Jen Carpenter – Main Street Buena Vista

Mrs. Carpenter began her report by thanking Michael Loudermilk and the Public Works team for their collaboration on the installation of the new drinking fountain and water bottle filling station at Magnolia Square, noting that more than 145 water bottles have been filled. She also recognized the Public Works department's support of the recent Norton motorcycle rally downtown, which attracted visitors from across the country and internationally, and highlighted the event as an example of collaboration between Glen Maury Park and downtown businesses.

She announced the launch of the Get to Gnome BV community scavenger hunt, which has generated positive community engagement. She also announced the upcoming Connect BV event, scheduled for August 24, which will serve as a back-to-school celebration featuring activities for residents and local students.

She reported applying for the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond's Community Investment Training Program, which provides training to help communities attract investment and support redevelopment efforts. Mrs. Carpenter also thanked Councilmember Noel-Branch for her assistance in developing regional tourism partnerships to support future grant opportunities. Additionally, she highlighted Senator Kaine's recent visit to the VIA, where discussions focused on the federally funded entrepreneur pipeline and conference space project. Finally, she shared plans to organize a downtown

walking tour showcasing redevelopment efforts, including recently renovated and vacant properties, in collaboration with local property owners.

ADG #6: CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, & COMMITTEES

None.

OLD BUSINESS

OB #1: SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT TO ADOPT NEW SECTION 702 ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS

There being no changes to the ordinance text, Councilmember Noel-Branch motioned to read by title, seconded by Councilmember Cash, and carried by Council.

Councilmember Cash moved to **approve** the ordinance. Councilmember Gilliam seconded the motion, and Ms. Burch polled the Council as follows:

Member	Present	Absent	Yes	No	Abstain
Mrs. Poluikis	X		X		
Mrs. Gilliam	X		X		
Mr. Kerr		X			
Mrs. Noel-Branch	X		X		
Mr. Cash	X		X		
Vice-Mayor Staton	X		X		
Mayor Lineberry	X		X		

The following ordinance was unanimously approved:

Zoning Text Amendment Section 702 Accessory Dwelling Units

AN ORDINANCE to amend Section 302 and adopt new Section 702 of the Land Development Regulations of the Code of the City of Buena Vista, as amended, for the purpose of regulating Accessory Dwelling Units.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA VISTA, VIRGINIA, that after a duly called public hearing, in accordance with the general welfare of the citizens of Buena Vista and in accordance with good zoning practices, Section 302 is hereby amended, and Section 702 is hereby adopted as shown in the attached "Exhibit A".

This ordinance shall be effective 30 days following adoption by City Council.

Daniel L. Staton, Vice-Mayor

Attest:

Sarah M. Burch, Clerk of Council

Date of Adoption

OB #2: SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR ZONING MAP AMENDMENT IN THE 100 BLOCK OF SOUTH HAZEL AVENUE

There being no changes to the ordinance text, Councilmember Noel-Branch motioned to read by title, seconded by Councilmember Poluikis, and carried by Council.

Councilmember Noel-Branch moved to **approve** the ordinance. Councilmember Cash seconded the motion, and Ms. Burch polled the Council as follows:

Member	Present	Absent	Yes	No	Abstain
Mrs. Poluikis	X		X		
Mrs. Gilliam	X		X		
Mr. Kerr		X			
Mrs. Noel-Branch	X		X		
Mr. Cash	X		X		
Vice-Mayor Staton	X		X		
Mayor Lineberry	X		X		

The following ordinance was unanimously approved:

**Zoning Map Amendment
100 Block of Hazel Avenue
Lots 4, 5, 6, 7, 16, 17, and 18 of Block 57, Section 1**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA VISTA, VIRGINIA, that after a duly called public hearing, in accordance with the general welfare of the citizens of Buena Vista and in accordance with good zoning practices, the following property shall be rezoned from R2 Residential to R3 Residential Limited pursuant to Section 617.03-3 of the Land Development Regulations, and the zoning map for the City shall be amended to reflect this change: Lots 4, 5, 6, 7, 16, 17, and 18 of Block 57, Section 1, located in the 100 Block of South Hazel Avenue; as shown on "Exhibit A".

This ordinance shall be effective 30 days following adoption by City Council.

Daniel L. Staton, Vice-Mayor

Attest:

Sarah M. Burch, Clerk of Council

Date of Adoption

OB #3: SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR RIGHT OF WAY ABANDONMENT IN THE 100 BLOCK OF SOUTH HAZEL AVENUE

There being no changes to the ordinance text, Councilmember Noel-Branch motioned to read by title, seconded by Councilmember Cash, and carried by Council.

Councilmember Noel-Branch moved to **approve** the ordinance. Councilmember Gilliam seconded the motion, and Ms. Burch polled the Council as follows:

Member	Present	Absent	Yes	No	Abstain
Mrs. Poluikis	X		X		
Mrs. Gilliam	X		X		
Mr. Kerr		X			
Mrs. Noel-Branch	X		X		
Mr. Cash	X		X		
Vice-Mayor Staton	X		X		
Mayor Lineberry	X		X		

The following ordinance was unanimously approved:

**Abandonment of Public Right of Way
Portion of Alley in Block 57, Section 1**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA VISTA, VIRGINIA, that in accordance with Section 15.2-2006 through 2008 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, that the public right of way described in “Exhibit A” and “Exhibit B” attached hereto (“the Property”), shall be vacated and abandoned upon receipt of the consideration noted in “Exhibit B”.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall be recorded in the Clerk’s Office of the Circuit Court for the City of Buena Vista, Virginia, and indexed under the names listed on “Exhibit A”.

This ordinance shall be effective 30 days following adoption by City Council.

Daniel L. Staton, Vice-Mayor

Attest:

Sarah M. Burch, Clerk of Council

Date of Adoption

OB #4: SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR RIGHT OF WAY ABANDONMENT IN THE 300 BLOCK OF LONGHOLLOW ROAD

There being no changes to the ordinance text, Councilmember Noel-Branch motioned to read by title, seconded by Councilmember Poluikis, and carried by Council.

Councilmember Poluikis moved to **approve** the ordinance. Councilmember Gilliam seconded the motion, and Ms. Burch polled the Council as follows:

Member	Present	Absent	Yes	No	Abstain
Mrs. Poluikis	X		X		
Mrs. Gilliam	X		X		
Mr. Kerr		X			
Mrs. Noel-Branch	X		X		
Mr. Cash	X		X		

Vice-Mayor Staton	X		X		
Mayor Lineberry	X		X		

The following ordinance was unanimously approved:

**Abandonment of Public Right of Way
Alley in Block 1, Forest Subdivision, 300 Block of Longhollow Road**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA VISTA, VIRGINIA, that in accordance with Section 15.2-2006 through 2008 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, that the public right of way described in “Exhibit A” and “Exhibit B” attached hereto (“the Property”), shall be vacated and abandoned upon receipt of the consideration noted in “Exhibit B”.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that as a condition of the aforesaid abandonment and vacation, the City retains a perpetual easement over, under, and across the Property for the installation, maintenance, repair, replacement of all utilities, including, but not limited to, water and sewer lines; electric; cable; telephone; and gas lines; and garbage pick-up.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall be recorded in the Clerk’s Office of the Circuit Court for the City of Buena Vista, Virginia, and indexed under the names listed on “Exhibit A”.

This ordinance shall be effective 30 days following adoption by City Council.

Daniel L. Staton, Vice-Mayor

Attest:

Sarah M. Burch, Clerk of Council

Date of Adoption

NEW BUSINESS

ADG #7: RECOGNITION/COMMUNICATION FROM VISITORS – NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

None.

NB #1: ROCKBRIDGE RECOVERY PRESENTATION

Lori Turner, Executive Director of The Community Foundation, began her presentation by thanking City Council for its continued support of Rockbridge Recovery and the regional partnership that has helped expand recovery services. She reported that this regional support has contributed to securing \$812,000 in Opioid Abatement Authority funding for the coming year, including \$150,000 for the purchase of a new facility to expand services.

Mrs. Turner provided an overview of the HOPE House recovery campus, which includes men's and women's recovery homes and an outreach center serving as the primary point of entry for individuals and families seeking assistance. She explained that the outreach center offers peer recovery support, transportation assistance, harm reduction services, testing, care kits, and connections to treatment, emphasizing that there are no barriers to accessing services. She also noted that the recovery homes were intentionally designed to provide a safe, welcoming, home-like environment that promotes dignity and

supports long-term recovery, with many rooms furnished through donations from local churches, businesses, and community members.

Mrs. Turner highlighted the impact of peer recovery services, recognizing Substance Use Services Director Josh Clark for being named 2026 Peer of the Year by the Substance Abuse and Addiction Recovery Alliance (SAARA) of Virginia. She also shared that she recently presented the region's collaborative recovery model at the Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority Recovery Conference, where communities from across the Commonwealth expressed interest in learning from the Rockbridge region's approach.

She emphasized that local support has been instrumental to the program's success, noting that more than \$200,000 in local contributions was committed before opioid settlement funding was awarded, along with support from 33 community partners and 14 letters of support. The new funding will sustain housing, peer recovery services, transportation, harm reduction, testing, and workforce reintegration efforts while allowing the organization to continue identifying and addressing unmet recovery needs.

Mrs. Turner concluded by thanking City Council for its partnership and reaffirmed The Community Foundation's commitment to transparency, collaboration, and expanding recovery services to ensure individuals and families affected by substance use disorders continue to receive the support they need.

Mrs. Turner then introduced Mark Peters, a graduate of the HOPE House recovery program and soon-to-be first graduate of the Maury River Recovery Court. Mr. Peters shared his personal journey, describing more than 10 years of active addiction, repeated incarceration, and unsuccessful attempts at recovery that resulted in the loss of his family and stability. He credited HOPE House with providing the support and environment that enabled him to achieve lasting recovery after his release from jail. Mr. Peters reported that he has since completed the HOPE House program, earned his peer recovery support certification, and now works as a peer recovery specialist, helping others facing similar challenges. He expressed gratitude to The Community Foundation and City Council for supporting recovery services, stating that the investment has transformed not only his life but the lives of many others.

Councilmember Cash thanked Lori Turner and Rockbridge Recovery for providing HOPE House participants who volunteered during the City's July 4th celebration, noting that their assistance was invaluable and that they demonstrated a strong work ethic, positive attitudes, and a commitment to serving the community. He noted that the experience reflected the program's emphasis on building character, relationships, and life skills in addition to supporting recovery.

Councilmember Cash also shared that Josh Clark, Rockbridge Recovery Substance Use Services Director and the 2026 SAARA Peer of the Year, is his grandson. He spoke about Mr. Clark's personal journey from addiction and incarceration to recovery through Rockbridge Recovery, noting that remaining in the local community and connecting with the organization's services played a significant role in his success. Mr. Cash praised the positive impact of HOPE House and Rockbridge Recovery on individuals and the community and thanked Mrs. Turner for her leadership and dedication to the program.

NB #2: CERTIFIED CRIME PREVENTION COMMUNITY PRESENTATION

Corporal Josh Guttman introduced Tina Sumpter of the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), who presented the City of Buena Vista with its Certified Crime Prevention Community designation. Ms. Sumpter explained that the program was established in 1998 to recognize communities that demonstrate a comprehensive commitment to crime prevention and community safety. She noted that Buena Vista is one of only 16 communities statewide to receive the certification out of more than 400 eligible localities. Ms. Sumpter explained that earning the certification required the City to successfully meet 19 community safety standards, including 12 core elements and seven additional criteria, demonstrating a broad commitment to crime prevention and public safety. She highlighted several accomplishments included in the City's application, including the Police Department's School Resource Officer program, with five SROs serving the school division; annual school safety audits; participation in

fire, lockdown, and earthquake drills; victim assistance services supporting approximately 125–145 victims annually; Virginia Rules education programs for seventh-grade students; a week-long Virginia Rules summer camp for youth; implementation of the Lethality Assessment Program (LAP) for victims of intimate partner violence; and continued collaboration with Project Horizon to provide services and referrals for victims of domestic violence, stalking, and sexual assault. She emphasized that this recognition represents a community-wide effort involving the Police Department, City leadership, schools, partner agencies, and residents.

Police Chief Clements thanked Ms. Sumpter for her guidance throughout the certification process and recognized the leadership of former Chief and current City Manager Wayne Handley, as well as the dedication of Corporal Josh Guttman, noting that the certification process took several years of work and that Corporal Guttman successfully led the effort after assuming responsibility for the project. Chief Clements credited the strong collaboration between the Police Department and the community for making the achievement possible.

City Manager Wayne Handley also congratulated Chief Clements and Corporal Guttman, emphasizing the significance of Buena Vista's accomplishment. He noted that many larger Virginia localities have attempted but not achieved the certification and commended the Police Department and community partners for earning recognition as one of only 16 Certified Crime Prevention Communities in the Commonwealth.

NB #3: DISCUSSION & APPROVAL OF AN APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION

Mr. Bolster explained that the resolution includes a \$50,000 Virginia Brownfield Restoration and Economic Redevelopment Assistance Fund grant for additional environmental assessment and remediation planning at the former Bontex building, specifically addressing the basement. He noted that staff secured approval to use another grant source to satisfy the required local match, allowing the project to move forward without additional local funding. The other appropriations listed in the resolution consist of FY2026 project carryovers: \$160,121 for the VDOT-funded Streetscape Project to cover remaining invoices as the project nears completion; \$17,538 for the Magnolia Square Project, funded through a combination of local and fundraising dollars, to complete remaining work; \$129,800 for the Community Flood Preparedness Fund culvert replacement project at 6th Street and Woodland Avenue; and \$425,178 for the Community Development Block Grant Downtown Revitalization Project to pay outstanding invoices as the project reaches completion. Mr. Bolster noted that the 6th Street Culvert Project is funded through a 90% state grant with a 10% local match and that completion of the design phase will position the City to apply for future construction funding through the next grant cycle.

Mr. Bolster also noted that the carryover projects are reimbursement-based grants, requiring the City to pay eligible expenses before seeking reimbursement from the respective grant agencies, and that the appropriations are necessary to allow the City to complete ongoing projects and continue utilizing previously awarded grant funding.

Ms. Burch presented the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Buena Vista, Virginia, that the following appropriations are, and the same are hereby made, for the period ending **June 30, 2027**, from the UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLUS of the **GENERAL FUND** and expended as follows:

Virginia Brownfields Restoration and Economic Redevelopment Assistance Fund (VBAF) Award

10.8401.56182	VBAF Grant Expense	<u>\$50,000.00</u>
Sub-total 1		\$50,000.00

Streetscape Project – VDOT Funding (FY 2026 Carryover)

10.8402.56183	Streetscape Project – VDOT Funding	<u>\$160,121.00</u>
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Sub-total 2	\$160,121.00
Town (Magnolia) Square Project (FY 2026 Carryover)	
10.8402.56186 Town Square Project	<u>\$17,538.00</u>
Sub-total 3	\$17,538.00
Community Flood Preparedness Fund – Culvert Replacement Project (FY 2026 Carryover)	
10.8402.56188 DCR CFPF Culvert Replacement Project	<u>\$129,800.00</u>
Sub-total 4	\$129,800.00
Downtown Revitalization Project – CDBG Grant Funding (FY 2026 Carryover)	
10.8402.60680 Connect BV CDBG Grant	<u>\$425,178.00</u>
Sub-total 5	\$425,178.00
Total General Fund Appropriation	\$782,637.00

Approved: This 16th day of July 2026.

Councilmember Poluikis moved to approve the resolution, Councilmember Noel-Branch seconded, and the motion carried.

NB #4: DISCUSSION OF CEMETERY FEE STRUCTURE

Vice-Mayor Staton presented a recommendation from the Cemetery Committee to update Green Hill Cemetery's fee structure, noting that many of the fees have remained unchanged since the early 1980s and no longer reflect current operating costs or regional comparisons. He stated that the Committee unanimously recommended increasing the cost of cemetery lots for City residents from \$1,200 to \$1,700, non-residents from \$1,500 to \$2,000, and the perpetual care fee from \$150 to \$500. He explained that the proposed changes would help bring the City's fees more in line with neighboring cemeteries and better support the long-term maintenance of the cemetery, while acknowledging the additional adjustments may be needed in the future as costs continue to rise.

Mr. Kearney asked whether the Committee also planned to review other cemetery fees, such as opening and closing charges and administrative documents. Vice-Mayor Staton responded that the Committee is conducting a comprehensive review of the cemetery's fee schedule, policies, and regulations, but is bringing recommendations to Council in phases rather than all at once. Councilmember Cash noted his agreement with the phased approach, stating that the cemetery lot fee is the most significant issue to address initially. Mayor Lineberry expressed support for updating the fee structure but encouraged the Committee to preserve a meaningful cost advantage for City residents when finalizing the recommendations.

Vice-Mayor Staton invited everyone to attend the Cemetery Committee meeting scheduled for the following Monday to continue discussions on the proposed changes.

NB #5: DISCUSSION & APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CENTRAL SHENANDOAH HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN 2026 UPDATE

Mr. Handley explained that the Central Shenandoah Hazard Mitigation Plan, prepared by the Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission, is the result of a multi-year regional planning effort involving member localities, the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, and other government partners to identify, evaluate, and prioritize natural, man-made, and industrial hazards that could affect the region. He stated that the plan establishes regional mitigation priorities and identifies strategies to improve community resilience, protect public infrastructure, support economic vitality, and reduce the impacts of

future disasters. He noted that each participating locality contributed its own areas of concern, which were incorporated into the regional plan. Mr. Handley emphasized that adopting the Plan is important because it maintains the City's eligibility for state and federal disaster assistance and hazard mitigation funding, including FEMA grant opportunities, should a disaster occur.

Ms. Burch presented the following resolution:

**A Resolution of the City of Buena Vista, Virginia
Adopting the Central Shenandoah Hazard Mitigation Plan 2026 Update**

WHEREAS the Buena Vista City Council recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within the City of Buena Vista; and

WHEREAS the City of Buena Vista has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as the Central Shenandoah Hazard Mitigation Plan 2026 Update, in accordance with federal laws, including the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended; the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended; and the National Dam Safety Program Act, as amended; and

WHEREAS the Central Shenandoah Hazard Mitigation Plan 2026 Update identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in the City of Buena Vista, Virginia from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS adoption by City Council of the City of Buena Vista demonstrates its commitment to hazard mitigation and to achieving the goals outlined in the Central Shenandoah Hazard Mitigation Plan 2026 Update.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA VISTA, VIRGINIA, that the City of Buena Vista, Virginia, hereby adopts the Central Shenandoah Hazard Mitigation Plan 2026 Update. Revisions to the plan made after adoption that are necessary to satisfy plan approval requirements shall not require City Council to readopt the plan. Subsequent plan updates following the approval period for this plan shall require adoption resolutions.

ADOPTED by a vote of _____ in favor and _____ against, and _____ abstaining.

Daniel L. Staton, Vice-Mayor

Attest:

Sarah M. Burch, Clerk of Council

Date of Adoption

Councilmember Noel-Branch moved to approve the resolution, Councilmember Poluikis seconded, and the motion carried.

NB #6: DISCUSSION & APPROVAL OF NEW CITY MANAGER CONTRACT

Mr. Kearney explained that the contract for incoming City Manager Krystal Onaitis is substantially similar to the agreement previously approved for former City Manager Jason Tyree and incorporates the terms

previously discussed by Council. He stated that he reviewed the agreement with Mr. Handley and Ms. Onaitis' legal counsel to address any questions and ensure all parties were in agreement. He also explained that the contract outlines the City Manager's duties, terms of employment, and compensation, and includes a provision allowing Ms. Onaitis additional time to relocate to the City due to current housing market conditions and noted her intention to become a Buena Vista resident and actively engaged in the community as soon as possible.

Councilmember Poluikis moved to **approve** the new City Manager contract. Councilmember Cash seconded the motion, and Ms. Burch polled the Council as follows:

Member	Present	Absent	Yes	No	Abstain
Mrs. Poluikis	X		X		
Mrs. Gilliam	X		X		
Mr. Kerr		X			
Mrs. Noel-Branch	X		X		
Mr. Cash	X		X		
Vice-Mayor Staton	X		X		
Mayor Lineberry	X		X		

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Sarah M. Burch, Clerk of Council

Daniel L. Staton, Vice-Mayor