



## City of Buena Vista City Council Regular Council Meeting & Public Hearing – Minutes

May 15, 2025, Immediately Following the PSA Meeting  
Council Chambers – 2039 Sycamore Avenue

The City Council for the City of Buena Vista met for a Regular Council Meeting on Thursday, May 15, 2025, following a meeting of the Public Service Authority.

### Members Present:

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| Mayor Tyson Cooper      |                |
| Vice-Mayor Danny Staton | Stanley Coffey |
| Michelle Poluikis       | Ronald Cash    |
| Melvin Henson           |                |

**Members Absent:** Steve Webb

### **ADG #1: CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Cooper called the meeting to order.

### **ADG #2: BUENA VISTA CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING**

The City Council for the City of Buena Vista will conduct a public hearing to receive public input on the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Municipal Budget as presented in the May 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing Notices published in *The News-Gazette*.

- Julie Goyette, Executive Director of the Rockbridge Regional Library System, thanked Council for their continued support of the library system with the annual allocation making it possible for them to provide much-needed services and programs across the region. Ms. Goyette shared that the library's budget request this year for \$213,312 is an 11% increase from the prior year, but this increase is based on several factors including upgrades to library catalog; rising expenses and a decrease in donations; 3% cost-of-living adjustments for all employees; and renovations to restrooms. She also shared some of the services that the library system provides such as one-on-one technology assistance; 24/7 Wi-Fi; public computers; story times and early learning programs; literacy programs to successfully recruit and train tutors for children in elementary schools; resources for job seekers, entrepreneurs, and small businesses; and community gatherings, social events, and support groups. Also, the bookmobile travels to post offices, churches, recreation centers, and convenience stores to extend the reach of library services. They also serve homebound patrons with regular visits and personally selected books helping combat isolation and promote mental and emotional wellbeing. They also provide resources and services for homeschooling, school and test prep, legal forms, notary services, and passport processing.
- Dr. Tony Francis, Superintendent of BVCPS, began by noting that when he first began with the school system, they were ranked 82<sup>nd</sup> out of 131 in the state and they are now ranked at 38<sup>th</sup>. He thanked the city for their support and acknowledged the budget constraints, noting that he understands that his request for an additional \$150,000 (on top of what the state requires) is not going to happen. He asked that Council consider level funding the schools or give at least the required local match to avoid losing state funds. He mentioned that fortunately, the state has provided some additional money in the Governor's budget which is allowing them to give their staff a raise and cover most of the things they need. Dr. Francis advised that the city will probably need to look at how to fund the schools a little better in the future noting

that they get about 85% of their funding from the state and federal government, but if and when state funding goes down, the localities will have to pick that funding up.

- Connie Humphries, 2759 Maple Avenue, first mentioned concerns with the proposed increase in the real estate tax rate stating that she lives on the hill with the college, which she believes puts her in a higher tax bracket. Mrs. Humphries' other concern was with the proposed fee increases for camping at Glen Maury Park. She stated that there are other campgrounds within a 30-minute drive that offer more things to do and if the monthly camping rate is increased to \$500, they might as well go somewhere else with more activities. She also noted that the new playground at GMP is nice for the kids, but that's the only activity there and even if you're camping you still have to pay to get in the pool. Mrs. Humphries also mentioned that there are no picnic tables or fire pits provided at camp sites, and if you move a picnic table to your site, you're told to move it back. Finally, she stated that she and many of her family members camp each year and if the rate increases, they will likely go elsewhere, so she asked for Council to reconsider the camping rates.
- Sue Moore, 2110 Oak Avenue, echoed Mrs. Humphries' concerns regarding the camping rates at GMP stating that increasing the fee is going to take families down the road and that no changes have been made for the park that helps families. She acknowledged the new electric and sewer work that had been done and mentioned that the new bathroom hadn't been built yet. Mrs. Moore also stated that for years people have been coming off of the interstate at night when no one is in the office, staying for the night, then leaving before anyone comes in to the office. She feels that the campground is not as busy as it used to be and if the prices increase, it will drive more people out.
- Johnna Gittemeier, 2647 Edgewood Road, began by saying that she is disappointed in the lack of interest of our leaders and feels that they don't take citizens seriously, stating that they listen, but they never do anything. For instance, she would like to see a street in the city paved from one end to the other instead of patches. She said that cars have to weave all over just to get down the street to avoid a high mechanical cost to fix their cars from hitting the bumps and potholes. She also mentioned that before she moved to Buena Vista, she came from a city about the same size, and they didn't keep raising real estate taxes "like a habit" noting last year's reassessment and tax rate decrease only to increase it again a year later.
- Ada Branham, 2646 Edgewood Road, stated that with the proposed real estate tax increase, her taxes would increase almost \$700. She mentioned some of the things she would like to see happen in the city are paving the streets, enforcing all laws, and on-street parking, noting that parking downtown is almost impossible with all the students that live in the buildings. She said she cares about our town and wants us to make it beautiful again. She also had some questions/concerns she asked to be taken under advisement. She was curious about the \$260,000 for Information Technology in the budget and what that is for. She wondered why City Council is paid when it used to be volunteer. She also noted concerns about the amount of money spent on Town Square and mentioned that SVU had bought 14 homes around Walnut Avenue to use for the school, so we lost tax revenue on those homes which local homeowners cannot afford to replace. She urged Council to act on the citizens behalf.
- Amy Gilliam, 1710 Spruce Avenue, stated that she had learned that SVU only pays the city \$40,000 annually for any services received from the city, which isn't much more than any citizen pays. She feels that with the way taxes are raised all the time, that the citizens are considered "cash cows." She believes that members of Council who are associated with the university make their decisions with the university in mind and not the citizens. If they want something that an ordinance doesn't allow, it's changed; if they want something to serve their student body, it's funded; if they want a piece of property, it's sold to them. Mrs. Gilliam feels that Mayor Cooper, who is SVU's CFO, should not support the tax rate increases when the institution he works for reported revenue over \$37M, land values over \$1M, building values over \$33M, and over \$14M in equipment. With all that being said, she believes that SVU should be paying more

than \$40,000 to receive the benefits afforded to them noting that even with a religious exemption, nothing stops them from making in lieu of tax payments. She asked that Council please do the right thing and not increase the rates for citizens on sewer and real estate without investigating what the university is paying for and that we have exhausted all other avenues.

- Wayne Fitzgerald, 545 East 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, mentioned some of the same concerns about the proposed camping rate increase noting the lack of amenities at GMP while other campgrounds offer more for about the same price. He feels that this increase will chase people out and, speaking for himself and his family, said that he will not go there. He added that the city will not only lose money off of the campers at the park but also lose money off of personal property tax because people will sell their campers. He recalled during Covid how the citizens kept the park full and asked Council to not forget who supported them in a time of need.
- Mike Clements, 403 Magnolia Avenue, recalled sitting in the [City Council] seats and making these budget decisions noting that there were good times and bad and sometimes having to do things we don't want to do to survive, but he is concerned about the jump in rates and some of the city's expenditures. He stated that the city no longer has the high school or golf course debt; we went from paying two golf course payments per year, then went down to paying one payment, then none, but there was never a decrease in the tax rate because of that. Mr. Clements also mentioned that the Dickenson Well was just refinanced at a lower rate and the industrial park was taken care of. He then raised some concerns about the Police Department's budget stating that 26 officers is a lot for a city of our size and noted that some of the officers are driving PD vehicles home to locations such as Allegheny and Glasgow and wondered how much that is costing the city. He acknowledged the rough job Council has but asked that they think about the citizens and be lifesavers.
- Ralph Slagle, 101 Linden Avenue, brought up concerns about Columbia Gas tearing up the roads and not fixing them properly and asked that someone follow behind them to make sure they are fixing and paving them like they're supposed to. He also stated that he followed a city truck with four workers in it up Route 60, up the mountain, back down the mountain, to Southers junkyard, around town, back up the mountain, and then back to the city shop where they took an hour for lunch. After that, Mr. Slagle stated that the same employees made almost the same track around town and up the mountain again. He noted that there are creeks and alleys that need to be cleaned and plenty of other things that they could be doing besides just riding around.

## **ADG #2: APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Councilmember Coffey moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Vice-Mayor Staton, and carried by Council.

## **ADG #3: APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MAY 1, 2025, REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilmember Coffey, seconded by Councilmember Poluikis, and carried by Council.

## **ADG #5: RECOGNITION/COMMUNICATION FROM VISITORS**

- Amy Gilliam, 1710 Spruce Avenue, stated that there needs to be some serious work done in the building inspector's office. She said that she bought her home about three years ago and had no problems for about a year until a home was built behind her and has caused thousands of dollars of damage to her property from the runoff from where the land was disrupted. When she came to speak to the building inspector she was told that he gave the owner a conditional occupancy permit, knowing that grading had not been done. She stated that she had noticed that the FTE is going to be contracted this year and asked who would be monitoring them to make sure that they're doing their job and said that we need to protect

the people that are already here and the people's property that are already here. She would also like Council to consider the roads stating that her sister's car will tell her if she's driving on a dirt road and when she goes between 14<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> & Oak, her car tells her to be careful because she's driving on an unpaved road. She also feels that we should not be taking money out of our general fund and putting it in the park, which she believes should be privatized. Mrs. Gilliam opined that we can no longer fund our wants and need to concentrate on our needs and that we need to look at efficiencies and labor standards noting the overtime dollars allotted in the proposed budget.

## **ADG #5: REPORTS**

### **1. Mayor**

Mayor Cooper reported that he attended SVU's graduation as well as the ribbon cutting at Leaf & Lore and mentioned that he is looking forward to the PMHS graduation next week.

### **2. City Manager**

He also noted that as of today, the Budget & Finance Committee came to a balanced budget that will be presented at the next meeting.

### **3. City Attorney**

None.

### **4. Council Committees / Members**

#### **a. Budget & Finance**

Mrs. Poluikis began her report saying that this process has been stressful for everybody. She pointed out that she is almost 68 and is on a limited income, so she understands everyone's concerns about the rate increases, acknowledging that it is going to hurt everyone "on this side of the room" also. She reminded everyone that all of the B&F meetings were public meetings, and everyone was welcome to come. She also noted that the fees that are being raised are being raised because the rest of the city is paying for these things; we aren't meeting the actual operating cost, and all this is doing is bringing us up to the cost. She added that the pay increase for employees is very minimal and doesn't even cover the cost of the increase of their health insurance. She apologized but said that they did not see any way around it.

#### **b. Outdoor Spaces**

Mr. Henson reported that the tour scheduled for Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> will be rescheduled for sometime in June.

#### **c. School Facilities**

None.

Mr. Coffey pointed out that he is against a 14¢ tax rate increase and will not vote to approve it. He spoke about GMP stating that if it hadn't been upgraded, somebody would have been killed. As far as the rate increases for the park he feels that the resident rate should stay the same and only raise the rate for non-resident campers. He also said that citizens have asked him about line-item expenditures at the park and want to know what the finances are for the park and mentioned that he hadn't seen the budget yet. He believes the park is a potential gold mine and if we could get a promoter to come in and promote events such as cook-offs it would bring more people in. He also spoke about creek beds needing to be cleaned out and code enforcement.

Mr. Henson added that if we hadn't upgraded the pool it would have been shut down by the health department and echoed Mr. Coffey's point on the electrical upgrades to the campground.

Mr. Staton also spoke about the rates for GMP noting that it's not expensive per night, but as a citizen already paying property taxes on a camper, there should be some concession for that and feels that if you are camping, your kids should not have to pay to go to the pool. He also feels that if the rates are raised this much, it will run people off and that's lost income. Mr. Staton added that he thinks we need to go back and revisit the 14¢ tax increase; we might have to do some things we don't want to do but should go back one more time and go over it again.

Mayor Cooper advised of the upcoming B&F Committee meeting on Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3:30 and welcomed all feedback and suggestions on areas we can cut and/or reductions folks would like to see.

#### **5. Department Heads / Constitutional Officers / Court Clerks**

None.

#### **6. Invited Community Organizations**

None.

### **ADG #6: CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES**

#### **Maury Service Authority**

Mr. Bill Fitzgerald's term on the MSA expires on May 31, 2025. Mr. Fitzgerald is willing to serve another term if reappointed. This is a four-year term and the first time it has appeared on the agenda.

Councilmember Henson made a motion to reappoint Mr. Fitzgerald to the MSA. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Coffey and carried unanimously.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **NB #1: PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL EMS WEEK**

Mr. Tyree presented the following Proclamation:

#### **National EMS Week Proclamation**

**WHEREAS** emergency medical services is a vital public service; and

**WHEREAS** the members of emergency medical services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

**WHEREAS** access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

**WHEREAS** emergency medical services fills healthcare gaps by providing important, out-of-hospital care, including preventative medicine, follow-up care, and access to telemedicine; and

**WHEREAS** the emergency medical services system consists of first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, emergency medical dispatchers, firefighters, police officers, educators, administrators, pre-hospital nurses, emergency nurses, emergency physicians, trained members of the public, and other out-of-hospital medical care providers; and

**WHEREAS** the members of emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

**WHEREAS** it is important to recognize the value and accomplishments of our emergency medical services providers by designating the Emergency Medical Services Week.

**NOW THEREFORE, WE**, The City Council of the City of Buena Vista, do hereby recognize the week of May 18-24, 2025 as **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK** in Buena Vista, and encourage the community to observe this week in honor of the EMS profession and the essential service it provides.

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Tyson T. Cooper, Mayor

Attest:

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Sarah M. Burch, Clerk of Council

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Date of Adoption

Councilmember Henson made a motion to approve the Proclamation, with Vice-Mayor Staton seconding, and it was carried by Council.

**NB #2: PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL POLICE WEEK & PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY**

Ms. Burch presented the following Proclamation:

**National Police Week &  
Peace Officers Memorial Day  
Proclamation**

**WHEREAS** the safety and well-being of all citizens of Buena Vista is important to the prosperity of our families and community; and

**WHEREAS** the men and women of the Buena Vista Police Department and Sheriff's Office work tirelessly to protect and serve our citizens, enforce our laws, and keep our neighborhoods, schools, and families safe; and

**WHEREAS** law enforcement officers report for duty every day with the knowledge of the dangers they may face and the sacrifices they may be called upon to make to safeguard the public and enforce the laws of the City of Buena Vista; and

**WHEREAS** since the first recorded death in 1786, more than 24,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty, including four members of the Buena Vista Police Department, and the names of these dedicated public servants are engraved and memorialized on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC; and

**WHEREAS** it is vital to honor the memory and hold tribute to the many heroic officers who have fallen in the line of duty and recognize their sacrifices, as well as the hardship and loss suffered by their families; and

**WHEREAS** in 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed the first proclamation recognizing May 15<sup>th</sup> as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which it falls as National Police Week, “to pay tribute to the law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country and to voice our appreciation for those who currently serve on the front line of the battle against crime”; and

**WHEREAS** National Police Week and Peace Officers Memorial Day are opportunities to honor the officers who have fallen in the line of duty and the officers who continue to faithfully protect and serve the citizens of Buena Vista, and recognize the sacrifices made by the families of those officers.

**NOW THEREFORE, WE**, The City Council of the City of Buena Vista, do hereby recognize May 11-17, 2025 as **NATIONAL POLICE WEEK** and May 15, 2025 as **PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY** in Buena Vista, and publicly salute the members of the Buena Vista Police Department and Buena Vista Sheriff’s Office for their outstanding service to the community.

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Tyson T. Cooper, Mayor

Attest:

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Sarah M. Burch, Clerk of Council

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Date of Adoption

Councilmember Poluikis made a motion to approve the Proclamation, with Councilmember Cash seconding, and it was carried by Council.

**NB #3: PROCLAMATION FOR SVU MEN’S VOLLEYBALL TEAM**

Mr. Tyree presented the following Proclamation:

**Southern Virginia University  
Men’s Volleyball Team  
Proclamation**

**WHEREAS** the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) is a nonprofit organization that governs and regulates intercollegiate athletics in the United States overseeing the athletic programs of over 1,100 member schools, encompassing roughly 500,000 student-athletes; and

**WHEREAS** each year, the NCAA hosts the Division III Men’s Volleyball National Championship Tournament; and

**WHEREAS** the Southern Virginia University Men’s Volleyball Team finished their season with an overall record of 35-1 and averaged 2.5 Aces per set; 2.3 Blocks per set; 12.8 Kills per set; and 9.42 Digs per set; and

**WHEREAS** the SVU Men’s Volleyball Team, coached by Tom Peterson, defeated Springfield College 3-0 sets to win the 2025 National Championship; and

**WHEREAS** Coach Peterson was named National Coach of the Year, and is the only Men’s Volleyball coach to have ever won a national championship at three different schools and the only coach to win it at both the Division I and Division III levels; and

**WHEREAS** Christian Shaeffer was named the tournament’s Most Outstanding Player and the AVCA National Player of the Year and finished the season with 428 Kills; 95 Blocks; 67 Aces; and 148 Digs; and

**WHEREAS** the City of Buena Vista wishes to congratulate Coach Peterson and the Southern Virginia University Men’s Volleyball Team for their historic National Championship win.

**NOW THEREFORE, WE,** The City Council of the City of Buena Vista, do hereby recognize and celebrate the Southern Virginia University Knights Men’s Volleyball Team and their coaches for all their accomplishments.

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Tyson T. Cooper, Mayor

Attest:

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Sarah M. Burch, Clerk of Council

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Date of Adoption

Councilmember Cash made a motion to approve the Proclamation, with Councilmember Poluikis seconding, and it was carried by Council.

#### **NB #4: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING TIRE EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY FOR VIRGINIA**

Mr. Tyree presented the following Resolution:

##### **Resolution Supporting Tire Extended Producer Responsibility for Virginia**

**WHEREAS** Friends of the Rivers of Virginia (FORVA) is seeking support for State legislation for a tire stewardship program that would help end the illegal dumping of tires in Virginia’s rivers and forests; and

**WHEREAS** the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) estimates that waste tires are produced at the rate of one tire per person per year, which equals 8,683,619 annually in Virginia with only 40,740 tons of tires being recycled per DEQ’s 2022 report; and

**WHEREAS** the proposed legislation in 2024 (SB414), which was sponsored by Senator Chris Head, would put the costs of managing the tire waste on the tire producers rather than on individuals, struggling businesses, and local governments. With a system for collection of waste tires created and funded by tire producers under the supervision of DEQ, the incentive for improper disposal would be eliminated; and

**WHEREAS** the legislation as introduced would require producers of tires sold in the Commonwealth to join a tire stewardship organization which must submit a plan to DEQ for the establishment of an approved tire stewardship program; such program shall establish a statewide collection system for discarded tires to facilitate higher rates of recycling and resale for such tires. The bill establishes reporting requirements for



tire stewardship organizations and provides that the Office of the Attorney General may, at the request of DEQ, enforce the provisions of the bill; and

**WHEREAS** Buena Vista supports a robust and sustained program such as Extended Producer Responsibility to counter the environmental degradation of our rivers and streams caused by vehicular tire dumping as these programs have proven useful in other jurisdictions where they have improved water quality, beautified the landscape, protected fish and wildlife, and boosted local tourism revenues.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Buena Vista hereby formally supports tire legislation, similar to SB414 in 2024, that creates tire extended producer responsibility in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

**Approved:** This 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025

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Tyson T. Cooper, Mayor

Attest:

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Sarah M. Burch, Clerk of Council

Councilmember Henson made a motion to approve the Resolution, with Councilmember Poluikis seconding, and it was carried unanimously.

**NB #5: FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE TAX RATES FOR THE CITY OF BUENA VISTA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026**

Ms. Burch read the following Ordinance:

**An Ordinance Establishing the Tax Rates for the  
City of Buena Vista, Virginia for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF BUENA VISTA, VIRGINIA**, that in accordance with Section 26-1 of the Code of the City of Buena Vista, there is hereby levied upon taxable real estate an effective tax rate of One Dollar and Five Cents (\$1.05) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) assessed valuation for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026, said levy to be based upon the value of such property as of July 1, 2025.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, there is hereby levied upon personal property a tax rate of Five Dollars and Eighty-Five Cents (\$5.85) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) assessed valuation for the Calendar Year 2025, said levy to be based upon the value of such property as of January 1, 2025.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, there is hereby levied upon all public service corporation real estate the sum of One Dollar and Five Cents (\$1.05) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) assessed valuation for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026, said levy to be based up on the value of such property as of July 1, 2025.

**BE IT STILL FURTHER ORDAINED**, that all other tax rates not expressly defined above shall remain the same until further action by Council.

## **NB #6: FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

Mayor Cooper read the following Ordinance:

### **An Ordinance Approving the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Municipal Budget**

**WHEREAS** the City Council, on May 15, 2025, held a public hearing on the proposed budget for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026; and

**WHEREAS** the City Council, through a series of publicly held Budget and Finance Committee meetings, has developed a balanced budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF BUENA VISTA**, that the following budget be and the same is hereby adopted for fiscal planning purposes:

### **CITY OF BUENA VISTA, VIRGINIA FY 2025-2026 PROPOSED MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

#### **GENERAL FUND REVENUES**

| <b><u>Description</u></b>          | <b><u>Proposed</u></b> |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| General Property Tax               | \$7,511,510            |
| Other Local Taxes                  | \$2,261,335            |
| Permits, Privilege Fees            | \$52,480               |
| Fines and Forfeitures              | \$34,450               |
| Earnings from Investments          | \$3,400                |
| Charge for Services                | \$871,809              |
| Miscellaneous Revenue              | \$142,970              |
| Non-Categorical Aid from Virginia  | \$672,019              |
| Shared Expenses                    | \$1,312,402            |
| Categorical Aid - Virginia         | \$3,765,802            |
| Categorical Aid - Federal          | \$245,296              |
| Non-Revenue Receipts               | \$35,270               |
| Transfers - Other Funds            | \$125,000              |
| <b>Total General Fund Revenues</b> | <b>\$17,033,743</b>    |

#### **GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES**

| <b><u>Description</u></b>           | <b><u>Proposed</u></b> |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| City Council                        | \$42,431               |
| City Manager                        | \$296,693              |
| Information Technology              | \$267,000              |
| City Attorney                       | \$74,000               |
| Human Resources                     | \$97,543               |
| Finance Department                  | \$406,640              |
| Independent Auditor                 | \$0                    |
| Commissioner of the Revenue         | \$252,769              |
| Reassessment                        | \$44,050               |
| City Treasurer                      | \$345,955              |
| Insurance                           | \$83,150               |
| Electoral Board                     | \$226,025              |
| Circuit Court                       | \$5,000                |
| General District Court              | \$8,395                |
| Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court | \$8,645                |

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| Clerk of the Circuit Court             | \$298,448           |
| City Sheriff                           | \$567,700           |
| Commonwealth's Attorney                | \$431,855           |
| Criminal Justice Services              | \$78,458            |
| Police Department                      | \$1,931,691         |
| BVPD SRO No. 2                         | \$99,512            |
| BVPD SRO 402 Grant                     | \$113,415           |
| BVPD SRO No. 1                         | \$83,921            |
| BVPD SRO 275 Grant                     | \$101,289           |
| BVPD V-STOP Grant                      | \$86,966            |
| BVPD Community Development Program     | \$209,696           |
| Fire Services                          | \$224,240           |
| Rescue Services                        | \$174,925           |
| Probation Office                       | \$1,000             |
| Magistrate office                      | \$250               |
| Regional Jail                          | \$725,133           |
| Juvenile Detention Center              | \$25,000            |
| Public Safety Communication Center     | \$507,407           |
| Inspections                            | \$106,650           |
| Medical Examiner                       | \$100               |
| Administration & Engineering           | \$202,975           |
| Street Maintenance                     | \$995,792           |
| Streetlights                           | \$71,000            |
| Refuse Collection Department           | \$817,904           |
| Refuse Disposal                        | \$0                 |
| Building & Grounds                     | \$452,777           |
| Green Hill Cemetery                    | \$42,761            |
| General Tax Relief                     | \$76,000            |
| Social Services                        | \$2,419,586         |
| Economic Development                   | \$212,852           |
| Community Development                  | \$143,166           |
| School Fund                            | \$2,295,238         |
| Transfers to Other Funds               | \$456,602           |
| Debt Service                           | \$269,674           |
| Non-Profit Agencies                    | \$625,465           |
| Retiree Medical Plan                   | \$26,000            |
| <b>Total General Fund Expenditures</b> | <b>\$17,033,743</b> |

### **PARKS & RECREATION FUND REVENUES**

| <b><u>Description</u></b>                 | <b><u>Proposed</u></b> |
|---|------------------------|
| Charge for Services                       | \$478,447              |
| Miscellaneous Revenues                    | \$225                  |
| Gift Shop Sales                           | \$3,100                |
| Transfer from General Fund                | \$423,620              |
| <b>Total Park &amp; Rec Fund Revenues</b> | <b>\$905,392</b>       |

### **PARKS & RECREATION FUND EXPENDITURES**

| <b><u>Description</u></b> | <b><u>Proposed</u></b> |
|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Administration            | \$182,532              |
| Recreation                | \$215,228              |
| Parks and Campgrounds     | \$333,087              |

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| Activities                                     | \$51,100         |
| Swimming Pool                                  | \$123,446        |
| <b>Total Parks &amp; Rec Fund Expenditures</b> | <b>\$905,392</b> |

### WATER FUND REVENUES

| <u>Description</u>               | <u>Proposed</u>    |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Charge for Services              | \$1,236,730        |
| <b>Total Water Fund Revenues</b> | <b>\$1,236,730</b> |

### WATER FUND EXPENDITURES

| <u>Description</u>                   | <u>Proposed</u>    |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Water Administration                 | \$92,220           |
| Water Maintenance                    | \$460,733          |
| Water Production                     | \$459,868          |
| Debt Service                         | \$223,909          |
| <b>Total Water Fund Expenditures</b> | <b>\$1,236,730</b> |

### SEWER FUND REVENUES

| <u>Description</u>               | <u>Proposed</u>    |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Charge for Services              | \$1,239,120        |
| <b>Total Sewer Fund Revenues</b> | <b>\$1,239,120</b> |

### SEWER FUND EXPENDITURES

| <u>Description</u>                   | <u>Proposed</u>    |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Sewer Administration                 | \$65,294           |
| Sewer Maintenance                    | \$286,847          |
| Wastewater Treatment Plant           | \$886,979          |
| <b>Total Sewer Fund Expenditures</b> | <b>\$1,239,120</b> |

### SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION FUND REVENUES

| <u>Description</u>                             | <u>Proposed</u> |
|--|-----------------|
| Non-Revenue Receipts                           | \$18,467        |
| Transfer from Other Funds                      | \$24,297        |
| <b>Total School Construction Fund Revenues</b> | <b>\$42,764</b> |

### SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION FUND EXPENDITURES

| <u>Description</u>                                 | <u>Proposed</u> |
|--|-----------------|
| Debt Service                                       | \$42,764        |
| <b>Total School Construction Fund Expenditures</b> | <b>\$42,764</b> |

### SCHOOL NUTRITION FUND REVENUES

| <u>Description</u>                          | <u>Proposed</u>  |
|---|------------------|
| Charges for Services                        | \$50,557         |
| Categorical Aid - Virginia                  | \$23,834         |
| Categorical Aid - Federal                   | \$862,374        |
| <b>Total School Nutrition Fund Revenues</b> | <b>\$936,765</b> |

## SCHOOL NUTRITION FUND EXPENDITURES

| <u>Description</u>                              | <u>Proposed</u>  |
|---|------------------|
| School Nutrition Expenses                       | \$936,765        |
| <b>Total School Nutrition Fund Expenditures</b> | <b>\$936,765</b> |

## SENIOR CENTER FUND REVENUES

| <u>Description</u>                       | <u>Proposed</u> |
|--|-----------------|
| Non-Revenue Receipts                     | \$8,500         |
| <b>Total Senior Center Fund Revenues</b> | <b>\$8,500</b>  |

## SENIOR CENTER FUND EXPENDITURES

| <u>Description</u>                           | <u>Proposed</u> |
|--|-----------------|
| Senior Center Expenses                       | \$8,500         |
| <b>Total Senior Center Fund Expenditures</b> | <b>\$8,500</b>  |

### **NB #6: FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE CITY OF BUENA VISTA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026**

Ms. Burch read the following Ordinance:

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF BUENA VISTA, VIRGINIA,** that in accordance with Section 4-1, Budgets and Appropriations, of the Charter of Buena Vista, funds to support the operations of the City for the Fiscal year 2025-2026 is hereby appropriated effective July 1, 2025 in the amount of \$21,403,015 and in accordance with the following provisions:

|                                    |                     |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>General Fund</b>                | <b>\$17,033,743</b> |
| <b>Parks &amp; Recreation Fund</b> | <b>\$905,392</b>    |
| <b>Water Fund</b>                  | <b>\$1,236,730</b>  |
| <b>Sewer Fund</b>                  | <b>\$1,239,120</b>  |
| <b>School Construction Fund</b>    | <b>\$42,764</b>     |
| <b>School Nutrition Fund</b>       | <b>\$936,765</b>    |
| <b>Senior Center Fund</b>          | <b>\$8,500</b>      |
| <b>TOTAL FY 2025-2026 BUDGET</b>   | <b>\$21,403,014</b> |

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Sarah M. Burch, Clerk of Council

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Tyson T. Cooper, Mayor