

CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH

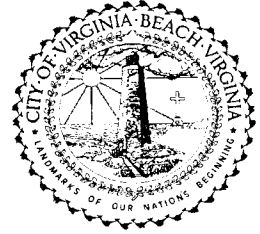
"COMMUNITY FOR A LIFETIME"

CITY COUNCIL

MAYOR ROBERT M. "BOBBY" DYER, *At Large*
VICE MAYOR JAMES L. WOOD, *Lynnhaven – District 5*
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GUY K. TOWER, *Beach – District 6*
ROSEMARY WILSON, *At Large*
SABRINA D. WOOTEN, *Centerville – District 1*

CITY COUNCIL APPOINTEES

ACTING CITY MANAGER – THOMAS M. LEAHY
CITY ATTORNEY – MARK D. STILES
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SPECIAL SESSION CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

January 6, 2020

MAYOR ROBERT M. "BOBBY" DYER PRESIDING

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| I. SPECIAL SESSION | - Conference Room- | 4:00 P.M. |
| A. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Robert M. "Bobby" Dyer | | |
| B. MAYOR'S READING OF CALL TO SPECIAL SESSION | | |
| C. ROLL CALL OF THE CITY COUNCIL | | |
| D. CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION – | | |
| 1. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS | | |
| E. RECESS | | 5:30 P.M. |
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II. SPECIAL FORMAL SESSION |
- City Council Chamber- |
6:00 P.M. |
| A. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Robert M. "Bobby" Dyer | | |
| B. MAYOR'S READING OF CALL TO SPECIAL FORMAL SESSION | | |
| C. ROLL CALL OF THE CITY COUNCIL | | |
| D. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS | | |
| E. ADJOURNMENT | | |



Robert M. "Bobby" Dyer
MAYOR

City of Virginia Beach

December 30, 2019

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HONORABLE MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

*In accordance with the Virginia Beach City Code Section 2-21, and by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Virginia Beach, I hereby call for a **SPECIAL SESSION** of the **VIRGINIA BEACH CITY COUNCIL** to hold a **CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION** on a **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS**:*

Monday, January 6, 2020
4:00 – 5:30 P.M.
City Manager's Conference Room
Building 1, City Hall, 2nd Floor
2401 Courthouse Drive

*Following this discussion, City Council will hold a **SPECIAL FORMAL SESSION** in order to take **PUBLIC COMMENT** and then **CONSIDER THE RESOLUTION**:*

Monday, January 6, 2020
6:00 P.M.
City Council Chamber
Building 1, City Hall, 2nd Floor
2401 Courthouse Drive

Sincerely,

Robert M. Dyer
Mayor

Cc: City Manager
City Attorney
City Clerk
Deputy City Managers
FOIA Officer
Communications Office

**REQUESTED BY THE MAYOR, VICE MAYOR, AND COUNCILMEMBERS ABBOTT,
MOSS, AND WILSON**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SECOND AMENDMENT
RIGHTS**

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution guarantees that the "right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed;"

WHEREAS, the Virginia Bill of Rights, which is part of the Constitution of Virginia, also protects the "right of the people to keep and bear arms;"

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court, in *District of Columbia v. Heller*, affirmed an individual's right to own and possess firearms for self-defense within the home or for other lawful purposes;

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court, in *McDonald v. Chicago*, affirmed that the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution applies to the states through the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution;

WHEREAS, the City Council strongly believes that the right of citizens to keep and bear arms is a fundamental right that should be protected to the greatest degree possible;

WHEREAS, the members of the City Council have taken an oath to defend and uphold the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Virginia;

WHEREAS, the City Council is concerned that certain pre-filed legislation for the 2020 session of the General Assembly may threaten the rights of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms guaranteed by the constitutions of the Commonwealth of Virginia and of the United States;

WHEREAS, the City Council expresses opposition to any law that would unconstitutionally restrict the rights of law-abiding citizens of the City to keep and bear arms; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to act in the best interests of the residents of the City, and accordingly, the Council hereby express its sentiments with regard to this important and fundamental right;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA THAT:

1. The City Council hereby expresses its continued commitment to support all provisions of the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Virginia, including the right of the people to keep and bear arms;

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35 2. The City Council hereby expresses its strong support for the rights of law-abiding
36 citizens to keep and bear arms and urges the members of the General Assembly
37 and the Governor to take no action which would violate the freedoms guaranteed
38 by either the Virginia Bill of Rights or the federal Bills or Rights;
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40 3. The City Council hereby declares the City of Virginia Beach a "Second Amendment
41 Constitutional City;"
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43 4. The City Council hereby supports the actions of other elected bodies making
44 similar declarations on behalf of Virginia counties, cities, and towns; and
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46 5. The City Council hereby directs the City Manager to forward a copy of this
47 resolution to the City's General Assembly delegation and to the Governor of
48 Virginia.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, on this ____ day of _____, 2020.

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:


City Attorney's Office

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December 30, 2019