

ITEM(S) TO BE CONSIDERED UNDER:

Consent Item Old Business New Business Other

FOR COUNCIL MEETING DATED: July 12, 2010

STAFF MAKING REQUEST:	C. James Ervin, Town Manager
BRIEF SUMMARY OF REQUEST:	<p>I have been named as the "Wallerstein Fellow" for the next academic year by the Weldon Cooper Center of the University of Virginia. This is a fantastic honor for me and an exciting opportunity to give back to my profession. The Wallerstein Fellow is expected to produce a paper based on research into local government issues in Virginia. I have proposed a research project that seeks to connect local values and the planning/land use process, and intend to pursue this on my own time now that I am no longer enrolled in graduate school. I will have twelve months to prepare a paper for publication in the VML newsletter and potentially in the newsletter of the University of Virginia's for the graduate program in public administration. The Wallerstein Fellow receives a scholarship in the amount of \$5,000 to cover the costs of research during the year.</p> <p>The Weldon Cooper Center of the University of Virginia requires that I have the approval of the elected body I work for prior to accepting the Wallerstein Fellowship.</p> <p>I have drafted a letter for the Mayor's signature authorizing me undertake this project on my own time and ask Council's consent to accept the fellowship and engage in the work. This research concept has grown out of my recent work at Virginia Tech and I am excited to have a chance to put the recent classes at Virginia Tech to work in a way that may help Rocky Mount and other local governments.</p>
ACTION NEEDED:	Approval / denial of request.

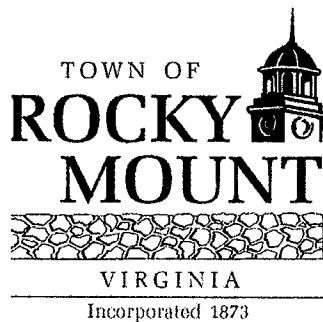
Attachment(s): Yes

FOLLOW-UP ACTION: (To be completed by Town Clerk)	GIVEN TO (DEPT. HEAD) (To be completed by Town Clerk)
COMPLETED ACTION: (To be filled in by Town Clerk) (To be completed by Department Head) DATE COMPLETED AND ACTION TAKEN:	GIVEN TO TOWN CLERK: (To be completed by Department Head) DATE GIVEN TO TOWN CLERK:

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July 13, 2010

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Wallerstein Committee
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Dear Committee Members:

Mr. C. James Ervin is employed as the Town Manager of Town of Rocky Mount. He has advised me and my fellow members of the Rocky Mount Town Council that he has been named the Wallerstein Fellow for the upcoming academic year and intends to engage in a research project in his personal time.

Mr. Ervin has our authorization to engage in this work and we share in his excitement at receiving this honor.

Sincerely,

Steven C. Angle
Mayor

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