



# TOWN OF HAYMARKET TOWN COUNCIL

## REGULAR MEETING

### ~ MINUTES ~

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15000 Washington St  
Haymarket, VA 20169

Monday, July 1, 2019

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Haymarket, VA, was held this evening in the Council Chambers, commencing at 7:00 PM.

Mayor David Leake called the meeting to order.

## I. Call to Order

Vice Mayor Susan Edwards: Present, Councilman Robert Day: Present, Councilman Connor Leake: Present, Councilman Madhusudan Panthi: Present, Councilwoman Bond Cavazos: Present, Councilman Steve Shannon: Present, Mayor David Leake: Present.

## II. Pledge of Allegiance - Troop 1882

Troop 1882 leads the Pledge of Allegiance.

## III. Invocation - Rev. Ruth Anne Sawyer, Haymarket Baptist Church

Reverend Ruth Anne Sawyer gives the evening's invocation.

At this time Mayor asks that the Haymarket Hotel Venture follow Citizen's Time and that the VDOT paving discussion be added to the agenda.

## IV. Citizen's Time

Joseph Pasanello, 6895 Track Court, congratulates Officer O'Neal on the donation to the ALS Association in Debbie Aitken's name. Shares concerns with the proposed hotel in town and in his view feels it does not fit, align with the vision, Comprehensive Plan, or zoning. He thinks that 65 feet is too big. He also shares concern with the recent Architectural Review Board censure and believes the citizens have a right to know why.

Maria Turner, Fayette Street, thanks Emily for her efforts with the recent demolition. She expresses her concerns with the Zoning Text Amendment as well as wanting to see more shops and restaurants that residents can walk to. Shares that she is uncomfortable with members of boards and commissions that have their hand in real estate.

Dottie Leonard, 14801 Washington Street, spoke on behalf of the citizen's group and herself. Glad to see progress on the painting of the town hall. Shares concerns with some ARB decisions including signage, the lighting of the museum for various causes, glad to see flowers in the planter boxes but does not feel the colors are the best choice, need the planters power washed. Would like to see the ARB utilize the services of an architect for advise. She concludes that the applications that come into the town need to fit and look like it belongs in the town and feels the new stone walls are too modern.

Bob Weir, 6853 St. Paul Drive, shares concerns with Citizens' Time was moved on the agenda after the presentation and the rush process with the ZTA. Doesn't feel the ZTA has been reviewed properly.

Amy Moore, 6751 Fayette Street, echoes some of the concerns shared by the previous speakers. States concerns about the safety of the sidewalks and lack thereof on Jefferson Street and Fayette.

## V. Presentation - Haymarket Hotel Venture, LLC

Bill Murray and Ryan Morgan, Purpose Lodging, address the dais with their proposed hotel presentation. They share their experience and other hotel projects, an additional 3rd lane on Jefferson Street and sidewalks, traffic impact, hotel layout and design as well as architectural elements.

Ms. Lockhart explains the process. She states that the B-1 zoning district does not allow for a Special Use Permit to be submitted for a height to exceed 50 feet. She adds that therefore the applicant is submitting

Mr. Morgan addresses the Meladon property and their concerns.

## VI. Additional Citizen's Time

Mayor Leake adds an additional Citizens' Time.

Maria Turner, Fayette Street, addressing Councilman Leake's comment, she states that she was not insinuating that he had any issues with this project, however, many on the Council are in real estate and that makes her nervous. She states that she does like this project but would like a better graphic to show the height difference. Shares concerns with truck delivery and conference parking with the proposed hotel. She concludes that if the developer has to do away with the 1st floor, she would not want it.

Joe Pasanello, 6895 Track Court, thanks Mr. Morgan and Mr. Murray for their presentation. States that his comments haven't changed prior to the presentation. States that it is important for Council to take their time. Not against development on that property but is concerned with the height and volume of this proposed project. Shares concerns with why this project is not down at the fairgrounds. Concludes that he was on the Council in May of 2018 when Mr. Morgan had originally stated that this was discussed and that he had no idea that conversation was going on.

Cathy Pasanello, 6895 Track Court, states that she was on the Planning Commission when the Meladon/Crossroads project was presented. She adds that the Mayor gave them a 30 day window. She further adds that there is now a law called the "Haymarket Law" to stop that from happening again. Concludes that Meladon presented the old plan and feels that if we had gone with a new, better plan she thinks that this project would be beautiful there. Shares concerns with the height of the proposed hotel.

Bob Weir, 6853 St. Paul Drive, shares that he feels this would be economically viable but not sure if it is in the right location. Shares concerns with traffic, doing this in a hurry and the mass of the building. He concludes that regarding the zoning ordinance the height requirements in the historic district is there for a reason, because the residents didn't want the center of town overwhelmed by large buildings.

Dottie Leonard, 14801 Washington Street, thinks this is a splendid idea because of the conference center but if a whole floor is taken away and we do not get the conference room we have defeated our purpose. Likes the widening of the street but not the height. Concludes that the whole town is historic.

Amy Moore, 6751 Fayette Street, shares concerns with the possibility of the demolition of the building that remains on the property that was recently saved and that amendments could cause a slippery slope.

Ryan Morgan, addresses the dais once again. Feels that what they have proposed is the best use and product for the town. Shares concerns with projects in the town not moving forward. Extends invitation out to the Council if they have any questions and answer any questions the residents have.

Vice Mayor Edwards asks the applicants if they can see if the structure remaining the property can be moved. Mayor Leake suggest perhaps the town look at obtaining their own report to see if it is viable.

Discussion ensues concerning the process of a report to see if the structure can be moved.

At this time, the Council takes a 5 minutes recess.

## VII. Consent Agenda

1. Mayor and Council - Public Hearing - May 20, 2019 7:00 PM
2. Mayor and Council - Public Hearing - May 21, 2019 7:00 PM
3. Mayor and Council - Joint Public Hearing - Jun 3, 2019 6:00 PM
4. Mayor and Council - Regular Meeting - Jun 3, 2019 7:00 PM
5. **Police Department Report - Chief Lands**
6. **Administrative Staff Report - Shelley M. Kozlowski, Clerk of the Council/Office Manager**
7. **Town Council September and October Meeting Discussion**
8. **Board of Zoning Appeals Recommendation Revision**
9. **Motion to Amend Funding Source for Lily Konopka's Donation**
10. **Motion**

Mayor and Council discuss the options as well as removing the brick crosswalks at the light at Jefferson and Washington.

The consensus of the Council is to have VDOT pave Washington adding the lines for the crosswalks and the town will follow up with stamp and striping.

Councilman Shannon updates that Jefferson and some other streets in town will be paved this August.

Vice Mayor Edwards *moves to appropriate not to exceed \$2500 from the blight enforcement line item for an independent engineering report and feasibility study of moving the structure at 6706 Jefferson Street.* Councilman Shannon seconds the motion.

There is no discussion on the motion.

**1. Motion**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Susan Edwards, Vice Mayor
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Steve Shannon, Councilman
<b>AYES:</b>	Edwards, Day, Leake, Panthi, Cavazos, Shannon

## IX. Closed Session

No closed session.

## X. Council Member Time

**1. Steve Shannon**

Councilman Shannon feels the town events, police department, professional staff and Council set us apart of other towns.

**2. Connor Leake**

Councilman Leake echoes Councilman Shannon's comments. Asks for those to please keep the Aitken family in their thoughts and prayers. Congratulates Officer Coire O'Neal for winning Best of Prince William's "Best Law Enforcement Officer". Wishes everyone a Happy 4th of July.

**3. Madhu Panthi**

No comments.

**4. Susan Edwards**

Vice Mayor Edwards congratulates staff on great "Starts and Stripes" and Car Show event. Discusses updating the town ordinance on recreational and commercial vehicles.

**5. Bond Cavazos**

No comments.

**6. Robert Day**

Councilman Day states the he believes that everyone at the dais has the town's best interest at heart and doing their best for the town. He adds that he did not like the comments that someone is questionable because of their profession.

**7. David Leake**

Mayor Leake updates the Council on the progress of the town hall renovations.

## XI. Adjournment

Meeting is recessed until July 24, 2019.