



**TOWN OF HAYMARKET TOWN COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**~ MINUTES ~**

Kimberly Henry, Clerk of the Council  
<http://www.townofhaymarket.org/>

15000 Washington St  
 Haymarket, VA 20169

Tuesday, July 5, 2022

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.

Vice Mayor TracyLynn Pater called the meeting to order.

**I. Call To Order**

Councilman Marchant Schneider: Absent, Councilman Chris Morris: Present, Councilman Joe Pasanello: Present, Councilman Bob Weir: Present, Vice Mayor TracyLynn Pater: Present, Councilwoman Mary Ramirez: Present, Mayor Kenneth Luersen: Absent.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

Vice Mayor Pater invited everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. Invocation - Pastor Allan Smith, Haymarket Baptist Church**

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Vice Mayor Pater invited Pastor Allen Smith from Haymarket Baptist Church to the podium to give the evening's invocation.

**IV. Community Spotlight - Haymarket Food Pantry**

Vice Mayor Pater invited Eileen Smith from Haymarket Food Pantry to the podium to share about the organization and their needs during the Community Spotlight section of this evening's meeting. Ms. Smith shared that the organization runs on 100% volunteer participation. She gave a brief history about the organization and provided names of those on the Board. She shared that the Food Pantry provides food every week within the Haymarket area, which includes Gainesville and Bristow. She stated that their office is on Limestone Drive in Gainesville and has recently acquired the space beside the office and will be using it as their warehouse facility. She also shared that the organization fed approximately 40,000 in 2021. She continued to state that the organization gets 7-10 new families every week that needs food. She stated that she is happy to share that Haymarket Food Pantry is now partnering with Boxes of Basics to help provide clothing to families in need. After her presentation, she opened the floor for questions. There was a question about overhead. She stated that the organization spends about \$13,000 a month in overhead expenses but shared that they have never come up short through generous donations within the community.

**V. Citizens Time**

Jim Payne, business owner at 6680 Fayette Street, addressed the Town Council on the subject of the DMV Select Office and further explained his comments from the last meeting he attended. He also addressed a comment made at the June 6th meeting on Citizens Time.

**VI. Consent Agenda**

**Councilman Weir moved to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilman Pasanello seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

**A. Minute Approval**

1. Mayor and Council - Public Hearing/Work Session - May 31, 2022 7:00 PM

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Bob Weir, Councilman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Joe Pasanello, Councilman
<b>AYES:</b>	Morris, Pasanello, Weir, Pater, Ramirez
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Marchant Schneider

2. Mayor and Council - Public Hearing/Regular Meeting - Jun 6, 2022 7:00 PM

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Bob Weir, Councilman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Joe Pasanello, Councilman
<b>AYES:</b>	Morris, Pasanello, Weir, Pater, Ramirez
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Marchant Schneider

## B. Department Reports

1. Town Administration Report
2. Town Treasurer Report
3. Police Chief Report
4. Town Engineer Report
5. Town Attorney Report

## C. Liaison Reports

1. Finance Liaison Report
2. Police Liaison Report
3. Business/Community Liaison Report
4. Planning Commission Liaison Report
5. ARB Liaison Report

## VII. Agenda Items

### 1. 14600 Washington Street Ballfields Decision

Vice Mayor Pater read into the record a public statement regarding the future of the ball fields located at 14600 Washington Street and the Town's decision to not further consider the leasing of them.

\*\*\*\*The full public statement is attached to the end of these minutes.\*\*\*

## VIII. Councilmember Time

### 1. Bob Weir

Councilman Weir stated that he will be presenting some initial proposals at the next Work Session on what to do with surplus funds that the Town will have.

### 2. Joe Pasanello

Councilman Pasanello hoped that everyone had a Happy Fourth of July.

### 3. TracyLynn Pater

Vice Mayor Pater also hoped that everyone had a Happy Fourth of July. She also reiterated Councilwoman Ramirez remarks on the Farmer's Market. Vice Mayor Pater invited businesses and citizens of Haymarket to join her to discuss the Town communication plan on Tuesday, July 12th at 6:30 pm.

### 4. Marchant Schneider

Councilman Schneider was not present at this meeting.

### 5. Mary Ramirez

Councilwoman Ramirez stated that there is a need for some help at the community gardens. She stated that the garden manager was planning on laying pavers at the gardens later that week. She also encouraged the public come out to the Farmer's Market on Sundays.

### 6. Chris Morris

Councilman Morris stated that he felt it was ashamed that the owners of the ball fields, Haymarket Properties Group, failed to keep their commitment to the residents of the Town.

### 7. Ken Luersen

Mayor Luersen was not present at this meeting.

## IX. Closed Session - As Needed

### 1. Closed Session Motion

Councilman Weir moved that the Town Council go into closed session pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A)(1) for a personnel matter involving the assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of the Town; specifically dealing with the Town Manager. Councilman Morris seconded the motion. The motion carried.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Bob Weir, Councilman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Chris Morris, Councilman
<b>AYES:</b>	Morris, Pasanello, Weir, Pater, Ramirez
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Marchant Schneider

2. Certification

Councilman Weir moved that the Council certify that, in the closed session just concluded, nothing was discussed except the matter or matters (1) specifically identified in the motion to convene in closed session and (2) lawfully permitted to be discussed in a closed session under the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act as cited in that motion. Councilwoman Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion carried by a roll call vote.

Without objection from the Town Council, Councilman Weir authorized that the Vice Mayor execute the proposed contract with the Town Manager/Zoning Administrator as drafted.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Bob Weir, Councilman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mary Ramirez, Councilwoman
<b>AYES:</b>	Morris, Pasanello, Weir, Pater, Ramirez
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Marchant Schneider

X. Adjournment


With no further business before the Town Council, Councilman Weir moved to adjourn with a second by Councilman Pasanello. The motion carried.

1. Motion to Adjourn

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Bob Weir, Councilman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Joe Pasanello, Councilman
<b>AYES:</b>	Morris, Pasanello, Weir, Pater, Ramirez
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Marchant Schneider

Submitted:

Approved:

  
Kimberly Henry, Clerk of the Council

  
Kenneth Luersen, Mayor

