



TOWN OF HAYMARKET TOWN COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

~ MINUTES ~

Kimberly Henry, Clerk of the Council
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15000 Washington St
Haymarket, VA 20169

Tuesday, July 6, 2021

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 Kenneth Luersen called the meeting to order.

I. Call To Order

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Ken Luersen invited everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Invocation - Councilman Morris

Councilman Chris Morris gave the evening's invocation.

IV. Vacant Town Council Seat Appointment

1. Vacant Town Council Seat Appointment

Councilman Morris nominated Mary Ramirez to fill the vacancy on the Haymarket Town Council effective immediately ending November 2022. Councilman Schneider seconded the motion. A discussion followed on the special election since there is a general election before the next Town election. There was an amendment to the term ending November 2, 2021. The motion carried by a roll call vote.

At this time, Prince William County Clerk of the Courts performed the Oath of Office to Mary Ramirez.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [3 TO 0]
MOVER:	Chris Morris, Councilman
SECONDER:	Marchant Schneider, Councilman
AYES:	Marchant Schneider, Chris Morris, Bob Weir
AWAY:	Joe Pasanello, TracyLynn Pater, Mary Ramirez

V. Citizens Time

Prior to Citizens Time, Councilman Joe Pasanello entered the meeting.

Town Planner Emily Lockhart read into the record an email from Jim Payne, 6680 Fayette Street, for Citizens Time.

Dottie Leonard, 14801 Washington Street, addressed the Council on the subject of the Planning Commission. She stated that she felt the Planning Commission is malfunctioning by the possibility of building towers on the edge of Town. She also stated that she would like to see the Town finished and protect the historic overlay of the Town.

VI. Consent Agenda

Councilman Morris asked that the Police Department report be pulled from the Consent Agenda so that the Sergeant can give a verbal update of the changes to the department. Councilman Weir asked that the Treasurer's Report be pulled from the Consent Agenda for the purpose of discussing the ARPA funding.

Councilman Weir moved to adopt the Consent Agenda Sections A: 1-2; Sections B: 1, 3-6 and Sections C: 1-5. Councilman Morris seconded the motion. The motion carried by a roll call vote.

A. Minutes

1. Mayor and Council - Work Session - Jun 1, 2021 7:00 PM

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [5 TO 0]
MOVER:	Bob Weir, Councilman
SECONDER:	Chris Morris, Councilman
AYES:	Schneider, Morris, Pasanello, Weir, Ramirez
AWAY:	TracyLynn Pater

2. Mayor and Council - Public Hearing/Regular Meeting - Jun 7, 2021 7:00 PM

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [5 TO 0]
MOVER:	Bob Weir, Councilman
SECONDER:	Chris Morris, Councilman
AYES:	Schneider, Morris, Pasanello, Weir, Ramirez
AWAY:	TracyLynn Pater

B. Department Reports

1. Town Administration

RESULT:	ADOPTED [5 TO 0]
MOVER:	Bob Weir, Councilman
SECONDER:	Chris Morris, Councilman
AYES:	Schneider, Morris, Pasanello, Weir, Ramirez
AWAY:	TracyLynn Pater

2. Town Treasurer

Councilman Weir asked for Town Treasurer Roberto Gonzalez to share information on the receipt of the ARPA funds. Mr. Gonzalez gave a short report up to date on the funding. Councilman Weir suggested that the Town Council set a meeting date to discuss the item only and what the Town's strategies will be. Mr. Gonzalez also stated that the Town will need to hold a public hearing to amend the first quarter budget. A short discussion followed. The Town Council directed staff to schedule the public hearing for the October 4, 2021 regular meeting and to schedule the work session specific to the ARPA funds and to set the strategies and goals for August 23, 2021 at 7 pm.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [5 TO 0]
MOVER:	Bob Weir, Councilman
SECONDER:	Chris Morris, Councilman
AYES:	Schneider, Morris, Pasanello, Weir, Ramirez
AWAY:	TracyLynn Pater

3. Police Department

Sergeant Davis introduced Officer Joe Coppage to the Town as the most recent officer to the department. Mr. Davis shared Officer Coppage's experience and the roles he will be taking on with the department. Sergeant Davis spent time with the Council going over the new format of his monthly reporting. After his reporting, Sergeant Davis shared of the new hiring of a full time and a part time officer, which would bring the department back up to full force with 24/7 coverage. The Town Council had a few questions and comments for Sergeant Davis.

RESULT: ADOPTED [5 TO 0]
MOVER: Bob Weir, Councilman
SECONDER: Chris Morris, Councilman
AYES: Schneider, Morris, Pasanello, Weir, Ramirez
AWAY: TracyLynn Pater

4. Town Planner

RESULT: ADOPTED [5 TO 0]
MOVER: Bob Weir, Councilman
SECONDER: Chris Morris, Councilman
AYES: Schneider, Morris, Pasanello, Weir, Ramirez
AWAY: TracyLynn Pater

5. Town Engineer

RESULT: ADOPTED [5 TO 0]
MOVER: Bob Weir, Councilman
SECONDER: Chris Morris, Councilman
AYES: Schneider, Morris, Pasanello, Weir, Ramirez
AWAY: TracyLynn Pater

6. Town Attorney Report

C. Liaison Reports

- 1. Finance Liaison Report
- 2. Police Liaison Report
- 3. Planning Commission Liaison Report
- 4. Architectural Review Board Liaison Report
- 5. Business Roundtable

VII. Agenda Items

1. Vehicle Take Home Policy

Councilman Morris stated that he received some good feedback from the Council since the work session regarding the take home policy. Mr. Morris stated even though he is in support of the full take home policy, he felt the Council is in need of some hard data. Mr. Morris recommended to start with a trial period of the hybrid plan until the Council can obtain some hard data. Discussion followed on the subject.

After the discussion, the Town Council directed the Police Sergeant to move proceed with the hybrid plan as discussed effective immediately while the details will be gathered for the October work session on accumulated costs for the hybrid plan for an agenda item at the November regular meeting.

RESULT: ADOPTED [6 TO 0]
AYES: Schneider, Morris, Pasanello, Weir, Ramirez, Luersen
AWAY: TracyLynn Pater

2. Resolution 2021-012: Support for Sidewalk Grant

Town Manger Chris Coon distributed the draft resolution for the VDOT grant application to install a sidewalk in front of the Town Park to Blight Drive. A short discussion followed. The Council took a brief recess to edit the resolution to clarify the Town's and VDOT's contribution to the grant.

Councilman Weir moved to adopt Resolution #2021-012: a VDOT TA grant application for funding in the amount \$650,000 with a 20% match by the Town in the amount of \$162,500 for a sidewalk project in front of the Town Park between Haymarket Baptist Church and the intersection of Washington Street and Blight Drive. Councilman Pasanello seconded the motion. The motion carried by a roll call vote.

VIII. Councilmember Time

1. Mary Ramirez

Councilwoman Ramirez thanked everyone for the welcome to the Town Council and allowing her to participate immediately. She stated that she is looking forward to working with everyone and serving the community. Ms. Ramirez also thanked the Police Department for the recent events and engaging with the community.

2. Bob Weir

Councilman Weir addressed the comments made during Citizens Time in regards to the subject of the Planning Commission considering additional towers in the Town. Mr. Weir stated that there has been no discussion of expanding the zoning to allow any additional towers other than what already exists. He also addressed the 50 year status for historic structure. He stated that although he agrees with the comments made during by the citizen, the ordinance was not clearly defined when the ordinance was drafted. Mr. Weir read into the record the ordinance. He stated the Planning Commission is looking at better defining the language.

3. Joe Pasanello

Councilman Pasanello asked the Town Planner to respond to the comment made during citizen's time about the change of color on the map. Town Planner Emily Lockhart stated that she looked up the 2 maps that are on the Town's website and that the planned land use map in the comprehensive plan reflects the different color changes that was mentioned at citizens time not the zoning map. She confirmed the colors on the zoning map has not changed and that the property in question was still zoned B-1. Ms Lockhart reiterated that there has been no changes in either map.

Councilman Pasanello welcomed Ms. Ramirez to the Council.

4. TracyLynn Pater

Vice Mayor Pater was still absent during this time.

5. Marchant Schneider

Councilman Schneider stated that the Town cannot re-zone properties without proper notice and public hearing regardless of a map color. He also stated that the definition of the historic should be more clearly defined and looked forward to entertaining the conversation with the Planning Commission. Mr. Schneider welcomed Councilwoman Ramirez to the Council and complimented the Police Department on their recent community events.

6. Chris Morris

Councilman Morris congratulated Sergeant Davis on his leadership in the Police Department. Mr. Morris stated that Mr. Davis has brought on some good officers and that they are making an impression in the community.

7. Ken Luersen

Mayor Luersen welcomed the Councilwoman Ramirez to the Council. The mayor also congratulated Sergeant Davis on a job well done in regards to the Police Department. Lastly, Mayor Luersen congratulated Town Clerk Kim Henry and Town Manager Chris Coon for the success on the opening of the Haymarket DMV Select Office.

IX. Closed Session - As Needed

1. Closed Session Motion

Councilman Weir moved that the Town Council go into closed session to discuss the following: as permitted 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 Police Department; and as permitted to Virginia Code § 2.2-3711 (A)(3), a matter involving acquisition of real property for public purposes specifically involving with property within the Town limits because discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the Town's bargaining position; and as permitted to Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A)(6), for the discussion or consideration of the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, where, if made public initially, the financial interest of the governmental unit would be adversely affected; and as permitted by Virginia Code § 2.2-3711 (A)(8), consultation with legal counsel regarding a specific legal matter requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel, relating to the proffers of 14600 Washington Street. Councilman Pasanello seconded the motion. The motion carried.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [5 TO 0]
MOVER:	Bob Weir, Councilman
SECONDER:	Joe Pasanello, Councilman
AYES:	Schneider, Morris, Pasanello, Weir, Ramirez
AWAY:	TracyLynn Pater

2. Certification

Prior to Certification of the Closed Session, Mayor Luersen announced that Vice Mayor Pater entered the meeting during Closed Session.

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. Councilman Pasanello seconded the motion. The motion carried by a roll call vote.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bob Weir, Councilman
SECONDER:	Joe Pasanello, Councilman
AYES:	Schneider, Morris, Pasanello, Weir, Pater, Ramirez, Luersen

3. Town Council Directive

The Town Council directed the Town Attorney to proceed as discussed in Closed Session.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Schneider, Morris, Pasanello, Weir, Pater, Ramirez, Luersen

X. Adjournment

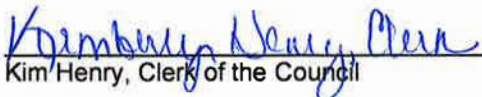
With no further business before the Town Council, Councilman Weir moved to adjourn with a second by Councilman Pasanello. The motion carried.

1. Motion to Adjourn

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bob Weir, Councilman
SECONDER:	Joe Pasanello, Councilman
AYES:	Schneider, Morris, Pasanello, Weir, Pater, Ramirez

Submitted:

Approved:


 Kim Henry, Clerk of the Council


 Ken Luersen, Mayor