



# TOWN OF HAYMARKET TOWN COUNCIL

## REGULAR MEETING

### ~ MINUTES ~

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

15000 Washington St  
Haymarket, VA 20169

Monday, March 4, 2024

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

In accordance with Virginia State Code 2.2-3708.3 (B) 1 and the Town of Haymarket's adopted remote participation policy, Councilmember Pasanello attended the meeting remotely from his home at 6895 Track Court through electronic communication means due to his ongoing medical condition preventing him from physically attending the meeting.

Also, In accordance with Virginia State Code 2.2-3708.3 (B) 1 and the Town of Haymarket's adopted remote participation policy, Councilmember Schneider attended the meeting remotely from his home at 6856 Jockey Club Lane through electronic communication means due to a recent illness preventing him from physically attending the meeting.

Council Member Marchant Schneider: Remote, Council Member Joe Pasanello: Remote, Councilman Matthew Gallagher: Present, Vice Mayor TracyLynn Pater: Late, Council Member Alexander Beyene: Present, Council Member Mary Ramirez: Present, Mayor Kenneth Luersen: Present.

## II. Pledge of Allegiance - Girl Scout Troop #90054

Mayor Luersen invited everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance since Girl Scout Troop #90054 was unable to attend the evening's meeting.

## III. Invocation - Bishop Dan Ricks, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Gainesville Campus

Mayor Luersen invited Bishop Ricks to the podium to give the evening's invocation.

## IV. Community Spotlight- Frances Robin, Virginia Women and Family Support Center (Carried to Full Term)

Mayor Luersen invited Frances Robin to the podium for the Community Spotlight portion of the meeting. Mrs. Robin thanked the Town Council for the relationship that has been built over the past 8 years. She shared that when the organization first started out to create the vision that is now known as the Virginia Women and Family Support Center began at a Town Council meeting. She shared that she appreciated the trust the Council has placed in the organization since the vision was first discussed and now. She shared that since their opening in 2016, the organization has serviced so many families within the community with not only items but support. She stated that since the opening, there has never been a period that there were not families in the house. She also shared that the organization has been growing since its conception with 3 locations now in the area. She shared that they started out as Carried To Full Term. But because of the needs for not only pregnant and homeless women, the need now is for full family support system has evolved focusing on housing and homelessness, trauma care, education and maternal health. This focuses on a more robust approach in providing support and resources for women who already have children as well as pregnant at risk women. Mrs. Robin shared information on their recent event on April 20th, the Breaking Cycles Womens Conference, to help women understand and build relationships and get resources.

## V. PWC Board of Supervisor Bob Weir Quarterly Update

Gainesville District Board of Supervisor Bob Weir attended the evening's meeting to give the quarterly update on items affecting the Haymarket area. He shared that the County budget is going up significantly. He shared that the advertised real estate tax rate could increase real estate taxes as much as \$246 but that the Board is also looking at an equalized rate which is more likely. He shared other budget line items

that he will be focusing on. He encouraged anyone that has any questions on the County budget to reach out to his office or him directly. He shared that there is going to be a lot of development in the area. He gave a brief update on the Highpoint project that the Town is also involved in. He shared of the commercial development starting on the other side of the Home Depot on Route 55, mixed use development at Heathcote and Route 15 North, and a high density development off of Catharpin and an additional high density development on the south side of the Town. He stated that with the Town's increase in residential units and those in the surrounding area his concern that there isn't enough school capacity. He gave some transportation updates with the new traffic pattern construction at Catharpin and Route 55. He asked for any questions from the Town Council.

There was a question on school limitations and if the Board is actively addressing. Mr. Weir shared that he has been looking at the numbers from a few schools but will continue to follow up on the study. He shared that the County Board cannot do anything because of the revenue sharing and can't make the School Board do anything in any circumstance. A discussion continued on the subject. There was also a discussion on transportation and the traffic flow into Town with the new construction at Heathcote and Route 15. The question raised was to help relieve some of the bottleneaking in the Town. Mr. Weir stated that if there was plans to widen Old Carolina south of Town, he would seek County support in the traffic flow to alleviate the some of the congestion through the Town. He said that was taken out of the County Comp plan a couple years ago and now only showing half section turn lanes. He stated his concern is not only in Town but the impact that the development will have at Old Carolina and Route 29 outside of Gainesville. There was also a question on the shared use path on the north side of Jefferson Street toward Heathcote. Mr. Weir answered that the path will connect from the bridge to Heathcote on the east side but it could take up to 3 years. There was also question on the south side of Jefferson Street path. Mr. Weir stated that there is a chunk of federal funding available that could address the south side of Jefferson Street. A discussion followed on the subject of the quiet zone.

## VI. Citizens Time

Marie Turner, Fayette Street, addressed the Town Council on two items. She first complimented the Town's Maintenance Supervisor, Matt Burrows, on the amount of work he does for the Town and stated that she hopes he is given the same opportunity for schooling and training as the rest of staff. The other item was on the subject of the website. She stated that she is disappointed in the lack of content on the website. She stated that she would like to see the website current. She gave examples on items the website that doesn't work. She also addressed the recent Youth in Government program and suggested that the focus group should have been on high school students. She suggested that the Town partner with a community college or university to obtain an intern that can rebuild the Town's website.

Town Manager Emily Kyriazi read a thank you letter from Wakefield School into the record. The letter thanked the Town for their contribution to latest fundraiser event and support.

## VII. Consent Agenda

Mayor Luersen asked if Council would like to pull any reports or minutes from the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Schneider asked to have the Planning Commission liaison report pulled from the Consent Agenda.

**Councilmember Pasanello moved to adopt Consent Agenda Items A:1-3; B:1-5; and C:1-3 and 5. Councilmember Gallagher seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

**After the discussion on the Planning Commission liaison report, Councilmember Pasanello moved to adopt Consent Agenda Item C:4. Councilmember Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### A. Minute Approval

1. Mayor and Council - Work Session - Jan 29, 2024 7:00 PM

**RESULT:** ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Joe Pasanello, Council Member  
**SECONDER:** Matthew Gallagher, Councilman  
**AYES:** Schneider, Pasanello, Gallagher, Beyene, Ramirez  
**ABSENT:** TracyLynn Pater

2. Mayor and Council - Closed Session - Feb 5, 2024 6:00 PM

**RESULT:** ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Joe Pasanello, Council Member  
**SECONDER:** Matthew Gallagher, Councilman  
**AYES:** Schneider, Pasanello, Gallagher, Beyene, Ramirez  
**ABSENT:** TracyLynn Pater

3. Mayor and Council - Public Hearing/Regular Meeting - Feb 5, 2024 7:00 PM

**RESULT:** ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Joe Pasanello, Council Member  
**SECONDER:** Matthew Gallagher, Councilman  
**AYES:** Schneider, Pasanello, Gallagher, Beyene, Ramirez  
**ABSENT:** TracyLynn Pater

**B. Department Reports**

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

**C. Liaison Reports**

- 1. Finance Liaison Report
- 2. Business Liaison Report
- 3. Community Relations Liaison Report
- 4. Planning Commission Updates

Councilmember Schneider shared that there was mention of the Grayson Overlook project and the one mile review at the last ARB meeting. He asked Councilmember Beyene if there was an ability to look at the traffic impact study from that project. He asked for Mr. Beyene or staff to follow up on the subject. Mr. Beyene shared that he will take a look but didn't not think that they provided a study. A short discussion followed on the subject.

5. Architectural Review Board Updates

**VIII. Agenda Items**

**1. Ordinance 2024-001: Mobile Food Establishment**

Town Manager Emily Kyriazi shared that the survey for mobile food establishment ordinance had closed and provided the most recent results to the Town Council. She said that since the last meeting, staff made substantial modifications to the ordinance and would like to hold another public hearing for transparency. She asked for a directive to proceed with a public notice to hold a public hearing at the April regular monthly meeting. A short discussion followed on the subject of a hearing within the ordinance.

With no objections, the Town Council directed to proceed with a public notice. No other action was taken at this time.

**IX. Councilmember Time**

**1. Councilmember Gallagher**

Councilmember Gallagher reminded everyone of the primary elections being held the next day. He also shared that with Spring around the corner, he is looking forward in getting out to visit the community and listening to what's important to the constituents.

**2. Councilmember Ramirez**

Councilmember Ramirez thanked Frances Robin for attending the evening's meeting and sharing the new concept of her organization to the Town Council. She also shared an event that Bruster's ice cream was doing that weekend. She addressed some of comments regarding the Youth in Government program. She stated that she was impressed with age group that she worked with. She stated that they were focused, mature and showed exemplary work. She also stated that she has been looking at engaging with an older group in the near future.

**3. Councilmember Schneider**

Councilmember Schneider stated that he noticed the new pedestrian crosswalk sign and wanted to thank whomever got it installed. He also shared that there is a Town Council election in the fall and encouraged those interested in serving to fill out the appropriate forms. He stated that the deadline to file is June.

**4. Councilmember Beyene**

Councilmember Beyene did not have anything to report.

**5. Councilmember Pasanello**

Councilmember Pasanello also shared that the filing season to run for Council is now open and that the deadline is June 18th. He also shared a concern about the intersection of Washington Street and the side street near Parrando's. He asked if a stop sign could be installed at the side street. He asked staff to follow up with VDOT. Town Manager Kyriazi shared that she would look back at her notes from a meeting she recently had with VDOT on that subject.

**6. Vice Mayor Pater**

Vice Mayor Pater did not provide a written report since she was absent.

**7. Mayor Luersen**

Mayor Luersen shared that he would be holding his monthly Walk with the Mayor on Saturday at 9 am.

**X. Adjournment**

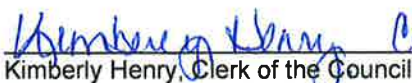
With no further business before the Town Council, Councilmember Beyene moved to adjourn with a second by Councilmember Ramirez. The motion carried.

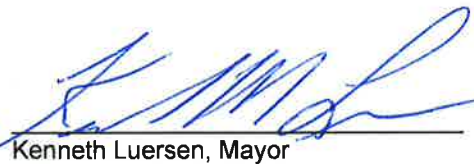
**1. Motion to Adjourn**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Alexander Beyene, Council Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mary Ramirez, Council Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Schneider, Pasanello, Gallagher, Pater, Beyene, Ramirez

Submitted:

Approved:

  
Kimberly Henry, Clerk of the Council

  
Kenneth Luersen, Mayor