



TOWN OF HAYMARKET TOWN COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING

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15000 Washington St
Haymarket, VA 20169

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

A Special 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: Present, Councilman Bob Weir: Present, Vice Mayor TracyLynn Pater: Present, Councilwoman Mary Ramirez: Remote, Mayor Kenneth Luersen: Present.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

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

III. Citizens Time

There were no citizens were present at this meeting.

IV. Agenda Items

1. Resolution #2022-007: Adoption of FY23 Budget/Tax Rate and Appropriation of Funds

Town Treasurer Roberto Gonzalez gave a short presentation on the FY23 proposed budget, the real estate tax rate of .117 per \$100 of the assessed value and fee schedule. After the presentation, Mr. Gonzalez asked for any questions from Council. There was a discussion about using ARPA funds to further enhance the Town green in front of Town Hall and the renovation of the Town Park building. Councilman Weir requested that the Council adopt each time item separately with the tax rate being Resolution 2022-7A, the fee schedule as Resolution 2022-7B and adopting the FY23 budget and appropriating the funds as Resolution 2022-7C.

2. Resolution 2022-007A

Councilman Weir moved Resolution 2022-007A: to adopt the real property tax rate of .112 per \$100 which would make a difference in the budget of approximately \$17,350 but would be made up elsewhere in the budget which would deliver a slight tax cut to the residents not an equalized budget and I think that's the least we can do in view of the higher county taxes, rapid inflation, sky rocketing fuel costs, and what little relief that the state is giving us particularly in view that a commercial revenue streams and in other areas can pick up the slack and offset the \$17,350. Councilman Pasanello seconded the motion. First, Mayor Luersen asked Town Treasurer Gonzalez how that would impact the budget and if he had any concerns. Mr. Gonzalez stated that it is doable and also stated that even though the Town received ARPA funds, there are still big projects that would need funding and advised the Council to not fall behind the 8 ball. A lengthy discussion followed on the proposed change from the advertised rate of .117. Town Treasurer Gonzalez provided and explained the most recent budget vs actual report.

After the discussion, Mayor Luersen shared that he was not as concerned since the expenditures were not affected only the revenues. He also asked that before the Council decided to vote, would anyone consider a compromise by adopting a rate of .115. The discussion followed on the compromised rate of .115.

Councilman Weir amended his motion to .115. Councilman Pasanello seconded the amended the motion. After the roll call, the vote ended in a tie with Mayor Luersen breaking the tie with an aye vote. The motion carried.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [4 TO 3]
MOVER:	Bob Weir, Councilman
SECONDER:	Joe Pasanello, Councilman
AYES:	Joe Pasanello, Bob Weir, TracyLynn Pater, Kenneth Luersen
NAYS:	Marchant Schneider, Chris Morris, Mary Ramirez

3. Resolution 2022-007B

Councilman Weir moved Resolution 2022-007B: to adopt the tax rate and fee schedule shown in the Resolution in support of the budget with the exception of the Transient Occupancy Tax. Councilman Pasanello seconded the motion. A discussion followed on the excluding the TOT. Councilman Weir stated that he would like to handle the TOT separately. The motion carried by a roll call vote.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [5 TO 1]
MOVER:	Bob Weir, Councilman
SECONDER:	Joe Pasanello, Councilman
AYES:	Morris, Pasanello, Weir, Pater, Ramirez
NAYS:	Marchant Schneider

4. Resolution 2022-007C

Councilman Weir moved Resolution 2022-007C: to adopt the Transient Occupancy Tax at a rate of 2%. The motion failed for a lack of a second.

Councilman Morris moved Resolution 2022-007C: to adopt the rate of 7% for the TOT according to the proposed budget that we presented to our residents. Councilman Schneider seconded the motion. Councilman Weir gave his reasoning of his motion of dropping the tax rate to 2%. He stated that the Town is spending more money in legal fees with the 7% tax rate and how it is divided up. A discussion followed on the proposed 2% tax rate. Councilman Pasanello stated the TOT tax rate was adopted by Ordinance and asked for staff to contact the Town Attorney to see if the rate could be changed at this meeting. During the discussion, Acting Town Manager Emily Kyriazi spoke with the Town Attorney and came back with a reply stating that in order to change the TOT tax rate, the Town would need to give notice in order to change the ordinance. The motion carried by a roll call vote.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [5 TO 1]
MOVER:	Chris Morris, Councilman
SECONDER:	Marchant Schneider, Councilman
AYES:	Schneider, Morris, Pasanello, Pater, Ramirez
NAYS:	Bob Weir

5. Resolution 2022-007D

Councilman Weir stated that before adopting the FY23, he would like to make some budget amendments. Acting Town Manager Emily Kyriazi asked for a short recess so that the Town Treasurer can load the budget on the screen and make the changes concurrent with the discussion. When Council came out of recess, Town Treasurer Gonzalez adjusted the .115 tax rate that was approved earlier to reflect the current budget. Mr. Weir suggested the following adjustment to the budget: increase the BPOL tax, Cigarette tax, Meals Tax, Interest on the bank deposits, and show the Farmer's Market fees on the revenue side. On the expenditure side, Mr. Weir suggested to decrease the following line items: Salaries and wages for the Town Council, consultants and engineers for the Planning Commission, and putting the surplus into the capital improvement fund. There was a request for the Council to give comment on each line item adjustment. The Council also discussed the legal fees. They lowered the legal fees and moved the additional funds to the capital improvement plan.

Councilman Weir moved Resolution 2022-007D: to adopt the annual operating budget and the capital improvement budget as amended on June 21, 2022 and appropriate the funds on an annual basis for the contemplated expenditures shown in the amended

annual operating budget and capital improvement budget. 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

V. Closed Session

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; and as permitted by Virginia Code § 2.2-3711 (A)(7), briefing by staff members pertaining to probable litigation involving 14600 Washington Street. Vice Mayor Pater seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

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. 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

VI. Adjournment

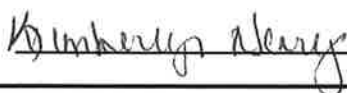
With no further business before the Town Council, Councilman Weir moved to adjourn with a second by Councilman Pasanello. The motion carried.

1. Motion to Adjourn

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

Submitted:

Approved:





Kimberly Henry, Clerk of the Council

Kenneth Luersen, Mayor