



Town of Vienna

Meeting Minutes

Town Council Conference Session

Charles A. Robinson Jr.
Town Hall
127 Center Street South
Vienna VA, 22180

Monday, January 10, 2022

7:30 PM

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Center Street, South

1. Regular Business

Mayor Linda Colbert opened the Conference Session noting that Council Members Patel and Potter will attend the meeting via ZOOM at their homes due to medical reasons. There was no objection from attending Council.

Council: Council Member Chuck Anderson; Council Member Ray Brill Jr; Council Member Nisha Patel (via ZOOM); Council Member Steve Potter (via ZOOM); Council Member Ed Somers; Council Member Howard Springsteen and Mayor Linda Colbert.

Staff: Mercury Peyton, Town Manager; Shelly Kozlowski, Deputy Town Clerk; Steve Briglia, Town Attorney; Mike Gallagher, Director, Public Works; Leslie Herman, Director, Parks and Recreation; Marion Serfass, Director, Finance.

A. [22-2844](#)

Potential Name Change Waco to Arlington Drive

Mayor Colbert called on Leslie Herman, Director of Parks and Recreation to present the Item for consideration. Discussion is summarized as follows:

- *A name change was generally agreed as appropriate; important, however, not to totally lose sight of history;*
- *Allow public input on name change; important not to cause confusion by creating existing names; Liberty Lane would have tie in to Liberty Amendments Day;*
- *Decision for reimbursement to affected street residents' should be based upon a) county and neighboring jurisdictional processes, b) consideration of all costs for action (create list of all potential associated expenses), c) determine set reimbursement amount based on list of expenses;*

B. [22-2837](#)

Discuss Changes in County Real Estate Tax Relief Program

Mayor Colbert called on Marion Serfass, Director, Finance to provide a summary of the Item for consideration.

Purpose of change is to allow retirees to stay in current homes; designed for homeowners with no mortgage; requires a Public Hearing.

C. [22-2836](#)

Mid-Year Financial Review for Fiscal Year 2022

Mayor Colbert acknowledged Marion Serfass, Director, Finance who provided the six-month (July 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021) review of Vienna's financial health. Mayor Colbert and Director Serfass agreed to switch the order of presentations on the evening's agenda and present the Mid-Year Review next. Council comments are

summarized as follows:

- *Revenue from tobacco tax has increased largely due to COVID, urge anti-smoking campaign to discourage smoking among teen population; can ask Fairfax County to assist; DARE continues as effective Vienna Police Department program; must address lack of tax on Vaping;*
- *Significant decline in tax collected through fines and forfeitures largely due to vacancies in police department, COVID, and the advent of UBER and LYFT;*
- *Revenue Stabilization Fund captures excess over 18% in the Rainy Day Fund;*
- *Taxes collected from mixed use properties split between residential and commercial; apartments taxed as commercial;*
- *Salary increases will be considered during March budget discussion; must wait for real estate assessments.*

Action Items:

Director Serfass to provide summary of usage increases vrs. rate increases for both water and sewer.

Director Serfass to provide information for understanding sole variance in sewer fund.

D. 22-2838

Long Range Roadway Paving Plan

Mayor Colbert called on Mike Gallagher, Director of Public Works, to summarize the Item. Council comments included the following:

- *Expedite the plan to five years as it means to eliminate the backlog of pavement needing complete or partial reconstruction (poor, very poor, serious, and failed roadways); would require pushing projects further out on the timeline or tax increase to move change from \$1.4M to \$3.25 M/year; operating costs of road repair would remain constant regardless of timeline for roadway replacement;*
- *Town should write code requiring developers to stand cost of road repair following construction; should address life span of roadways for developments with new curb cuts; would require proof through visual and photographic means; cannot require upgrade to better condition than prior to commencement of work;*
- *Current code requires developers to meet subdivision requirements when changing side of road; would require developers to rebuild road.*

Action Items:

Director Gallagher will provide a list of all roads, to include rating.

Town Manager Payton will review CIP, identify potential adjustments to allow for expediting the roadway paving plan.

2. Meeting Adjournment

Mayor Colbert adjourned the Conference Session at 10:30 PM

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