



Town of Vienna

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

Meeting Minutes - Final Town Council Work Session

Monday, October 7, 2024

8:30 PM

Charles Robinson Jr. Town Hall, 127
Center St. South

Will begin after regular meeting

1. Regular Business

Roll Call

Council Present: Council Member Sondra Allen; Council Member Chuck Anderson; Council Member Roy Baldwin; Council Member Ray Brill; Council Member Jessica Ramakis; Council Member Howard Springsteen and Mayor Linda Colbert.

Staff Present: Mercury Payton, Town Manager; Steve Briglia, Town Attorney; David Levy, Director, Planning and Zoning; Marion Serfass, Director, Finance; Jim Morris Chief, Vienna Police Department

A. [24-4693](#)

9:45 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Capital Improvements Plan with Revisions

Mayor Colbert opened the Work Session at 10:15 PM immediately following the Regular Town Council Meeting. She called on Marion Serfass, Director, Finance to present the Item for consideration by Council.

The Capital Improvement Plan for 2026 - 2038 was discussed at a work session on September 16. Since then, support for a proposed aquatics and fitness facility has gained support. The potential exists for funding this project with the addition of a 1% increase in the meals tax rate for a period of ten years.

The revised plan includes a 1% increase in meals taxes, addition of funding for the Town Hall first floor redesign and a feasibility study for the Nutley Property Yard later in the plan. Also included is a summarized list of changes from the 2024 adopted plan and a list of potential unfunded projects, given the current level of funding.

Comments from Council are summarized as follows:

- *Transparency is critical; Residents must be informed of items moved within the CIP; Original CIP is available in Granicus;*
- *Concerned that this exercise is premature; Residents may feel Council has already made decision without their input; Must pass meals tax prior to any further decisions on CIP;*
- *Continuing with discussion on revised CIP demonstrates to residents that the numbers actually will work; Provides residents with additional information prior to public hearing;*
- *All CIP information should be available at the Town Hall meeting;*

Comments on Specific Items:

- *Creeks Crossing sidewalk project is a Fairfax County Project; Currently in design phase, nearing easement acquisition phase; Construction will begin in late 2026 early 2027;*
- *Request moving Town nonprofit display board project forward in the CIP; Currently set for 2040, but presents a poor image for visitors coming through Town;*

Many new nonprofits waiting to be added; Will make effort to move forward on the timeline;

- Town Green Plaza and Restoration project has been separated; Town Green Plaza has immediate need for repair and improvement; Town Green Update can be further down the timeline;
- Town Green Plaza repair will be added to March/April 2025 Work Session schedule;
- Town Green restrooms are power washed annually; Will address and paint if necessary;
- Waters field roof replacement has been completed;
- Southside ball field asphalt will be used as staging area for Bear Branch Restoration project; Contractor will fully replace asphalt at project completion;
- Bridge inspections complete; Bridges with immediate concerns will be repaired;
- Meadow Lane playground was prioritized by Council in 2024 over Glyndon Park playground due to greater use and greater need;
- Park Master Plan (first such plan) will provide guidance for, among other things, maintenance of Town parks; Will have greater impact on development of CIP next year;
- Owasa drainage study was in previous CIP; Community meeting held in August 2024; Study currently underway to provide recommendations for drainage issue correction and applicable costs; Information will inform future CIP submissions; Timeline requested by Council.

Town Manager Payton reminded Council that any significant project requested by Staff is placed on the CIP timeline for design work. This process assures that no project is lost. Director Herman further noted that the Parks and Recreation Department Staff analyze the life cycle of all Town amenities so they can be added to the CIP for analysis and/or replacement.

B. [24-4681](#)

10:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Discussion on deer management in the town

Mayor Colbert called on Jim Morris, Chief, Vienna Police Department, to present the Item.

Comments from Council included the following:

- Council addressed this issue in 2015; Decision was to do nothing;
- Currently have documented case of chronic wasting disease in Vienna deer population;
- Illegal to feed deer; Will exacerbate disease;
- State of Virginia has declared Northern Virginia as overpopulated by deer;
- Due to smaller geographic size of Vienna parks, sharpshooting is the preferred method for culling; Bow hunting harder to control;
- Fairfax County sharpshooting program begins in November; Begin process with request to Walter Alcorn; etc.;
- Humane deer traps would be labeled as experimental by the State and require additional licensing;
- State Code overrides Town Code; Chief of Police can make a determination that deer are causing a safety issue.

Town Attorney Briglia will explore language for addition to the Code that would authorize this activity by authority of the Town Manager.

2. Meeting Adjournment

With no additional discussion, Mayor Colbert concluded the Work Session at 11:30

PM.