



Town of Vienna

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

Meeting Minutes Town Council Meeting

Monday, March 11, 2019

8:00 PM

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

Regular Meeting

Invocation: Reverend Garry Genser, Vienna Seventh-Day Adventist Church

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

1. Roll Call

Present: 7 - Council Member Tara Bloch, Council Member Linda Colbert, Council Member Pasha Majdi, Council Member Douglas Noble, Council Member Carey J. Stenicki, Council Member Howard J. Springsteen and Mayor Laurie DiRocco

2. Approval of the Minutes:

A. [19-1188](#) Approval of the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2019

It was moved to table the approval of the minutes

A motion was made by Council Member Noble, seconded by Council Member Springsteen, that the Minutes be tabled. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

3. Receipt of petitions and communications from the Public that is not on the Agenda. (Limited to 5 minutes per issue and no formal action can be taken this evening)

None

4. Reports/Presentations

A. [19-1174](#) Resolution for the 50th Anniversary of Planning Districts in the Commonwealth

Councilmember Colbert presented the Resolution commending Virginia's 21 planning district commissions on their 50th Anniversary.

B. [19-1190](#) Monarch Pledge Proclamation

Mayor DiRocco presented the Proclamation recognizing March 11, 2019 as Monarch Pledge Day to the Wolftrap Elementary Schools's 2nd grade students.

C. [19-1184](#) Operating Budget Overview

Town Manager, Mercury Payton, presented and overview of what to expect in the upcoming budget work sessions for the FY19-20 operating budget.

A. Report and Inquiries of Council Members

Councilmember Springsteen reported that he attended the funeral of former Fire Chief Bill Ellis.

Councilmember Springsteen also reported that Maud Robinson, former Councilmember has passed away after a very brief illness.

Councilmember Majdi stated that he understands there is a legal standard applied to re-zoning applications, the fairly debatable standard, but he does not understand how that works for the optional zoning overlay, particularly with respect to subjective provisions in the code, such as the purpose and intent sub-section in the MAC. This has been something that has been confusing him for five years and wanted to ask about it. He would like some sort of formal legal guidance.

Councilmember Sienicki inquired on what is appropriate and not appropriate during reports and would like a briefing on what is appropriate to be said, and what the purpose of reports are. She would like to know the appropriate use of a report and the appropriate way to present a report as well as the appropriate way to move something forward from a report into a future agenda.

B. Report of the Town Manager

No report

C. Report of the Mayor

Mayor DiRocco reported that it is with sadness that she share that Maud Robinson did pass away peacefully with friends at her side. She was 96 years old, she would have been 97 next month. The burial is private at her request. She agreed with Councilmember Springsteen that she was a shining example of a lifetime of service and volunteerism. Her commitment to the Town of Vienna is unparallel and we will be forever grateful for the decades of service she provided to our community. She further shared some of Maud's life. She personally can't thank Maud enough for all that she has done for the Vienna community. Her passing is really the end of an era in our town. She will be greatly missed. Councilmember Sienicki, Mr. Briglia, Councilmember Colbert and Councilmember Majdi each said a few things about Maud.

D. Proposals for Additional Items to the Agenda

None

E. Closed Session

It was moved that the members of the Vienna Town Council be polled to affirm that during the first Closed Session convened this date, Monday, March 11, 2019, the Town Council met for discussion or consideration of personnel matters, specifically the interviewing of individuals for consideration of appointment and/or re-appointment to Town Boards and Commissions.

It was further moved that the Certification Resolution be adopted in accordance with State Statutes, and that the Town Clerk is authorized to execute the Certification Resolution.

And it was further moved that the Closed Session be continued to later this date, Monday, March 11, 2019 at the conclusion of the Regular Council Meeting in

accordance with Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711.A, for purposes of consultation with legal counsel for the provisions of legal advice, as well as Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711.A.(3), for purposes of discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose.

Motion: Councilmember Bloch
 Second: Councilmember Springsteen
 Motion carried unanimously

It was moved that Angela Sorrell be appointed to the Transportation Safety Commission for a two-year term. Said term shall be effective from March 12, 2019 through March 12, 2021.

It was further moved that Robert Dowler be recommended to the Fairfax County Circuit Court for re-appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a five-year term.

And it was further moved that Desiree DiMauro be re-appointed to the Conservation and Sustainability Commission for a two-year term. Said term shall be retroactively effective from November 20, 2018 through November 20, 2020.

And it was further moved that Andrew Meren be re-appointed to the Planning Commission for a two-year term. Said term shall be retroactively effective from July 12, 2018 through July 12, 2020.

Motion: Councilmember Bloch
 Second: Councilmember Springsteen
 Motion carried unanimously

Item approved as shown.

Aye: 7 - Council Member Bloch, Council Member Colbert, Council Member Majdi, Council Member Noble, Council Member Sienicki, Council Member Springsteen and Mayor DiRocco

5. Regular Business

- A. [19-1179](#) Request to set a public hearing for April 8, 2019 regarding the FY 2019-20 operating budget

It was moved to set a public hearing for April 8, 2019 regarding the FY 2019-20 operating budget. It was further moved that the Town Clerk advertise a Notice of Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Council Member Springsteen, seconded by Council Member Bloch, that the Action Item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Council Member Bloch, Council Member Colbert, Council Member Majdi, Council Member Noble, Council Member Sienicki, Council Member Springsteen and Mayor DiRocco

- B. [19-1180](#) Request to set a public hearing for April 8, 2019 regarding proposed water and sewer rates

It was moved to set a public hearing for April 8, 2019 regarding FY 2019-20 proposed water and sewer rates. It was further moved to direct the Town Clerk to advertise a Notice of Public Hearing

A motion was made by Council Member Bloch, seconded by Council Member Springsteen, that the Action Item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Council Member Bloch, Council Member Colbert, Council Member Majdi, Council Member Noble, Council Member Sienicki, Council Member Springsteen and Mayor DiRocco

C. [19-1181](#) Request to set a public hearing for April 22, 2019 regarding the FY 2019-20 real estate tax rate

It was moved to set a public hearing for April 22, 2019 regarding the FY 2019-20 real estate tax rate. It was further moved to direct the Town Clerk to advertise a Notice of Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Council Member Bloch, seconded by Council Member Springsteen, that the Action Item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Council Member Bloch, Council Member Colbert, Council Member Majdi, Council Member Noble, Council Member Sienicki, Council Member Springsteen and Mayor DiRocco

D. Second Closed Session

It was moved that the members of the Vienna Town Council be polled to affirm that during the second Closed Session convened this date, Monday, March 11, 2019, the Town Council met for purposes of consultation with legal counsel for provisions of legal advice as well as for purposes of discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose.

It was further moved that the Certification Resolution be adopted in accordance with State Statutes, and that the Town Clerk is authorized to execute the Certification Resolution.

And it was further moved that the Closed Session be continued to Monday, April 8, 2019 at 7:15 p.m. in accordance with Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711.A.(1), for purposes of discussion of personnel matters, specifically the interviewing of individuals for consideration of appointment and/or re-appointment to Town Boards and Commissions.

A motion was made by Council Member Tara Bloch, seconded by Council Member Douglas Noble, that this was approved. The motion carried unanimously.

Aye: 7 - Council Member Bloch, Council Member Colbert, Council Member Majdi, Council Member Noble, Council Member Sienicki, Council Member Springsteen and Mayor DiRocco

6. Meeting Adjournment

It was moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 p.m.

This meeting was adjourned

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