



Town of Vienna

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

Meeting Minutes Town Council Meeting

Monday, April 27, 2020

8:00 PM

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

Regular Meeting

1. Roll Call

Rollcall

Councilmembers were in attendance electronically via Zoom.

Present: 7 - Council Member Linda Colbert, Council Member Pasha Majdi, Council Member Douglas Noble, Council Member Nisha Patel, Council Member Steve Potter, Council Member Howard J. Springsteen and Mayor Laurie DiRocco

2. Resolution for Continuity of Government

Resolution for Continuity of Government

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council for the Town of Vienna does hereby approve and find for the April 27, 2020, Town Council meeting that the usual Council meeting procedures cannot be implemented safely or practically; and (a) all agenda items are necessary to address the attack, emergency, crisis, or disaster, and the failure to act on these agenda items could result in irrevocable public harm; and/or (b) all agenda items are necessary and essential to assure the continuity of Town government and operations.

A motion was made that the Resolution be approved.

3. Acceptance of the Minutes:

A. Acceptance of the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of April 13, 2020.

The Regular Council Meeting Minutes of April 13, 2020 were accepted as submitted.

A motion was made that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Aye: 7 - Council Member Colbert, Council Member Majdi, Council Member Noble, Council Member Patel, Council Member Potter, Council Member Springsteen and Mayor DiRocco

5. Public Hearings

A. Public hearing regarding FY 2020-21 proposed real estate tax rate

Mayor DiRocco called the Public Hearing to order at 8:10 PM. The Town Clerk called the roll; all members of Council were present.

Mayor DiRocco set forth the guidelines for conduct. She then called on Marion

Serfass, Director of Finance to provide background for the hearing. Director Serfass noted that this is the sixth consecutive year with no change in Vienna's real estate tax rate. The proposed FY2020-21 budget is based on this \$0.2250 per \$100 of assessed value rate along with continuation of the current bank net capital rate of \$0.80 per \$100 of valuation as well as a residential utility tax rate of 20% of the first \$15 and a commercial utility tax rate of 15% of the first \$300.

Mr. Ray Brill, John Marshal Dr., NE. opened his remarks noting the need for leadership during this difficult time. He stressed that the 2.6% tax increase should be reconsidered and potentially reduced to zero. Having talked with numerous residents, he emphasized that there are many who are financially struggling and that the Town should be responsive to this need.

Director Serfass responded stressing that the current proposed budget has been revised during each work session and tonight reflects a 2.6% decrease. Based upon further input from Council, it will be reworked once again for presentation at the May 18, 2020 work session. The budget slated for adoption will potentially reflect even further reductions.

It was moved to close the public hearing.

*Motion: Councilmember Noble
Second: Councilmember Colbert
Carried unanimously*

It was further moved to approve the Fiscal Year 2020-21 proposed real estate tax rate, bank net capital rate, residential utility tax rate, and commercial utility tax rate as presented. I further move that the Town Clerk be directed to advertise a Notice of Intent to Adopt at the May 11, 2020 Council meeting.

*Motion: Councilmember Colbert
Second: Councilmember Springsteen
Carried unanimously*

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

Aye: 7 - Council Member Colbert, Council Member Majdi, Council Member Noble, Council Member Patel, Council Member Potter, Council Member Springsteen and Mayor DiRocco

6. Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Council Member Springsteen and seconded by Council Member Patel to accept the consent agenda as presented.

The consent agenda was approved by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Council Member Colbert, Council Member Majdi, Council Member Noble, Council Member Patel, Council Member Potter, Council Member Springsteen and Mayor DiRocco

- A.** Approval of spending with Moody's Investor Services for bond rating services
- B.** Request CIP and revenue-share funding for roadway maintenance utilizing IFB 20-03
- C.** Request approval for spending \$1,000,000 with E.E. Lyons Construction for water

main and appurtenance improvements within the Town's water service area

- D. Request approval of a memorandum of understanding between the Optimist Club of Greater Vienna and Town of Vienna regarding use of the Vienna Community Center parking lot for the 2020 Vienna Farmers Market

7. Regular Business

- A. Request to set a June 1, 2020 public hearing to extend temporary suspension of the Maple Avenue Commercial (MAC) Zone, set currently to expire June 30, 2020, to June 30, 2022, and refer the matter to the Planning Commission for consideration.

Mayor DiRoco called on Cindy Petkac, Director of Planning and Zoning, to present a brief summary of the request for MAC extension.

It was moved to refer to the Planning Commission for consideration 1) a proposed extension of temporary suspension of Article 13.1 - MAC Maple Avenue Commercial Zone Regulations of Chapter 18 of the Town Code to June 30, 2022, and 2) a repeal of the subject Article; and for the Planning Commission to report back their recommendations to Council on both options.

And

It was further moved to set a June 1, 2020 public hearing to receive the Planning Commission's recommendations as well as public input on the proposed extension of temporary suspension to June 30, 2022 or repeal of Article 13.1 - MAC Maple Avenue Commercial Zone Regulations of Chapter 18 of the Town Code. It was further moved to direct the Town Clerk to advertise the public hearing and a Notice of Intent to Adopt at the June 1, 2020 Town Council meeting.

Motion: Councilmember Noble

Second: Councilmember Springsteen

CouncilMember Majdi moved to include an amendment that included verbiage as follows " and 3) corresponding changes to the comprehensive plan". Council Member Patel seconded the amendment. The amendment failed on the following vote:

Aye: Council Member Majdi; Council Member Patel

Nay: Council Member Potter, Council Member Colbert; Council Member Noble; Council Member Springsteen and Mayor DiRocco.

The original motion carried unanimously.

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

Aye: 7 - Council Member Colbert, Council Member Majdi, Council Member Noble, Council Member Patel, Council Member Potter, Council Member Springsteen and Mayor DiRocco

8. Meeting Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 PM.

THE TOWN OF VIENNA IS COMMITTED TO FULL COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT STANDARDS. TRANSLATION SERVICES, ASSISTANCE OR ACCOMMODATION REQUESTS FROM PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES ARE TO BE REQUESTED NOT LESS THAN 3 WORKING DAYS BEFORE THE DAY OF THE EVENT. PLEASE CALL (703) 255-6304, OR 711 VIRGINIA RELAY SERVICE FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED.