



Town of Vienna

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Town Hall
127 Center Street South
Vienna VA, 22180

Meeting Minutes - Draft Town Council Work Session

Monday, July 7, 2025

9:00 PM

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 and Mayor Linda Colbert.

Absent: Council Member Springsteen

Staff Present: Mercury Payton, Town Manager; Steven Barlow, Deputy Director of Finance; Jim Morris, Chief, Vienna Police Department

A. [25-5163](#)

Discuss deer management program with representatives from Fairfax County.

Mayor Colbert opened the Work Session immediately following adjournment of the Regular Town Council Meeting at 10:00 PM.

Mayor Colbert called on Jim Morris, Chief, Vienna Police Department to lead the discussion. He introduced Major Dana Ferreira and Sargent Eric Powell, Fairfax County Police, Deer Management Program.

The following includes a summary of comments and responses to questions by Council:

- *Town ordinance provides for sharpshooting;*
- *Will not operate on private property;*
- *Last year, 32 deer carcasses picked up per contract in Town of Vienna; Former Fairfax City program included Vienna as study control group – Partial two year count indicated deer population in high 20's/sq. mile; State of Virginia has declared entire area as overpopulated;*
- *Deer move throughout 2-3 mile radius both residential and parkland; Deer caused damage evident in Vienna parks;*
- *Sharpshooting program must be annual event; May take several seasons to observe number reduction that will result in curbing operation;*
- *Events to take place from mid November through mid March, five nights per week, 4:00 PM-10:00 PM; Confined to public parks; Access to parks staffed by uniformed police officers beginning two hours prior to event;*
- *Designated Vienna parks include Northside and Beuhla Rd. mulch yard;*
- *Shooters are Fairfax County police officers with thermal imaging scopes providing visibility up to 200-300 yards; Shots are taken downward at close range, roughly 25-40 yards from the target;*
- *Postcards alerting to event are sent to all residents within designated radius of action;*
- *Intent is to keep program cost neutral (with exception of postcards).*

Town Attorney Briglia explained that it is now Council's prerogative to accept or veto the plan as set forth in the MOU. With the majority of Council in favor of the action, upon signing, the MOU will be accepted.

2. Meeting Adjournment

With no further discussion, Mayor Colbert concluded the work session at 10:35 PM.

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