

## **Proposed Changes to Town Business Liaison Committee 2021 Resolution and Bylaws**

The Town Business Liaison Committee (TBLC) was founded by the Town Council in November 1982 to enhance collaboration between businesses and local government. The TBLC's goals, mission, and activities were also defined at its inception. Since then, the Town Council has reviewed and amended the TBLC charter twice: once in December 2012 and again in September 2021.

In September 2021, the updated TBLC bylaws incorporated a provision for the charter to be reviewed and updated every two years. The TBLC is proposing updates in 2024 that will streamline the bylaws, update language used in the charter, and provide increased clarity and transparency about the role of the TBLC in the Town of Vienna.

The TBLC is proposing the following revisions to the 2021 TBLC Resolution and Bylaws:

- **Revising the number of resident members from two to *up to three*.**
  - *The proposed change allows the TBLC's to be effective in attracting new, qualified members that are local business leaders or residents—ensuring that the committee remains fully staffed.*
- **Removing the Executive Director of the Vienna Business Association (VBA) as an ex-officio member of the TBLC.**
  - *While the TBLC sees the value of the VBA being a member (ex-officio) of the TBLC, this change is proposed at the request of the Executive Director of the VBA.*
- **The proposed changes clarify the primary objectives of the TBLC to better reflect its partnership with the Economic Development Department.**
  - *Based on the past four years of collaboration with the Department, the TBLC's objectives are now clearer. The proposed changes will continue to guide members in their role of executing economic development within the Town of Vienna.*
- **The TBLC is proposing an update to the charter to stipulate that it should be reviewed as necessary, rather than on a fixed two-year schedule.**
  - *This proposed change allows agility to updating the bylaws as necessary, rather than on a fixed two-year schedule.*