



# Town of Vienna

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

## Meeting Minutes Town Council Work Session

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Monday, February 8, 2016

7:30 PM

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

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### Work Session

#### 1. Regular Business

*Present: Mayor Laurie A. DiRocco  
Council Member Linda J. Colbert  
Council Member Edythe Frankel Kelleher  
Council Member Carey J. Sienicki  
Council Member Howard J. Springsteen  
Council Member Tara L. Voigt*

*On speaker phone, from Boston, Massachusetts: Council Member Pasha M. Majdi*

*Also present: Mercury T. Payton, Town Manager  
Michael Gallagher, Deputy Director of Public Works  
Hyojung Garland, Deputy Director of Planning and Zoning  
Michael D'Orazio, Planner  
Patrick Mulhern, Director of Planning and Zoning  
Karen Spence, Director of Finance  
Marion Serfass, Deputy Finance Director  
Karen Covert, Finance Operations Manager  
Carol S. Waters, Deputy Town Clerk*

#### A.

##### Draft Comprehensive Plan Review

*Mercury Payton opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. and acknowledged the Planning Commissioners, who had worked on the comprehensive plan with the Planning and Zoning Staff at previous meetings, and thanked them all for their hard work.*

*Patrick Mulhern, Director of Planning and Zoning, described the comprehensive plan as a twenty year, long range, aspirational plan. He reported doing a major revamping of the plan but emphasized that "the ink is wet" and all ideas in the draft were open to change. New sections and features had been added including economic development, a vision statement, a park and recreation chapter, an environment and sustainability chapter, as well as the implementation chapter. There was also a comparison of the 2010 Plan and the draft 2015 Plan, plus the current land-use plan for comparison with the proposed future land-use plan. Planner Michael D'Orazio was credited with codifying all of the input and creating the 178 page full color document "in-house."*

*The Mayor suggested going through the draft plan section by section, starting with the acknowledgements. Numerous comments, questions, recommendations and changes were talked over.*

*The proposed vision statement was: "The Town of Vienna will be a vibrant, environmentally conscious community with small town character, strong single family neighborhoods, and distinguished businesses and services." Per Council Member suggestion, a mention of safety was added into the vision statement.*

*Recommendations: Staff will incorporate Council's changes into the draft comprehensive plan. The Planning Commission will begin work on an updated version at their meeting on Wednesday, February 10. Council will conduct another work session in March and continue this discussion.*

## **B. Midyear Financial Review for Fiscal Year 2016**

*Finance Director Karen Spence briefly summed up the previous fiscal year, which ended June 30, 2015. She reported that Vienna finished Fiscal Year 2015 very strong.*

*Ms. Spence outlined financial highlights to date in the current year (Fiscal Year 2016). She reviewed real estate and property values. In calculating the Town's bond rating, she noted, they look at the last three years; and when they see a slow, steady growth and increase in property values overall, it is a key factor for the Town's excellent bond rating.*

*The Finance Director went over a lot of the Mid-Year Financial Report, which can be viewed as an attachment to this work session's agenda. Council Members posed questions and Finance Department staff offered clarification.*

*Recommendations: No Council Action required.*

## **2. Meeting Adjournment**

*The Town Council Work Session of February 8, 2016 adjourned at 10:23 p.m.*

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*Mayor Laurie A. DiRocco*

Signed / Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Deputy Town Clerk*

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