



Town of Vienna

Meeting Minutes

Town Council Work Session

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

Monday, March 19, 2018

7:30 PM

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

Budget Work Session

1. Regular Business

Present:

Mayor Laurie A. DiRocco
Council Member Tara L. Bloch
Council Member Linda J. Colbert
Council Member Pasha M. Majdi
Council Member Douglas E. Noble
Council Member Carey J. Sienicki
Council Member Howard J. Springsteen

Staff present:

Mercury T. Payton, Town Manager
Marion Serfass, Finance Director
Maggie Kain, Human Resources Director
Cindy Petkac, Planning and Zoning Director
Michael Gallagher, Public Works Director
David Donohue, Public Works Deputy Director
Jonathan Wooden, Public Works Operations Superintendent
Craig Schlemmer, Public Works Vehicle Maintenance Superintendent
Lynne DeWilde, Public Information – Communications & Marketing Manager
Carol S. Waters, Deputy Town Clerk

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Fiscal Year 2018-19 Proposed Budget Work Session

Attachments: [TC WorkSession 19 Schedule FINAL](#)

The second work session for review and discussion of next fiscal year's proposed budget began about 7:30 p.m. Maggie Kain introduced Tom Anthony, who gave about a twenty minute presentation on Anthem Blue Cross, Blue Shield Health Care Renewal. Mr. Anthony spoke on the 18% increase in health care costs for Town Employees next year. He said the increase was based on TLC ("The Local Choice") guidelines and the Town's claim experiences.

Fiscal Year 2018-2019's proposed budget for the Department of Public Works (DPW) was the main topic of the evening's work session. Michael Gallagher reviewed the Department's accomplishments and grants in the current fiscal year. He spoke of the relatively new work order system and how that was being used. Cindy Petkac talked about how her Planning and Zoning Department had been working with DPW. Mr. Gallagher disclosed that both the Town of Vienna and the County of Fairfax had found it challenging to get into paperless plans. He reported that one of DPW's budget requests for next year was the software to make that easier.

Mrs. Serfass was consulted periodically throughout the work session about possible funding options.

Mr. Gallagher said that the number of DPW work orders were up, possibly due to the newly renovated Community Center and also the new electronic work order system. DPW hopes to begin the Old Courthouse Road improvement project soon, Mr. Gallagher noted. Others projects discussed were the Creek Crossing Road improvement project and the 300 block of Church Street. Council inquired about a type of rubber sidewalk, and Mr. Gallagher indicated that it was extremely expensive.

Mr. Gallagher reported that the Street Maintenance Division of DPW had assisted the Water and Sewer Division with a lot of asphalt repairs this year, and had also assisted the Sanitation Division when they were short-handed. He added that DPW's unmet needs (not yet funded in next year's budget) included adding more sanitation workers and one more maintenance worker. It was mentioned that sanitation is a highly injury-prone job.

There was conversation about the Town not having an extra employee who could stay on top of every single contractor to make sure they did high quality street cuts for new houses. Mr. Gallagher noted the number of sidewalks and driveway aprons which DPW had to replace and install this past year. There was also a discussion about tracking snow plows while they were on duty. The Mayor requested that DPW research their options for monitoring this.

Mr. Gallagher reviewed DPW's current initiatives, such as their work on traffic signals. He stated that DPW was proposing some increases in the operations supply budget. He further noted that DPW was under-budget for their Vehicle Replacement Budget. Next year DPW will have to decide whether to keep using a tub grinder or not and whether to replace the obsolete Rodder-truck, or upgrade to a more versatile and efficient "Jetter."

There was more discussion about how much money to invest annually in replacing old water lines and re-lining old sewer pipes. Due to the aging infrastructure and occasional disruptions of water service, this topic has been considered at multiple work sessions. It was decided to invest \$2.7 Million into water and sewer line maintenance every year.

David Donahue went over highlights of the Water and Sewer Department this year. He reported that they repaired 35 water breaks just in the month of January 2018, and they cleaned about 38% of the sewer system this fiscal year. DPW installed the SCADA System (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition for water and sewer) this year. Mr. Donahue also said they had continued to reduce the number of water meters which were over 20 years old.

2. Meeting Adjournment

The Town Council Work Session of March 19, 2018 adjourned at 10:53 p.m.

Mayor Laurie A. DiRocco

Signed / Dated: _____

Attest:

Deputy Town Clerk

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