



Town of Vienna

Meeting Minutes

Town Council Work Session

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

Monday, April 22, 2019

7:30 PM

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

Budget Work Session

1. Regular Business

Council Members 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:

Lynne Coan, Communications and Marketing Manager
Michael Gallagher, Director of Public Works
Leslie Herman, Director of Parks and Recreation
Maggie Kain, Director of Human Resources
Mercury T. Payton, Town Manager
Gwen Riddle, Finance Operations Manager
Marion Serfass, Director of Finance
Carol S. Waters, Deputy Town Clerk

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Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budget Work Session #3 to Discuss Unfunded Priorities

Town Manager Mercury Payton opened the Town Council Work Session of Monday, April 22, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. and thanked everyone for attending. He acknowledged the members of the Budget Committee who were present: Lynne Coan, Maggie Kain, Michael Gallagher, and Leslie Herman.

Marion Serfass, Director of Finance, led this third and final Council work session on the budget for the next fiscal year. Ms. Serfass advised that \$400,000.00 was available to work with to cover the unfunded priorities (items for which funds had not previously been budgeted/identified), and she explained the reasons for the extra funds. Some of the additional funds were because pavement costs had been transferred to Capital costs, and some of it was because of an unanticipated, favorable change in health insurance premiums. Ms. Serfass distributed a sheet to Council identifying \$383,000.00 worth of unfunded items that the Town Manager and the Budget Committee considered to be the highest priorities. Mr. Payton asked for the Mayor and Councils' thoughts on the unfunded items.

Mayor DiRocco introduced another item which was not on the priorities list, but had previously been discussed by Council - which was to put aside approximately \$12,500.00 for Girls' Softball winterization funds. Leslie Herman, Director of Parks and Recreation, provided more detail on the softball field funding request, Fairfax

County's partial support of it, and some support from other youth organizations which help pay for improvements and maintenance costs to the fields. The Mayor and other members of Council asked questions and conversed on Girls' Softball, Vienna Little League, support suggestions, garnering sponsorships, and fund raising. The designated amount of support for field winterization ended up at \$7,500.00.

Mayor DiRocco spoke on starting a composting program and citizen support for that. Discussion ensued. One suggestion for a composting location was just outside the Nutley Street Property Yard, to the right-hand side of the gate, taking up a space roughly ten feet by five feet. It would be enclosed, and the Town would consult with the surrounding community before making a final decision.

Council Members Colbert and Bloch inquired and talked to Ms. Herman about Community Center storage for the Town Band.

Council Members Sienicki and Colbert discussed with Ms. Herman the use of the Vienna Community Center for the annual James Madison High School Ethics Day. This would not have to be in the budget, as it would simply be classified as revenues that were not generated for one day from 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Another Community Center event, the Treasury of Art Show, was also discussed, as well as other events.

Council Member Sienicki inquired about cost cutting for the Dinner in White event. The Mayor plans to meet with a Vienna Business Association representative to search out additional funding for the event from outside of Town. Mayor and Council discussed cutting back on the cost of staffing by finding more volunteers.

Council may, at its discretion, decide which unfunded priorities it wishes to fund in the FY 2019-20 budget.

2. Meeting Adjournment

The Town Council Budget Work Session of Monday, April 22, 2019 adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Mayor Laurie A. DiRocco

Signed / Dated: _____

Attest: _____
Deputy Town Clerk

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.