



Town of Vienna

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

Meeting Minutes

Town Council Conference Session

Monday, June 14, 2021

7:30 PM

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

1. Resolution

A. [21-2346](#) Resolution for Continuity of Government

Mayor Linda Colbert read into the record the Continuity of Government. The Resolution was approved through voice vote.

2. Regular Business

Council: Council Member Ray Brill Jr; Council Member Nisha Patel (via ZOOM); Council Member Anderson; Council Member Steve Potter (via ZOOM); Council Member Ed Somers; Council Member Howard J. Springsteen and Mayor Linda Colbert.

Staff: Mercury Peyton, Town Manager; Mike Gallagher, Director of Public Works (via ZOOM); Shelley Kozlowski, Assistant Town Clerk (via ZOOM), Marion Serfass, Director, Finance; Steve Briglia, Town Attorney; Cindy Petkac, Director, Planning and Zoning (via ZOOM); Mike D'Orazio, Deputy Director, Planning and Zoning (Via ZOOM), Jim Morris, Chief of Vienna Police.

A. [21-2342](#) Discussion of a Proposed 2022 Virginia General Assembly Legislative Agenda

Mayor Colbert recognized Town Attorney Steve Briglia to present the Item to Council and open discussion on the 2022 General Assembly Agenda. Council offered the following for consideration:

- *Item 2. Liberty Amendments-remove;*
- *Item 4. Land Use Authority-very supportive of this item; Should be given greater priority;*
- *Item 6. Funding for body worn cameras -reword language to be more affirmative;*
- *Item 14. Allow for virtual or remote meeting participation-particularly important once resolution expires; Current language requires physical quorum; Virtual option increases participation and transparency;*
- *Item 16. Zoning authority to provide tree canopy credits to developers-suggest adding language to preserve (not offer credit for) existing large mature trees; push for more local authority;*

Edits to the list will be made based upon input from Council. Opportunities will be sought to create a collective voice with other jurisdictions on common issues.

B. [21-2327](#) Discuss Church Street Vision project proposed for 139-145 Church Street NW

Mayor Colbert introduced Mike D'Orazio, Deputy Director, Planning Commission to present the Item for discussion. Jim Bognet, Property owner/developer; Will McBeath, President, MGMA; Joaquin Dioz, lead architect; and Morgan Gick,

architect presented the proposed plan.

Council expressed concern that the overall design failed to reflect the 19th century charm desired for a Church street project. Additionally, the corner setback was deemed too shallow due to potential future traffic mitigation efforts. Proposed tandem parking was strongly opposed and the failure to consider shared parking presented a further problem.

C. [21-2345](#)

Introductory Discussion on The American Rescue Plan (ARPA)

Mayor Colbert recognized Marion Serfass who provided an overview of the most recent guidelines and time frame for spending ARPA funds. She stressed that there is sufficient time to act deliberately and to relegate the funds for purposes to best serve the Town.

Council will submit priorities for spending to staff who will, in turn, compile a priority list for consideration.

3. Meeting Adjournment

Mayor Colbert concluded the conference session at 11:11 pm.

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