



Town of Vienna

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Meeting Minutes Town Council Conference Session

Wednesday, September 1, 2021

6:00 PM

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Center Street, South

Code Create Vienna

1. Resolution

A. [21-2492](#) Resolution for Continuity of Government

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

Council Present: Council Member Ray Brill Jr; Council Member Steve Potter, Council Member Ed Somers; Council Member Howard Springsteen (via ZOOM); Council Member Chuck Anderson and Mayor Linda Colbert.

Staff Present: Mercury Peyton, Town Manager; Cindy Petkac, Director, Planning Commission; Mike D'Orazio, Deputy Director Planning Commission; Shelley Kozlowski, Assistant Town Clerk (via ZOOM); Steve Briglia, Town Attorney; Andrea West, Town Planner and Kelley O'Brien, Principal Planner.

2. Proposed Timed Agenda

Mayor Colbert introduced Sean Suder, Zone Co., to present the draft of Article 2. The following highlights questions and concerns posed by Council:

A. *Avenue Center District:*

- Is commercial space wanted or needed?*
- Is 15 ft. setback enough to accommodate future uses?*
- How does Town legislate and utilize required open space as proposed?*
- Include mechanism to allow for exceptions to Overlay uses in the future;*
- Must account for potential noise issues;*

B. *General:*

- Recommend Council address grading issues for underground parking;*
- Why does the Mill District have higher height allowance than other Districts?*
- Accessory Living Units, Short Term Lodging and Food Trucks determined to fall outside of discussion. Will take up later this Fall or at Code maintenance annual review. General Assembly requires inclusion of Temporary Family Structures as part of Code – may include simple reference;*
- Consider a five-year sunset provision in the Transitional Zone.*

C. *Parking*

Mayor Colbert recognized Christopher Fornish, Nelson/Nygaard Associates to provide results of the analysis of Town-provided parking supply and utilization. Data indicated that much of the surface parking is unused, even at peak times. Only at small nodes and at peak times is finding convenient, free parking any harder than driving directly to the destination, and those special cases can be specifically

addressed in the zoning code update. Modernized regulations in the zoning code present the best opportunity to meet Town goals in the near future. Council comments included the following:

- *What tools does Council have to seek shared parking? Can use vehicle such as Transportation Management Authority to take on some of the liability issues associated with shared parking;*
- *Need improved messaging regarding public parking locations- Interactive map with parking display would be good tool for residents and nonresidents;*
- *Suggest utilizing connector, trolley or shuttle to move people from public parking to various locations throughout Town;*
- *Must set standards for bicycle parking.*

Next steps will include resident/nonresident engagement.

- A. [21-2487](#) 6:00 - 6:10 pm **CODE CREATE** Vienna: Introduction and Overview
- B. [21-2488](#) 6:10 - 7:00 pm **CODE CREATE** Vienna: Review and Discussion of Article 2 - Non-Residential Zones, Districts and Dimensional Standards
- C. [21-2489](#) 7:00 - 7:50 pm **CODE CREATE** Vienna: Review and Discussion of Article 3 - Uses and Use Standards
- D. [21-2490](#) 8:00 - 8:50 pm **CODE CREATE** Vienna: General Overview of Article 5 - Development Standards Non-Residential and Discussion of Parking Memos
- E. [21-2491](#) 8:50 - 9:00 pm **CODE CREATE** Vienna: Next Steps

3. Meeting Adjournment

Mayor Colbert adjourned the Conference Session at 9:18 PM.

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