



TOWN COUNCIL – PUBLIC HEARING/REGULAR MEETING

Monday, April 06, 2026 at 7:00 PM

Council Chambers – 15000 Washington St., STE 100 Haymarket, VA 20169

<http://www.townofhaymarket.org/>

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Public Hearing and Regular Monthly Meeting of the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Haymarket, VA was held this evening in the Council Chambers, commencing at 7 PM.

Mayor TracyLynn Pater called the meeting to order.

PRESENT

Mayor TracyLynn Pater
Vice Mayor Matthew Gallagher
Councilmember Justin Baker
Councilmember Alexander Beyene
Councilmember Ken Luersen

ABSENT

Councilmember Joe Pasanello
Councilmember Dave Capossela

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pater invited everyone to stand and join her in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. INVOCATION: Rizwan Jaka - The All Dulles Area Muslim Society (ADAMS)

Mayor Pater introduced Rizwan Jaka from the All Dulles Area Muslims Society and invited him to the podium to give the evening's invocation. Prior to the invocation, Mr. Jaka recognized the different religious celebrations in the Easter season. He also shared many activities and events that his group is doing in the community.

IV. PROCLAMATION - CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

At this time, Mayor Pater read a proclamation to the Dominion Women's Club recognizing April as Child Abuse Awareness Month. Mayor Pater brought attention to the pinwheels in the museum garden lot and shared that every year the club plants those in our garden to bring awareness that together we can create a safe environment for our children.

V. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Notice

Town Clerk Kim Henry read the public notice into the record.

Prior to opening the floor for comments, Mayor Pater asked Town Treasurer Roberto Gonzalez to give a brief report on the proposed tax rate. Mr. Gonzalez shared the proposed rate is starting to align with the 5 year plan suggested by the financial analyst. He provided the approximate tax amount on homes and the effect on the FY27 budget. He stated that this increase is still under the 4% increase in the trash service contract.

2. Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments on the subject of the public hearing.

3. Close Public Hearing

With no citizens commenting on the public hearing, Mayor Pater closed the public hearing.

VI. CITIZENS TIME

Peter Quan, 14917 Simmons Grove Drive, addressed the Town Council on the subject of FLOCK safety. He started by sharing that he has been a software developer working with Microsoft and various government agencies, concentrating the past three years at building his own start up. He shared he is very familiar with technology, where it is going and the use of AI. He proceeded to explain the technology of FLOCK being used by police departments and neighborhoods. He stated that the reason he is at this evening's meeting is that the concerns for American surveillance is real and can be publicly traded. He asked that until Congress has laws to govern the data, that Haymarket not get involved with the Flock system for the safety of the citizens.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Pater asked for any reports to be pull by the Council.

Councilmember Luersen moved to adopt Consent Agenda items A:1-2, B:1-5 and C:1-4. Councilmember Beyene seconded the motion. The motion carried by an affirmative vote.

**Motion made by Councilmember Baker, Seconded by Councilmember Luersen.
Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Gallagher, Councilmember Baker, Councilmember Beyene,
Councilmember Luersen
Absent: Councilmember Capossela, Councilmember Pasanello**

A. Minute Approval

1. Mayor and Council: Work Session – February 23, 2026
2. Mayor and Council: Regular Meeting – March 2, 2026

B. Department Reports

1. Town Administration Report
2. Town Treasurer Report
3. Police Chief Report
4. Town Engineer Report
5. Town Attorney Report

C. Liaison Reports

1. Finance Liaison Report
2. Business Liaison Report
3. Planning Commission Liaison Report
4. Architectural Review Board Liaison Report

VIII. AGENDA ITEMS

1. Town Events: Farmer's Market Season - Julia Crofford

Town Event Coordinator Julia Crofford shared details about the upcoming Farmer's Market season beginning Sunday, April 12. She shared that the market will be every Sunday from 9 am-1pm starting April 12th until November 15th except for the Sunday after Haymarket Day. She shared that the market will have 31 full time vendors, 28 part time vendors and 23 drop in vendors. She also shared that Mayor Pater will do "Talk with the Mayor" on the first Sunday of the month throughout the season. She invited the Council to join her and the Mayor at the market. A short discussion followed on layout. Ms. Crofford shared that the layout would stay the same. She also provided information on parking.

2. Citizen Communication Flyer - Final Draft

Town Event Coordinator Julia Crofford shared that at a previous meeting she presented the communication flyer for Council review. She stated that she made the revisions that Council asked for and presented the edited flyer for approval to move forward in distribution. A short discussion followed on how the flyer will be distributed. There was a consensus of Council to proceed with distribution.

3. Bob Weir Open Government Day: April 27, 2026 3pm - 5 pm

Town Event Coordinator Julia Crofford distributed the flyer for the Bob Weir Open Government Day. She asked for approval to proceed with advertising after Council review. There was a consensus to proceed with the advertising.

4. Adoption of Employee Training and Travel Policy

Town Manager Emily Kyriazi shared that the policy had been rewritten from a previous version to better align it with the intention of education of staff members. She stated that all modifications have been made and recommends Council approve the policy as presented.

Councilmember Baker moved that the Haymarket Town Council adopt the Haymarket Employee Training and Travel Policy as presented. Councilmember Luersen seconded the motion. The motion carried by electronic voting with Town Clerk Henry recording the vote.

**Motion made by Councilmember Baker, Seconded by Councilmember Luersen.
Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Gallagher, Councilmember Baker, Councilmember Beyene,
Councilmember Luersen
Absent: Councilmember Capossela, Councilmember Pasanello**

5. Town Park Closing Hours Ordinance - Authorize to proceed with public notice

Town Manager Emily Kyriazi asked for a directive to public notice the ordinance with a public hearing date on May 4, 2026. A short discussion followed on adding daylight and dusk hours. Without objection, Councilmember Baker directed staff to proceed with a public notice for a May 4th public hearing with the amended changes.

6. FY27 Proposed Budget

Town Treasurer Roberto Gonzalez shared the proposed FY27 budget with the suggested changes from the previous work session meeting by moving \$15,000 from the consultant expenditure line item to blight mitigation expenditure line item. He shared that he would like to use this budget to public notice for the May 4, 2026 public hearing. A discussion followed.

IX. COUNCILMEMBER TIME

Vice Mayor Gallagher

Vice Mayor Gallagher recognized a Boy Scout who attended this evening's meeting. He also thanked Mr. Quan who spoke during citizen time.

Councilmember Luersen

Councilmember Luersen invited everyone to come out to the Farmer's Market. He also invited the public to attend the upcoming public hearings.

Councilmember Pasanello

Councilmember Pasanello was not present at this evening's meeting and did not provide any written report.

Councilmember Capossela

Councilmember Capossela was not present at this evening's meeting and did not provide any written report.

Councilmember Baker

Councilmember Baker thanked Event Coordinator Julia Crofford for her hard work in organizing the farmer's market. He also thanked Treasurer Roberto Gonzalez on his hard on the FY27 budget. He thanked Chief Sibert and the police department for keeping the community safe.

Councilmember Beyene

Councilmember Beyene did not have anything to report.

Mayor Pater

Mayor Pater shared that she attended the St. Baldrick's event which did the first pass on Councilmember Capossela head who volunteered to have his head shaved for the event. She shared the date for the Senior Summit at Park Valley Church. She also invited everyone to the Farmer's Market. Lastly, she asked, with the warm weather coming and people are getting to walk or ride their bikes, for everyone to be careful and courteous to one another.

X. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Town Council, Vice Mayor Gallagher moved to adjourn seconded by Councilmember Luersen. The motion carried by an affirmative vote.

**Motion made by Vice Mayor Gallagher, Seconded by Councilmember Luersen.
Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Gallagher, Councilmember Baker, Councilmember Beyene,
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