



TOWN COUNCIL – WORK SESSION MEETING

Monday, November 18, 2024 at 7:00 PM

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

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DRAFT MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Work Session of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Haymarket, VA was held this evening in the Council Chambers, commencing at 7 PM.

Mayor Kenneth Luersen called the meeting to order.

PRESENT

Mayor Ken Luersen

Vice Mayor Tracylynn Pater

Councilmember Alexander Beyene

Councilmember Matthew Gallagher

Councilmember Joe Pasanello

Councilmember Mary Ramirez

ABSENT

Councilmember Marchant Schneider

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Luersen invited everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. CITIZENS COMMENTS STRATEGIC PLAN

Town Clerk Kim Henry read 2 emails into the record regarding the draft strategic plan. Laurie Parker, Gainesville Va, addressed the traffic flow and difficulty to navigate into the Crossroads Village Center west end entrance of Chick Fil-a, VNB and CVS. The second email came from Jacob Heminger, Jefferson Street, on playground upgrade options that they would like to the Council to consider.

IV. AGENDA ITEMS

1. Monthly Financial Report

Town Treasurer Roberto Gonzalez gave an update on the monthly financial report. He shared that funds were transferred from the ARPA funds for the second payment of the park sidewalk. Mr. Gonzalez also shared with the Town Council that the 20% grant match for the water assessment program has been paid and explained where he pulled the funds from for reallocation. He stated that he will provide a memo along with an overview of the project at the regular meeting. A discussion followed on items on the report, particularly the funds for the Town Hall security system. There was also a question on the convention and education line item. Mr. Gonzalez provided that he would pulling from Council salaries line item to offset the convention line item. Mr. Gonzalez shared that he may reallocate funds to meals and lodging

once he finishes his monthly reconciliations. There was also a discussion on the expenses for the shirts and hats sold at Haymarket Day. There was also a brief discussion on the Haymarket Museum expenses.

2. Strategic Plan Discussion

The Town Council address the comments made from the citizens on the strategic plan draft. There was a brief discussion and suggestion on meeting with VDOT and request a traffic study. There was also a discussion on the comments about the Town Park playground. Councilmember Pasanello asked that Council consider consolidating some items on the plan. He provided the items that he would like to consolidate. Councilmember Beyene asked that 1.3 of the plan read ..'traffic flow and safety...' The Council also discussed the draft goals and suggested changes. The Council also asked staff to push the plan out to the public again in hopes to get additional feedback. A discussion continued on the plan. There was a suggestion that under each item a short narrative is provided for clarity and transparency purposes. Acting Town Manager Roberto Gonzalez summarized that the Council wanted to consolidate 1.3 and 1.6 in the first section of the draft and consolidating 1.4 and 1.5. Discussion continued with adding the word "investigate the feasibility for traffic...." to 1.5. Lastly, the Council addressed the goal item title to say "Improve transportation and infrastructure to enrich quality of life and maintain small town feel."

3. 2025 Meeting Schedule

Town Clerk Kim Henry presented the 2025 meeting schedule to the Town Council. She asked for direction on the meetings in November and December that would be close to the holidays. The Town Council recommended to keep the meeting schedule as presented and will address the November and December meetings as they get closer to the date. There was a short discussion on this year's December Work Session scheduled for December 16. Ms. Henry shared that she is trying to get all agenda items on the December 2nd regular monthly meeting in case the Council would like to cancel the Work Session for December.

V. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Town Council, Councilmember Ramirez moved to adjourn with a second by Vice Mayor Pater. The motion carried.

**Motion made by Councilmember Ramirez, Seconded by Vice Mayor Pater.
Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Pater, Councilmember Beyene, Councilmember Gallagher,
Councilmember Pasanello, Councilmember Ramirez**