



TOWN COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, September 03, 2024 at 7:00 PM

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

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

DRAFT MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

In accordance with Virginia State Code Section 2.2-3708.3(B) and the Town of Haymarket's adopted remote participation policy, Mayor Luersen attended the meeting remotely from his home through electronic communication means due to an illness preventing him from physically attending the meeting.

Vice Mayor TracyLynn Pater called the meeting to order.

PRESENT

Councilmember Alexander Beyene

Councilmember Matthew Gallagher

Mayor Ken Luersen - Remote Attendance

Councilmember Joe Pasanello

Vice Mayor Tracylynn Pater

Councilmember Mary Ramirez

Councilmember Marchant Schneider

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Pater invited everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. INVOCATION: Pastor Mark Olson, Haymarket Baptist Church

Vice Mayor Pater introduced Pastor Mark Olson from Haymarket Baptist Church and invited him to the podium to give the evening's invocation.

IV. COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT: Jenni Green - Alex's Army

Vice Mayor Pater invited Jenni Green from Alex's Army to the podium for the evening's Community Spotlight segment of the agenda. Mrs. Green thanked everyone for inviting their foundation back to a meeting. She shared that this is the foundation's 10th anniversary and to share their mission. She stated that the gold ribbons throughout the Town was provided by them in awareness of childhood cancer month. She stated that this shows families that they are not alone in their fight when it comes to childhood cancer. Mrs. Green introduced Kendall, a survivor of childhood cancer. She stated that Kendall's mom spoke at a meeting in 2022 about Kendall's diagnosis as she was entering high school and during the Covid pandemic. Kendall shared her story and how Alex's Army helped her during treatment and recovery. Lastly, Mrs. Green thanked the Town Council for recognizing childhood cancer month and for the support of helping the foundation to raise awareness. Mrs. Green opened the floor for questions. Councilmember Pasanello asked for an address in case

anyone in the audience would like to send donations. Mrs. Green provided several options on how to donate to the foundation through social media, their website and physical address. Councilmember Schneider asked if the foundation had any other fund raising events that they would like to share. Mrs. Green shared the various fund raisers that they do, such as the spring golf tournament. She also shared the Hearts of Gold gala scheduled in November.

V. CITIZENS TIME

There were no citizens wishing to address the Town Council during citizens time at this evening's meeting.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

Vice Mayor Pater asked if Council wanted to pull any reports.

Councilmember Pasanello moved to adopt Consent Agenda Items A:1-2, B:1-5 and C:1-5. Councilmember Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Motion made by Councilmember Pasanello, Seconded by Councilmember Ramirez.
Voting Yea: Councilmember Beyene, Councilmember Gallagher, Councilmember Pasanello, Councilmember Ramirez, Councilmember Schneider**

A. Minute Approval

1. Mayor and Council – Public Hearing/Work Session: July 29, 2024
2. Mayor and Council – Regular Meeting: August 5, 2024

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. Community Relations Liaison Report
4. Planning Commission Liaison Report
5. Architectural Review Board Liaison Report

VII. AGENDA ITEMS

1. Town Center Project RFP and Funding: Councilmember Schneider

Councilmember Schneider gave a Powerpoint presentation on this item for the purpose of discussion at the upcoming strategic planning kick off meeting scheduled for later in September. He stated that at the August meeting, the Council had a presentation on credit benchmarks and capacity report. He stated that it had a good accounting on how the Town manages its finances and planning for the future. He stated that last year, the Town Council came up with three priorities; the Town Park, the Town Center master plan and the potential of acquiring a parcel for public parking. Councilmember Schneider proceeded with his presentation. After his presentation, Councilmember Schneider opened the floor for discussion. Discussion followed on the topic of the strategic planning meeting, the town center site plan and timeline of expiration, staff input and managing resources. There was a question about how Mr. Schneider's points can be heard at the strategic planning kick off meeting since he is unable to attend. Town

Manager Emily Kyriazi distributed a pre-activity workbook from the consultant that the Town Council is to complete and return to the consultant.

2. **Park House Demolition RFP: Councilmember Schneider**

Councilmember Schneider proceeded with the presentation on the Park House demolition. He stated that currently there has only been one bid on the RFP. Councilmember Pasanello stated that, like the Town Center project, the time to move forward is now not to hold things back. Mr. Schneider stated that having more than one bid would be beneficial to the Town. He stated that he wanted to provide more information as the finance liaisons go into the consideration of the bid. Mr. Schneider continued on with his presentation. He thanked the Town Council for their time and asked that these elements be considered at the strategic planning kick off meeting. A discussion continued on management assets with the Town now having a maintenance supervisor and keeping track of a maintenance schedule. The discussion continued on the subject.

VIII. COUNCILMEMBER TIME

1. **Councilmember Beyene**

Councilmember Beyene did not have anything to report.

2. **Councilmember Pasanello**

Councilmember Pasanello thanked Jenni Green and Kendall from Alex's Army for attending the evening's meeting. Mr. Pasanello also stated that September is blood cancer awareness month. He shared that early voting for the elections starts on September 20th at the board of elections office. He also shared that early voting at the Gainesville/Haymarket library will start on October 13. He shared of the fall festival at Leopold's preserve. He also shared of a County town hall meeting hosted by Board of Supervisor Weir.

3. **Councilmember Schneider**

Councilmember Schneider encouraged the Town Council to take the strategic planning meeting and training seriously. He encouraged the candidates running for Town Council be invited to the meeting.

4. **Councilmember Ramirez**

Councilmember Ramirez thanked Kendall for coming to this evening's meeting and to Jenni Green from Alex's Army for all the work they do for childhood cancer. She also stated that September is suicide prevention awareness month. Councilmember Ramirez stated that the application for the next Youth in Government program is out and encouraged middle school students to apply. She stated that the deadline to apply is September 20th.

5. **Councilmember Gallagher**

Councilmember Gallagher thanked the local high school Government class for attending this evening's meeting. He stated that he is very passionate about the topic of a communications plan that was discussed at the evening's Work Session earlier that evening. He stated that he is proud of the efforts so far to get good communication out to the residents in various forms. He stated that he would love to hear from any resident on ideas for Council to consider on how to better communicate with them.

6. **Mayor Luersen**

Mayor Luersen gave a brief report on the Mayor's walk and other items such as the Flags for Heroes event at the Town Park on September 14th. Due to the sound issue with him attending via Zoom, he was not able to be heard during the recording of the meeting.

7. **Vice Mayor Pater**

Vice Mayor Pater also mentioned the Flags for Heroes event at the Town Park. Vice Mayor Pater also informed the Council that Senator Danica Roem will be attending the October regular monthly meeting to gather information from them that they feel would affect the Town that she could start addressing at the General Assembly Session in February. Vice Mayor

Pater also recognized the Haymarket Police Department on a compliment made by other law enforcement agencies that were in Town for a training on their visibility at the school bus stops. She also shared information on the Solheim cup event that will be at the Trent Jones golf course and the increase of traffic in the area.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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

**Motion made by Councilmember Gallagher, Seconded by Councilmember Ramirez.
Voting Yea: Councilmember Beyene, Councilmember Gallagher, Councilmember Pasanello,
Councilmember Ramirez, Councilmember Schneider**

Submitted By:

Approved By:

Kimberly Henry, Clerk of Council

Kenneth Luersen, Mayor