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STAFF REPORT

Council Meeting Date:	October 14 th , 2025
Agenda Title:	Legal Requests
Requested Action:	Consider the proposed resolutions drafted by the Town Attorney to provide direction.
Department / Agency Lead:	Town Attorney
Staff Lead:	Town Attorney, Chap Petersen and Patrick Corish

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Town Attorney has provided legal guidance on a number of matters to the Council and is requesting direction via resolution on a number of items.

BACKGROUND

Item 1- Subpoena Power

The Warrenton Commission on Open and Transparent Government has requested the Town Attorney file a miscellaneous action with the Circuit Court to enable them to issue subpoenas on outside parties according to VA state Code 15.2-1409. The statute outlines the process that a Commission must follow in order to issue these subpoenas. This resolution would authorize this direction to go forward and begin the process outlined by the Town Attorney.

Item 2- Filing an amended answer in the Amazon Case

At the January 14th, 2025, Meeting of the Town Council, the Town Attorney was directed to review the potential to amend the filing in the Amazon Lawsuit and provide the Council with options on how to move forward. The Town Attorney has reviewed this information and based on Council direction has proposed to file an amended answer in the amazon case that does not change the substance of the Town's legal position but moves the Town Council to a more neutral position on certain facts

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Consider the resolutions proposed by the Town Attorney.

Service Level/Collaborative Impact

These items affect a wide variety of departments and require collaboration of the Town Attorney, Town Staff, and Town Council.

Policy Direction/Warrenton Plan 2040

These items will impact policy and work towards the Councils goals outlined in Warrenton Plan 2040.

Fiscal Impact

A fiscal impact has not been completed for this item.

Legal Impact

Legal impact will vary based on the resolution. Please see the resolutions for consideration.

ATTACHMENTS

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