



OCCOQUAN TOWN COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
Town Hall – 314 Mill Street, Occoquan, VA 22125
Tuesday, March 30, 2021
7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Earnie Porta; Vice Mayor Jenn Loges; Councilmembers Krys Bienia, Cindy Fithian, Laurie Holloway (remotely), and Eliot Perkins

Staff: Kirstyn Jovanovich, Town Manager/Interim Town Clerk; Adam Linn, Chief of Police; Manuel Casillas, Town Treasurer; Julie Little, Events and Community Development Director

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Porta called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Due to illness Councilmember Holloway participated remotely from home in accordance with Town ordinances.

2. WORK SESSION ITEMS – FY 2022 Budget Work Session

Mayor Porta briefly reviewed with the Council the substance of an email he had sent them earlier regarding three planned area transportation projects coming up over the next 1 to 5 years that ultimately are expected to reduce the level of commuter traffic coming through the Town. These projects consist of: (a) the addition of a southbound lane on I-95 from Route 123 to the Prince William County Parkway, (b) the straightening of Old Bridge Road at the intersection with Occoquan Road, and (c) the “flyover” project at the intersection of Route 123 and Old Bridge Road. He encouraged Council members to familiarize themselves with the projects so that they can discuss them with constituents who express concerns about commuter traffic.

Mayor Porta updated the Council on the currently available information regarding allocations from the federal American Rescue Plan, as well as the most recent information from Congressman Connolly’s staff regarding federal earmarks. He noted that given the uncertainty of these potential funding sources they should not be considered during the evening’s budget discussions.

Town Manager Kirstyn Jovanovich made a budget presentation covering the General Fund, the Events Fund, and the Mamie Davis Fund. Council members asked questions of Ms. Jovanovich and Chief Linn at the end of the General Fund presentation, and of Ms. Jovanovich and Ms. Little at the end of the Events Fund presentation. There were no questions related to the Mamie Davis Fund.

The Mayor and Town Council complimented Ms. Jovanovich and staff on the quality, clarity, and comprehensiveness of the presentation and provided guidance on next steps. Ms. Jovanovich indicated that she expected to make some adjustments for presentation at the April 6 meeting.

3. CLOSED SESSION

Vice Mayor Loges moved that the Council convene in closed session to discuss as permitted by Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A)(3) a matter involving acquisition of real property for public purposes specifically involving property within Town boundaries because discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the Town’s bargaining position. Seconded by Councilmember Perkins. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Council went into closed session at 9:30 p.m.

The Council came out of closed session at 10:00 p.m.

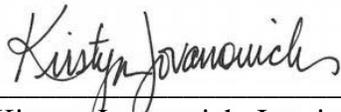
Vice Mayor Loges moved to certify that, in the closed session just concluded, nothing was discussed except the matter or matters (1) specifically identified in the motion to convene in closed session and (2) lawfully permitted to be discussed in a closed session under the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act as cited in that motion. Seconded by Councilmember Holloway.

Ayes: Vice Mayor Loges, Councilmember Bienia, Councilmember Fithian, Councilmember Holloway and Councilmember Perkins, by roll call vote.

Nays: None.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:01 p.m.



Kirstyn Jovanovich, Interim Town Clerk