



OCCOQUAN TOWN COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
Town Hall - 314 Mill Street, Occoquan, VA 22125
Tuesday, September 21, 2021

Special Presentation
6:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Earnie Porta; Vice Mayor Jenn Loges; Councilmembers Kryz Bienia, Cindy Fithian, and Eliot Perkins

Absent: Councilmember Laurie Holloway

Staff: Kirstyn Jovanovich, Town Manager; Adam Linn, Chief of Police; and Michele White, Town Clerk

Prior to the start of the Town Council meeting, representatives from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) provided a special presentation via Zoom on the Woodbridge Area STARS Study - Route 123 and Old Bridge Road Intersection. Mayor Porta moderated questions from the public.

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Porta called the meeting to order at 7:49 p.m.

2. CITIZENS' TIME

Ms. Pam Konwin, 313 Mill Street, asked about the Ellicott Street Sidewalk Project resolution that was on the Council agenda. She also stated that 43% of her business happens in the last quarter of the year and asked that construction of the intersection improvements planned for Ellicott/Mill Streets and Washington/Mill Streets be postponed until after the first of the year. Ms. Jovanovich indicated that she will make the request of VDOT/PWC and follow up.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

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Councilmember Perkins moved approval of the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Fithian seconded. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

4. REGULAR BUSINESS

- a. **Request to Adopt Resolution of Endorsement of Prince William County's Application for the Ellicott Street Sidewalk (Occoquan Greenway Connection) Project Location in the Town of Occoquan**

Councilmember Fithian moved to adopt Resolution R-2021-13. Councilmember Bienia seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

5. DISCUSSION ITEM

- a. **Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CLFRF) Briefing**

The Town Manager provided a briefing on the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CLFRF), which included a general overview of the funds provided to the Town through the American Rescue Plan Act and a discussion on the guidance issued by the Department of Treasury on the appropriate use of the funds.

Ms. Jovanovich stated that the Town is expected to receive a total of \$949,560.76 CLFRF funds, having already received \$474,780.38 in June of 2021. The second tranche of funding is expected in June 2022. She further stated that funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024, and projects completed by December 31, 2026. Ms. Jovanovich emphasized that the Town has time to review and consider potential projects as more information and guidance is released regarding the allowable uses for these funds.

Ms. Jovanovich provided an overview of the areas that staff is researching as potential projects to be funded by CLFRF while we continue to wait for the Final Rule to be issued by the Department of Treasury.

The current Interim Final Rule states that funds can be used to (1) support public health expenditures; (2) address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency; (3) replace lost public sector revenue; (4) provide premium pay for essential workers; and (5) invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure.

Ms. Jovanovich stated that the Interim Final Rule specifies water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure as eligible uses. In addition, it states that as a rule of thumb, projects that would be funded under the Drinking Water or Clean Water State Revolving Funds would be eligible programs or projects under CLFRF.

Ms. Jovanovich stated that under the revenue replacement category, there is more flexibility in the Interim Final Rule that allows CLFRF funds classified as revenue replacement to be used on infrastructure maintenance projects and other general governmental services.

Staff will continue to await the Final Rule to be issued by the Treasury Department and research potential projects. Ultimately, as the town moves through this process, town staff will develop a list of eligible projects based on current needs, eligibility, and funding

availability for Council consideration. In the meantime, staff will continue to brief Council and keep Council apprised of changes related to eligible uses and the overall program.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

 10.6.21

Michele L. White, Town Clerk