



OCCOQUAN TOWN COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
Town Hall - 314 Mill Street, Occoquan, VA 22125
Tuesday, October 19, 2021

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

Absent: None

Staff: Kirstyn Jovanovich, Town Manager; Adam Linn, Chief of Police; Martin Crim, Town Attorney (remotely) and Michele White, Town Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Porta called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Due to personal reasons, Councilmember Bienia participate remotely from her home in accordance with Town ordinances.

2. CITIZENS' TIME

No one spoke at Citizens' Time.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

a. October 5, 2021 Meeting Minutes

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

4. DISCUSSION ITEM

a. Property Maintenance Code Enforcement Discussion

The Town Manager provided a brief presentation on the Virginia Maintenance Code (VMC) and enforcement options within the Town. Prince William County Neighborhood Services Division Chief Paul Lynch participated remotely to answer questions regarding the VMC and Prince William County's enforcement program.

Staff outlined the next steps regarding enforcement of the VMC within the Town's limits, which include: (1) maintaining status quo - non-enforcement of VMC; (2) requesting Prince William County to enforce the VMC within the Town's limit and pursuing that process; or (3) research an in-house VMC enforcement program.

Mayor Porta asked if the Council wanted to take enforcement beyond safety and structural integrity. No one indicated interest in taking VMC enforcement further than safety and structural integrity.

No direction was provided to staff at this time. The topic will be scheduled for a future Council meeting for continued discussion.

5. CLOSED SESSION

Vice Mayor Loges moved to go into closed session to discuss the acquisition of real property for a public purpose as permitted by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 (A)(3) because discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the Town, specifically the possible acquisition of property within the Town limits. Councilmember Fithian seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Council went into closed session at 7:43 p.m.

The Council came out of closed session at 8:57 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. Councilmember Perkins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Ayes: Vice Mayor Loges, Councilmember Bienia, Councilmember Fithian, Councilmember Holloway, Councilmember Perkins

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mayor Porta stated that he is working with Town staff on "Occoquan Lights," an event he is organizing for the holiday season.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.



Michele L. White, Town Clerk