

OCCOQUAN TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes
Town Hall - 314 Mill Street, Occoquan, VA 22125
Tuesday, April 19, 2022
7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Earnie Porta; Vice Mayor Jenn Loges, Councilmembers Laurie Holloway and

Eliot Perkins

Absent: Councilmember Cindy Fithian

Staff: Kirstyn Jovanovich, Town Manager; Adam Linn, Chief of Police; Manual Casillas,

Town Treasurer

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Porta called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

a. April 5, 2022 Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of April 5, 2022, were removed from the consent agenda to consider a modification to the section on fishing line recycling receptacles to indicate that they would be potentially installed in multiple locations.

Councilmember Perkins moved approval of the minutes as amended. Councilmember Holloway seconded. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

3. Public Hearing

a. Public Hearing on FY 2023 Proposed Budget

Mayor Porta opened the public hearing on the FY 2023 proposed budget at 7:02 p.m. and invited the public to speak. One person, Occoquan resident Walt Seiberling, spoke. Mayor Porta closed the public hearing at 7:04 p.m.

Upon the close of the public hearing Council members briefly discussed actions being considered by Prince William County and other jurisdictions regarding tax rates.

4. CLOSED SESSION

Vice Mayor Loges moved that the Council convene in closed session to discuss the following as permitted by Virginia Code § 2.2-3711 (A)(1), a personnel matter involving appointment of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of the Town; specifically dealing with the Town Council vacancy. Councilmember Holloway seconded. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Council went into closed session at 7:08 p.m.

The Council came out of closed session at 7:17 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. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Ayes: Councilmember Perkins, Councilmember Holloway, Vice Mayor Loges. **Nays:** None.

5. REGULAR BUSINESS

a. Appointment of Town Council Vacancy

Vice Mayor Loges moved to appoint Robert Love to serve on the Occoquan Town Council to fill the vacated set of Councilmember Bienia through December 31, 2022. Councilmember Holloway seconded. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. Ayes: Councilmember Perkins, Councilmember Holloway, Vice Mayor Loges. Nays: None.

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b. Request to Appoint Members to the Board of Zoning Appeals

Councilmember Perkins moved to adopt Resolution R-2022-06 to submit the following name to the Prince William County Circuit Court for appointment to the Occoquan Board of Zoning Appeals: Jim Drakes for a term through January 31, 2027.

Ayes: Councilmember Perkins, Councilmember Holloway, Vice Mayor Loges.

Nays: None.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Upon the Mayor asking if there was any further business, Councilmembers briefly posed questions to the Town Manager and Chief of Police regarding fishing-related enforcement on Fairfax Water property and the upcoming change to state law regarding noise created by vehicle exhaust systems. The Town Manager requested Council feedback on the potential replacement of the fence in Mamie Davis Park; Councilmembers deferred the matter to a future date. Councilmembers also briefly discussed (1) the potential need for a refresher for new businesses regarding the rules in the business district, (2) the possibility of real-time, online updates for regulatory violations, and (3) the recent presentation before the Planning Commission by the representatives from Alpine X.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Philip Auville, Town Clerk