TOWN OF Herndon VIRGINIA

HERNDON TOWN COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 14, 2026

1. Call to Order

Mayor LeBlanc called the April 14, 2026, Town Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Herndon Council Chambers Building, 765 Lynn Street, Herndon, Virginia. In attendance were: Mayor Keven LeBlanc; Vice Mayor Clark Hedrick; and Councilmembers, Cesar del Aguila, Kelvin Garcia (arrived at 7:02 p.m.), Michael T. Lloyd, and Alex Reyes.

Councilmember Alam was absent.

Staff present during the meeting: Kirstyn Barr Jovanovich, Deputy Town Manager; Lesa Yeatts, Town Attorney; Brent Heavner, Chief Communications Officer; Marjorie Sloan, Director of Finance; Maria Lee, Budget Manager; and Margie Tacci, Deputy Town Clerk.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

Mayor LeBlanc led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Determination of a Quorum

Mayor LeBlanc determined there was a quorum with six members of Council present, with Councilmember Alam absent.

Mayor Announcements

Mayor LeBlanc discussed several upcoming events, including:

1. Runnymede Park Stream Cleanup on Saturday, April 25 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Runnymede Park.
2. Opening Day of the Herndon Farmers Market on Thursday, May 7.
3. Historic District Preservation Tax Credit Workshop on Thursday, May 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.
4. Bike to Work Day on Friday, May 15, with a pit stop in downtown near the Herndon Depot from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
5. Polar Heat on Lynn Street on Saturday, May 16 from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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6. State of the Town Address on Tuesday, May 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

3. Presentations/Reports/Comments

a. Town Manager Report

Kirstyn Barr Jovanovich, Deputy Town Manager, announced that the community donation program is now open for applications. She noted that the application link is available on the Town's website and encouraged interested organizations to apply for consideration for Fiscal Year 2027 funding.

b. Councilmember Comments

Councilmembers del Aguila, Garcia, Lloyd, and Vice Mayor Hedrick welcomed those in attendance and expressed their appreciation for community participation.

Councilmember Lloyd: reminded those in attendance of the upcoming ribbon cutting at Harding Park on Saturday, April 25, along with several community events scheduled for that weekend.

Mayor LeBlanc: echoed Councilmember Lloyd's comments regarding the upcoming events and noted that the purple dinosaur remains on display at Harding Park.

Mayor LeBlanc also stated that he, along with several staff members, had the opportunity to meet with a delegation from Gangwon Province, South Korea, on Monday, April 13. He noted that the discussion included topics such as economic development, as well as the Town's budgetary and financial policies.

Mayor LeBlanc recognized Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, observed April 12–18, which honors those who handle emergency calls, dispatch police, fire, and EMS services, and provide critical, life-saving assistance. He thanked the dispatchers at the Herndon Police Department for their service to the community.

Comments and Disclosures for the Record

Mayor LeBlanc asked Margie Tacci, Deputy Town Clerk, if she received comments for the record or signed disclosure declarations from Council.

Ms. Tacci stated that comments were entered into the record on item 5(a) Fiscal Year 2027 Proposed Budget. No additional public comments or disclosures were received for any other items listed on that meeting's agenda.

4. Comments from the Audience

Mayor LeBlanc reviewed the process and asked those who wanted to provide Comments from the Audience to come forward.

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The following individuals provided comments:

1. Steve Mitchell, Herndon Downtown Business Group: thanked Mayor LeBlanc and Town staff for continued efforts to clean up trash in areas near the Herndon Metrorail Station and downtown. He stated that he looks forward to serving on the Metro area committee.

2. Ann Vayda, 631 Oak Street, Herndon: provided comments regarding a Councilmember who was not present and raised concerns about continued compensation. She suggested that Council consider reviewing compensation in a future resolution.

3. Alexander Burke, 910 Jorss Place, Herndon: requested additional trees at Herndon Harbor House and noted that he has discussed the matter with the Town Arborist and Fairfax County.

4. Jay Hadlock, 515 Alabama Drive, Herndon: requested that survey information be made available on the Town's website, including information related to snow events.

5. Anne (last name not provided) 859 Dulbur Court, Herndon: thanked the Department of Public Works for assistance with her trash can.

5. Public Hearings

a. Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 Proposed Budget

i. Ordinance to Levy Taxes on Real Estate and Manufactured Homes, and Other Subjects for the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget

A Certificate of Publication was filed from the Editor of the Fairfax County Times Newspapers, showing that notice of said public hearing items had been duly advertised in the March 27, 2026 issue.

ii. Ordinance to amend Chapter 74 (UTILITIES), Article II (Sewers and Sewage Disposal), Division 5 (Sanitary Sewer System Rates & Charges), Section 74-262 (Schedule of Rates); and Article III (Water), Division 2 (Service), Subdivision II (In-Town Service Charges), Section 74-326 (Schedule of Charges), to increase the service and usage charges for sanitary sewer and water

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iii. Ordinance to amend Chapter 63 (SOLID WASTE), Section 63-8 (Schedule of fees) to recategorize type of fee and to increase rate

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iv. Resolution to adopt a Fiscal Planning Resolution for the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget for the Town of Herndon

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v. Ordinance to appropriate funds to implement the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget for the Town of Herndon, establishing the Pay Plan, and reserving on-going and Capital Funding for this Fiscal Year

Certificates of Publication were filed from the Editor of the *Fairfax County Times* newspaper, showing that notice of said public hearing items had been duly advertised in the Friday, March 27 and April 3, 2026, issues, with a courtesy copy published on April 10, 2026.

Mayor LeBlanc stated that the next seven public hearing items relate to the proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 Budget. He reviewed the public hearing process, noting that following public comment at this meeting, the hearings would remain open and continue at the Town Council Regular Meeting on April 28, 2026.

Mayor LeBlanc opened the public hearings on the following items:

1. Ordinance to Levy Taxes on Real Estate and Manufactured Homes, and Other Subjects for FY 2027
2. Ordinance to Amend Chapter 74 (Utilities – Water and Sewer Rates)
3. Ordinance to Amend Chapter 63 (Solid Waste – Schedule of Fees)
4. Fiscal Planning Resolution for FY 2027
5. Appropriation Ordinance for FY 2027

Staff Report Summary

Mayor LeBlanc recognized Marjorie Sloan, Director of Finance, to present the staff report. Ms. Sloan provided an overview of the proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 Budget, including summaries of all funds and related operating and capital investments. She noted that the Town is finalizing the use of American Rescue

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Plan Act (ARPA) funds, which will conclude this fiscal year. Ms. Sloan stated that no increase is proposed to the real estate tax rate, which will remain at $0.27 per $100 of assessed value, and no increase is proposed to the meals tax, which will remain at 4.5 percent. She explained that proposed increases include solid waste fees, golf fees, and water and sewer rates, which were previously discussed during the March 3, March 10, and April 3, 2026, work sessions. Ms. Sloan also provided a breakdown of the water and sewer rates and noted that staff recommends continuing the public hearings to the April 28, 2026, Town Council meeting.

There was discussion among the Council and staff on the proposed budget, including:

1. Confirmation from staff that no changes had been made to the proposed budget since the April 3 work session.
2. Clarification of proposed increases to water and sewer rates and other user fees.
3. General confirmation of the budget assumptions and prior Council direction.

Public Hearing on Tax Levy Ordinance:

Mayor LeBlanc called for comments from the audience. The public hearing was held, and the following individuals provided testimony:

1. Ann Vayda, 631 Oak Street, Herndon: discussed tax rates proposed in the Town and in Fairfax County.

2. Barry Clendenin, 520 Filmore Street, Herndon: provided comments on the proposed tax rate, stating that a slight reduction in taxes would be helpful.

Seeing no further comments, Mayor LeBlanc stated that the public hearing would remain open, and asked for a motion to continue the public hearing to the April 28, 2026, meeting.

Councilmember del Aguila moved to continue the Ordinance to Levy Taxes on Real Estate and Manufactured Homes, and Other Subjects for the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget to the April 28, 2026 meeting. Motion seconded by Councilmember Reyes.

The question was called on the motion, which carried by a 6-0 roll call vote. The vote was: Councilmembers del Aguila, Garcia, Lloyd, Reyes, Vice Mayor Hedrick, and Mayor LeBlanc voting "Aye." Councilmember Alam was absent.

Public Hearing on Chapter 74 Ordinance:

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Mayor LeBlanc called for comments from the audience. The public hearing was held, and the following individuals provided testimony:

1. Jay Hadlock, 515 Alabama Drive, Herndon: requested a reduction in the water rates.
2. Alexander Burke, 910 Jorss Place, Herndon: thought that the Town could use the water pond at the Golf Course as a water resource.
3. Arthur Anselene, 714 Huntsman Place, Herndon: requested review of peak water and sewer rates and their relationship to Fairfax Water costs.
4. Barry Clendenin, 520 Filmore Street, Herndon: requested a review of the water and sewer rates

Seeing no further comments, Mayor LeBlanc stated that the public hearing would remain open, and asked for a motion to continue the public hearing to the April 28, 2026, meeting.

Councilmember del Aguila moved to continue the Ordinance to amend Chapter 74 (UTILITIES), Article II (Sewers & Sewage Disposal), Division 5 (Sanitary Sewer System Rates & Charges), Section 74-262 (Schedule of Rates); and Article III (Water), Division 2 (Service), Subdivision II (In-Town Service Charges), Section 74-326 (Schedule of Charges), to increase the service and usage charges for sanitary sewer and water to the April 28, 2026 meeting.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Garcia.

There were comments from the Council, including a request from Councilmembers Reyes and Lloyd and Vice Mayor Hedrick requesting additional analysis of the water and sewer peak rate structure.

The question was called on the motion, which carried by a 6-0 roll call vote. The vote was: Councilmembers del Aguila, Garcia, Lloyd, Reyes, Vice Mayor Hedrick, and Mayor LeBlanc voting "Aye." Councilmember Alam was absent.

Public Hearing on Chapter 63 Ordinance:

Mayor LeBlanc called for comments from the audience. The public hearing was held, and the following individuals provided testimony:

1. Barbara Glakas, 935 Barton Oaks Place, Herndon: opposed fee increases tied to the removal of clean-up days.
2. Ann Vayda, 631 Oak Street, Herndon: provided comments on the proposed rates.
3. Jay Hadlock, 505 Alabama Drive, Herndon: requested reinstatement of at least one large clean-up day and noted increased trash dumping in parks.

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Seeing no further comments, Mayor LeBlanc stated that the public hearing would remain open, and asked for a motion to continue the public hearing to the April 28, 2026, meeting.

Councilmember del Aguila moved to continue the Ordinance to amend Chapter 63 (SOLID WASTE), Section 63-8 (Schedule of fees) to recategorize type of fee and to increase rates to the April 28, 2026 meeting.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Reyes.

There was discussion among Council and staff on the motion, including the following:

1. Request for additional information on clean-up events, drawing on previous Council discussions (Councilmember Lloyd).

2. Request for additional information about future consideration of container size adjustments (Mayor LeBlanc).

Responding, Deputy Town Manager Kirstyn Barr Jovanovich confirmed that adjustments to container sizes may be addressed in a future budget cycle.

The question was called on the motion, which carried by a 6-0 roll call vote. The vote was: Councilmembers del Aguila, Garcia, Lloyd, Reyes, Vice Mayor Hedrick, and Mayor LeBlanc voting "Aye." Councilmember Alam was absent.

Public Hearing on the Fiscal Planning Resolution and the Appropriation Ordinance:

Mayor LeBlanc stated that the next two public hearings would be held concurrently and called for comments from the audience. The public hearing was held, and testimony was received from the following individuals:

1. Barry Clendenin, 520 Filmore Street, Herndon: suggested reorganizing the budget document to highlight high-cost items earlier and encouraged prioritization of expenditures.
2. Ann Vayda, 631 Oak Street, Herndon: urged greater scrutiny of administrative costs and suggested reallocating staff resources toward revenue-generating or higher-priority activities.

Seeing no further comments, Mayor LeBlanc stated that the public hearing would remain open, and asked for a motion to continue the public hearing to the April 28, 2026, meeting. Mayor LeBlanc stated that Council must take separate action to continue the public hearing on the Fiscal Planning Resolution and the Appropriation Ordinance.

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Vote on Fiscal Planning Resolution:

Councilmember del Aguila moved to continue the Resolution to adopt a Fiscal Planning Resolution for Fiscal Year 2027 Budget for the Town of Herndon to the April 28, 2026, meeting.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Reyes.

There was discussion among Council and staff on the motion.

Responding to Vice Mayor Hedrick, Ms. Jovanovich stated that the large clean-ups are associated with the solid waste program.

The question was called on the motion, which carried by a 6-0 roll call vote. The vote was: Councilmembers del Aguila, Garcia, Lloyd, Reyes, Vice Mayor Hedrick, and Mayor LeBlanc voting "Aye." Councilmember Alam was absent.

Vote on Appropriation Ordinance:

Councilmember del Aguila moved to continue the Ordinance to appropriate funds to implement the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget for the Town of Herndon, establishing the Pay Plan, and reserving on-going and Capital Funding for this Fiscal Year to the April 28, 2026 meeting.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Garcia.

The question was called on the motion, which carried by a 6-0 roll call vote. The vote was: Councilmembers del Aguila, Garcia, Lloyd, Reyes, Vice Mayor Hedrick, and Mayor LeBlanc voting "Aye." Councilmember Alam was absent.

6. Consent

a. Resolution 26-G-25 to amend the Herndon Centennial Golf Course Fee Schedule

b. Approval of the March 10, 2026, Town Council Work Session Minutes

c. Approval of the March 24, 2026, Town Council Meeting Minutes

On motion of Councilmember Reyes, seconded by Vice Mayor Hedrick, the Consent Agenda items were approved and carried by a 6-0 roll call vote. The vote was: Councilmembers del Aguila, Garcia, Lloyd, Reyes, Vice Mayor Hedrick, and Mayor LeBlanc voting "Aye." Councilmember Alam was absent.

7. Adjournment

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There being no further business, Mayor LeBlanc adjourned the April 14, 2026, Town Council Regular Meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Amanda E.M. Kertz
Town Clerk

Minutes approved by Town Council: _____

[Note: Approved resolutions and ordinances are on file in the Town Clerk's office.]

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