TOWN OF Herndon VIRGINIA

**HERNDON TOWN COUNCIL**
**Regular Meeting Minutes**
**Tuesday, May 26, 2026**

## 1. Call to Order

Mayor LeBlanc called the May 26, 2026, Town Council meeting to order at 5:30 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, Michael T. Lloyd, and Alex Reyes (arrived at 7:00 p.m.).

Councilmember Naila Alam was absent.

Mayor LeBlanc determined there was a quorum of five Councilmembers present. Councilmember Alam was absent and Councilmember Reyes had not yet arrived.

## 2. Closed Meeting (5:30 PM)

**a. A closed meeting pursuant to the Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711(A)(8), consultation with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel, relating to pending tax litigation**

**b. A closed meeting pursuant to Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) pertaining to discussion of a specific public employee relative to an annual performance review**

Mayor LeBlanc stated that the Council needed to go into a closed meeting and that the appropriate meeting notices were provided in accordance with state law. The closed meeting was held in the Hoover Conference Room in the Herndon Council Chambers Building, 765 Lynn Street, Herndon, Virginia.

Vice Mayor Hedrick moved that the Council convene in a closed meeting to discuss the following as permitted by Code of Virginia:

Section 2.2-3711(A)(8), consultation with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel, relating to pending tax litigation; and

Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) pertaining to discussion of a specific public employee relative to an annual performance review.

Councilmember Garcia seconded the motion, which carried by 5-0 roll call vote. The vote was: Councilmembers del Aguila, Garcia, Lloyd, Vice Mayor Hedrick, and

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Mayor LeBlanc voting “Aye.” Councilmember Alam was absent and Councilmember Reyes had not yet arrived.

The Council went into closed meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Councilmember Garcia moved to come out of the closed meeting. Vice Mayor Hedrick seconded the motion, which carried by a 6-0 roll call vote. The vote was: Councilmember del Aguila, Councilmember Garcia, Councilmember Lloyd, Vice Mayor Hedrick, Mayor LeBlanc voting “Aye.” Councilmember Alam was absent and Councilmember Reyes had not yet arrived.

The Council came out of closed meeting at 6:24 p.m.

Vice Mayor Clark Hedrick moved to certify that, to the best of each member's knowledge, in the closed meeting just concluded, nothing was discussed except the matter or matters (1) specifically identified in the motion to convene in closed meeting and (2) lawfully permitted to be discussed in a closed meeting under the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act as cited in that motion. Motion seconded by Councilmember Kelvin Garcia, which carried by unanimous roll call vote. The vote was: Councilmembers del Aguila, Garcia, Lloyd, Vice Mayor Hedrick, and Mayor LeBlanc voting “Aye.” Councilmember Alam was absent and Councilmember Reyes had not yet arrived.

Aye: 5
Nay: 0
Absent: 2

Vote to Authorize
Settlement

Following the closed meeting, Councilmember del Aguila moved to authorize settlement as outlined by the Town Attorney in the closed meeting in the matter of *AM Worldgate Owner, LLC v. Fairfax County, VA, et al*.

Councilmember Garcia seconded the motion, which carried by a 5-0 roll call vote. The vote was: Councilmembers del Aguila, Garcia, and Lloyd; Vice Mayor Hedrick; and Mayor LeBlanc voting “Aye.” Councilmember Alam was absent and Councilmember Reyes had not yet arrived.

Recess

At 6:24 p.m. Mayor LeBlanc called a brief recess, and at 7:00 p.m., the May 26, 2026, Town Council meeting reconvened in the Herndon Council Chambers, with six Councilmembers present, and Mayor LeBlanc presiding.

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Regular Meeting

Staff present during the meeting: Dan Hoffman, Town Manager; Lesa Yeatts, Town Attorney; Lisa Gilleran, Director of Community Development; Brent Heavner, Chief Communications Officer; David Stromberg, Zoning Administrator; Scott Keebaugh, Field Operations Manager; Morgan Hudnall, Assistant Communications Supervisor; Becky Skillin, Deputy Town Clerk; and Amanda Kertz, Town Clerk.

## 3. 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 of the United States of America.

### Determination of a Quorum

Mayor LeBlanc determined there was a quorum of six Councilmembers present.

### Mayor Announcements

Mayor LeBlanc announced that Council had previously met in a closed meeting, with five members present, pursuant to State Code requirements.

Mayor LeBlanc stated that earlier this evening, the Council recognized Stephanie Almquist, Principal of Clearview Elementary School, for her dedicated leadership and 27 years of service to Fairfax County Public Schools. He provided personal comments regarding Ms. Almquist's service to the community.

Ms. Almquist provided remarks on her legacy of public service, thanking the Mayor, Town Council, and Herndon community for their support.

Mayor LeBlanc stated that several externs who were attending the meeting that evening from Herndon High School, would shadow Town employees for the following two weeks to learn about local government. Two Town staff members, Scott Keebaugh and Morgan Hudnall, also attended the meeting that evening to work with the Town Clerk's office as part of the Town Draft initiative.

Mayor LeBlanc provided the following public announcements:

1. The Town Council work session on June 9, 2026, will be canceled due to a lack of agenda items. However, the Council and Planning Commission will hold a joint work session in June or July on the Comprehensive Plan updates.

2. The Community Picnic is on Wednesday, June 3, at the Town Green, with a rain date of June 10.

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3. On Friday, June 12, Herndon High School will hold its graduation ceremony for the class of 2026. Mayor LeBlanc offered congratulations to those graduating from Herndon High School and other local schools this year.

4. The Juneteenth commemoration will be held on the Town Hall Green, 730 Elden Street, from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon, on Friday, June 19. In the event of inclement weather, the program will be canceled. More information will be posted on the Town's website and social media channels.

5. On June 21, the Department of Parks and Recreation will host the Play all Day VA event, from 11:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., at various park locations in the Town. There will also be free admission to the Herndon Community Center that day.

## 4. Presentations/Reports/Comments

### a. Proclamation to recognize LGBTQ+ Pride Month, June 2026

Mayor LeBlanc read the Proclamation to Recognize LGBTQ+ Pride Month, June 2026 into the record.

Mayor LeBlanc stated that members of the audience are invited to comment on the proclamations during the "Comments from the Audience" portion of the agenda.

### b. Town Manager Report

Dan Hoffman, Town Manager, provided comments on the recent Polar Heat on Lynn Street event. He thanked Bob Williams, Director, and the Department of Parks and Recreation staff, along with the other departments that were involved, for planning and hosting a great event. He stated that feedback is welcome and encouraged those with comments on the event to share them with him.

### c. Councilmember Comments

Councilmember Garcia: thanked Principal Almquist for her service to the Herndon community.

Councilmember Lloyd: no comments.

Councilmember del Aguila: thanked all the educators for their hard work and recognized their tremendous impact on the community. He encouraged them to continue teaching.

Councilmember del Aguila expressed support for the proclamation to recognize LGBTQ+ Month and thanked the members of that community for attending the meeting that evening. He stated that he was glad to see more representation from marginalized communities at the local level.

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Councilmember del Aguila provided comments on the Stars and Stripes NOVA Committee golf tournament that took place last weekend at the Herndon golf course. He stated it was humbling to see the community's commitment to those that serve or who have served in the military.

Councilmember Reyes: stated that he attended the Memorial Day Observance on Monday hosted by the American Legion Post 184. He thanked Barbara Glakas for her remarks about history at the event and expressed appreciation to Mayor LeBlanc for continuing to hold the observance. He stated that the purpose of Memorial Day is to honor those who have died in service to our country. He encouraged everyone to attend the observance next year.

Vice Mayor Hedrick: thanked Ms. Almquist for her many years of service to the schools in Fairfax County. He expressed appreciation to the community members that attended the meeting that evening.

Vice Mayor Hedrick thanked Town staff, organizers, and community partners, for holding the first year of the Polar Heat event. He stated that he enjoyed the jalapeño eating contest.

Vice Mayor Hedrick provided comments for Public Service Recognition Week, May 3 to May 9, thanking Town staff and others for their diligent service. He also recognized National Police Week, May 10 to May 16. He stated that many agencies from across the country visit the Washington, D.C. area to honor members of the law enforcement community who have fallen in the line of duty. He thanked the Herndon Police Department for all that they do.

Vice Mayor Hedrick echoed Councilmember Reyes' comments on the Memorial Day Observance, stating that it was the first time his entire family was able to attend. He read several names into the record that are listed on a plaque of Herndon's veterans on the wall in the Council Chambers lobby.

Mayor LeBlanc: provided comments about several recent events and commendations that occurred in Herndon, including:

1. Principal Almquist's retirement and Teacher Appreciation Week, May 4 through May 8.
2. Proclamation recognizing June as LGBTQ+ Pride Month.
3. Memorial Day, and the Town's Memorial Day Observance, noting the importance of it in the context of the upcoming 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.
4. Big Truck Day at the Town Shop, where he presented a proclamation recognizing Public Works Week.

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5. A successful Polar Heat on Lynn Street event.
6. State of the Town Address that was held on Tuesday, May 19.

## 5. Comments from the Audience

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

The following individuals provided comments:

- Chuck Hall, 12398 Brown Fox Lane, Reston: provided comments on behalf of The Dulles Triangles and thanked the Town for issuing the proclamation to recognize LGBTQ+ Pride Month.

- Sabrina Bruce, 859 Dogwood Court, Herndon: provided comments on the proclamation to recognize Pride Month and thanked Cory Laws, Housing/Neighborhood Improvements Coordinator, for helping with an electrical issue.

- Todd (last name inaudible), 12559 Quincy Adams Court, Herndon: expressed gratitude for being introduced to Chuck Hall, who had provided comments representing the Dulles Triangles.

- Christine Graham, 12708 Nathan Lane, Herndon: provided comments on behalf of the Clearview Elementary School Parent Teacher Association (PTA), thanking Mayor LeBlanc and the Town Council for recognizing Ms. Almquist on the occasion of her retirement.

- Natalie Blanco, 1013 Charles Street, Herndon: provided comments thanking Ms. Almquist on the occasion of her retirement.

- Jeffery Mann, 1221 Summerfield Drive, Herndon: provided comments thanking Ms. Almquist on the occasion of her retirement. He also requested support for an organized bicycle race in the Town, asking the Town to approve the request for a grant through the Community Donation Program.

- Hapa Siahengalu, 1121 Cypress Tree Place, Herndon: offered congratulations to Ms. Almquist on her retirement. Comments were offered on the proclamation to recognize LGBTQ+ Pride Month, with a request to protect Arts Herndon. Hapa stated that funding for the Kids and Parents Engage Program at the Herndon Neighborhood Resource Center (NRC) will be discontinued on June 30, and asked the Mayor and Council to work with Cornerstones and Fairfax County to protect the program.

- Samantha Moreno-Jimenez, 507 Early Fall Court, Herndon: provided comments on the Kids and Parents Engage Program at the NRC and asked

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the Mayor and Council to work with the program representatives to restore funding.

- Beth Meyer, 639 Oak Street, Herndon: echoed the comments of the previous speakers. She publicly expressed her thanks to the firefighters who saved her life a few weeks ago. Ms. Meyer requested support for an organized bicycle race in the Town, asking the Town to grant money to the bicycle race organizers through the Community Donation Program. Ms. Meyer also expressed concern about increased crime she observed in downtown Herndon.

- Ian MacDonald, 312 Old Dominion Avenue, Herndon: echoed previous comments about an organized bicycle race and requested support from the Town to fund the race. He also thought that a DORA (designated outdoor refreshment area) could be helpful in promoting the event.

- (name inaudible): provided comments about the Kids and Parents Engage Program at the NRC and its impact on him and other families.

- Barbara Glakas, 935 Barton Oaks Place, Herndon: discussed Councilmember Alam's attendance, stating that she understood Councilmember Alam faced a health issue, and she wished her the best. While she knows the Council approved a resolution of censure, she would like the Council to consider further action, including a possible suspension of pay.

- Brianna Ciavarella, Dulles Park Apartments, Herndon: provided comments about the Kids and Parents Engage Program at the NRC and its impact on area families.

- Aida Romero, 1066 Alabama Drive, #102, Herndon: provided comments about the Kids and Parents Engage Program at the NRC and its impact on their and other families.

- Sofia Echevarria (address not given): provided comments about the Kids and Parents Engage Program at the NRC and its impact on her and other families. She asked the Town Council to work with the representatives of the program to restore funding.

- Zurma Reyes, 657 Pemberton Court, Herndon: provided comments about the Kids and Parents Engage Program at the NRC and its impact on area families.

- Alison Moreno-Jimenez, 507 Early Fall Court, Herndon: provided comments about the Kids and Parents Engage Program at the NRC and its impact on her and other families.

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- Blanca Carbajal, 661 Dulles Park, Herndon: provided comments about the Kids and Parents Engage Program at the NRC and its impact on area families. She requested assistance from the Town Council to continue the program.

- Yesenia Jimenez, 507 Early Fall Court, Herndon: provided comments about the Kids and Parents Engage Program at the NRC and its impact on area families.

  Mayor LeBlanc stated, for the record, that the Kids and Parents Engage Program at the NRC is funded by Fairfax County. He heard about the program funding issue late last week and is working with community organizers and group representatives to liaise with Fairfax County to see what can be done to assist the families.

## 6. Public Hearings

### a. Ordinance 26-O-14 to approve a Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment - ZOTA #26-01 to amend Chapter 78 (ZONING), by amending Article XIV (Signs), and amending Article XVIII (Definitions), to update sections to include standards for signage in the Herndon Transit-Oriented Core (HTOC), provide a nighttime nit limit for signage, and include definitions pertinent to signage in the HTOC

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 May 8, 2026, and May 15, 2026, issues.

Mayor LeBlanc opened the public hearing and recognized David Stromberg, Zoning Administrator, who presented the staff report. This zoning ordinance text amendment (ZOTA) establishes sign standards for the Planned Development – Transit Oriented Core (PD-TOC) zoning district. There are currently no regulations on signs in this district. This ZOTA will also update the existing signage standards in the Transit Related Growth (TRG) districts. Additionally, staff included minor updates to the sections on prohibited signs and general standards for all signs related to the inclusion of the Herndon Transit-Oriented Core (HTOC) standards in Article XIV. Staff relied on guidance found in the Urban Design and Architectural Guidelines for the HTOC to develop the proposed sign standards. Mr. Stromberg stated that staff and the Planning commission recommend approval of the proposed ordinance, as presented.

Mayor LeBlanc called for comments from the audience.

Seeing no comments from the audience, Mayor LeBlanc closed the public hearing and moved to Council level for discussion and action.

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Councilmember del Aguila moved to approve Ordinance 26-O-14 to approve a Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment - ZOTA #26-01 to amend Chapter 78 (ZONING), by amending Article XIV (Signs), and amending Article XVIII (Definitions), to update sections to include standards for signage in the Herndon Transit-Oriented Core (HTOC), provide a nighttime nit limit for signage, and include definitions pertinent to signage in the HTOC, as presented. Motion seconded by Councilmember Reyes.

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

**b. Ordinance 26-O-15 to approve a Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment ZOTA - #26-02 to amend Chapter 78 (ZONING) Section 78-80.4 (Standards for Specific Accessory Uses and Structures by Use Type), and amending Article XVIII (Definitions) to update the provisions regarding caretaker and security guard residences and to add a definition of caretaker and security residence**

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 May 8, 2026, and May 15, 2026, issues.

Mayor LeBlanc opened the public hearing and recognized David Stromberg, Zoning Administrator, who presented the staff report. This Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment (ZOTA) was submitted by Wire/Gill (Agent) on behalf of Extra Space Storage (Applicant). Currently, the storage facility has filed an application with the Town, which is connected to this special exception. The existing zoning ordinance allows a caretaker or security residence as an accessory use in the requested zoning district, which is limited to one residence per principal use, and must not exceed 1,000 square feet. The applicant has proposed language to allow a caretaker residence greater than 1,000 square feet with the approval of a special exception. Staff is proposing language that would increase the allowable area for caretaker units to allow a maximum of 1,500 square feet, which was increased from staff's original proposal based on the Planning Commission's feedback. Staff and the Planning Commission recommend approval of the proposed ordinance, as presented. Mr. Stromberg stated that the applicant was not in attendance that evening, but indicated that they spoke in support of the proposed ordinance at the Planning Commission meeting.

There was brief discussion between the Council and staff on this item.

Mayor LeBlanc called for comments from the audience.

Seeing no comments from the audience, Mayor LeBlanc closed the public hearing and moved to Council level for discussion and action.

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Councilmember del Aguila moved to approve Ordinance 26-O-15 to approve a Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment ZOTA - #26-02 to amend Chapter 78 (ZONING) Section 78-80.4 (Standards for Specific Accessory Uses and Structures by Use Type), and amending Article XVIII (Definitions) to update the provisions regarding caretaker and security guard residences and to add a definition of caretaker and security residence, as presented. 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.

## 7. General

### a. Resolution 26-G-34 to withdraw consideration of Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment - ZOTA #26-03 to amend Chapter 78 (ZONING), Article V (Planned Development Districts), Article VII (Use Regulations), and Article XVIII (Definitions), Section 78-180 (Definitions), to define casino related terms and establish land use provisions for casino establishments

Mayor LeBlanc recognized David Stromberg, Zoning Administrator, for comments. The Council does not need to consider the proposed item due to the Governor of Virginia's veto of Senate Bill SB 756.

Mayor LeBlanc moved to approve Resolution 26-G-34 to withdraw consideration of Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment - ZOTA #26-03 to amend Chapter 78 (ZONING), Article V (Planned Development Districts), Article VII (Use Regulations), and Article XVIII (Definitions), Section 78-180 (Definitions), to define casino related terms and establish land use provisions for casino establishments, as presented. Motion seconded by Vice Mayor Hedrick.

Mayor LeBlanc stated that Council asked staff to draft this item before the state legislature had taken action on casinos. Since the bill in question was vetoed, this item could be withdrawn.

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, Mayor LeBlanc voting “Aye.” Councilmember Alam was absent.

## 8. Consent

### a. Resolution 26-G-35 to award contract RFP #26-04, On Call Real Estate Advisory and Transaction Services

### b. Resolution 26-G-36 to award contract IFB #26-04, Mowing and Landscape Services

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**c. Resolution 26-G-37 to reappoint a member to the Architectural and Historic District Review Boards**

**d. Resolution 26-G-38 to reappoint a member to the Planning Commission**

**e. Approval of the April 14, 2026, Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes**

**f. Approval of April 21, 2026, Town Council Work Session Minutes**

**g. Approval of the April 28, 2026, Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes**

On motion of Councilmember del Aguila, seconded by Councilmember Reyes the Consent Agenda items were approved and carried by a 6-0 roll call vote, as presented, without comment. The vote was: Councilmembers del Aguila, Garcia, Lloyd, Reyes, Vice Mayor Hedrick, Mayor LeBlanc voting “Aye.” Councilmember Alam was absent.

## 9. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor LeBlanc adjourned the May 26, 2026, Town Council Regular Meeting at 8:31 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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