HERNDON TOWN COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 25, 2026

1. Call to Order

Mayor LeBlanc called the August 25, 2026, Town Council Regular Meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. in the Herndon Council Chambers Building, 765 Lynn Street, Herndon, Virginia. In attendance were: Mayor Keven LeBlanc; Vice Mayor Clark Hedrick (participated remotely); and Councilmembers Cesar del Aguila, Kelvin Garcia, Michael T. Lloyd (participated remotely), and Alex Reyes.

Councilmember Naila Alam was absent.

Staff present during the meeting: Dan Hoffman, Town Manager; Kirstyn Barr Jovanovich, Deputy Town Manager; Lauri Sigler, Deputy Town Attorney; Brent Heavner, Chief Communications Officer; Lisa Gilleran, Director of Community Development; Marjorie Sloan, Director of Finance; David Stromberg, Zoning Administrator; Jaleh Moslehi, Capital Projects Planner/Engineer; Mike Shindledecker, Transportation Engineer; and Amanda Kertz, 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.

Mayor LeBlanc stated, for the record, under Section 2.2-3708.3, Subsection D, of the Code of Virginia, in accordance with Section 2-4 of the Town Code, and the Rules of Procedures of the Herndon Town Council, the Chair received a request from Councilmember Lloyd to participate through electronic communication in tonight's Town Council meeting from a remote location in Nags Head, North Carolina, due to scheduled personal travel.

Under the same referenced rules and regulations, the Chair received a request from Vice Mayor Hedrick to participate through electronic communication in tonight's Town Council meeting from a remote location in Kingman, Arizona, due to scheduled personal travel.

There was a quorum of the public body physically assembled at the meeting location, with four members present in the Herndon Council Chambers Building.

With the concurrence of Council, Vice Mayor Hedrick and Councilmember Lloyd joined virtually to participate in the meeting that evening.

Determination of a Quorum

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Mayor LeBlanc determined there was a quorum of six members, four physically present in the Herndon Council Chambers Building, and two participating remotely. Councilmember Alam was absent.

Amend the Agenda

Mayor LeBlanc stated there was a need to go into a closed meeting following the regular meeting. He made a motion to amend the agenda to add the following to the end of the meeting:

- 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 and pursuant to Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) for discussion and consideration of the performance of a specific appointee of the public body, and that the agenda be so amended.

Motion seconded by Councilmember del Aguila.

The question was called on the motion, which carried by 6-0 roll call vote, as presented, without comment. The vote was: Councilmembers del Aguila, Garcia, Lloyd (remotely), Reyes, Vice Mayor Hedrick (remotely), and Mayor LeBlanc voting "Aye". Councilmember Alam was absent.

Mayor Announcements

Mayor LeBlanc discussed several recent and upcoming events, including:

1. National Night Out, Tuesday, August 4. During the event, he presented a proclamation at Herndon Harbor House, and he thanked the Herndon Police Department, neighborhoods, and others who coordinated the event and emphasized the relationships between residents and law enforcement.

2. Closures of Town offices on Labor Day, Monday, September 7. Mayor LeBlanc stated that updated schedules are posted on the Town's website.

3. An e-bike information session, hosted by the Herndon Police Department at the Herndon Community Center, was scheduled for Wednesday, September 9, 6:00 pm.

4. A free Community Health and Wellness Fair from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Herndon Neighborhood Resource Center, 1086 Elden Street on Saturday, September 12. Cornerstones and Fairfax County would host the event.

3. Presentations/Reports/Comments

a. Town Manager Report

Dan Hoffman, Town Manager, provided an update on the Comprehensive Plan and small area plans process and announced a public engagement event at Bready Park on October 1, 2026, where attendees would have an opportunity to provide feedback.

Mr. Hoffman also shared information about the upcoming HVAC renovation project at the Herndon Municipal Center (HMC) and Herndon Council Chambers Building during the months of October through December 2026. He stated that the HMC offices and Town functions and staff will temporarily relocate to 397 Herndon Parkway, in the building adjacent to the Herndon Police Department. He expected the renovation to take several months. During the renovation, the Town Council and Boards will meet in the Herndon Police Department Community Room, also located at 397 Herndon Parkway.

Mr. Hoffman did not have an update regarding the litigation involving the Comstock property. He stated that the Town continued to await a response from the judge.

b. Councilmember Comments

Councilmember Garcia: no comments

Councilmember del Aguila: reminded the community that the Town's "Drive Differently" campaign was underway to promote traffic safety through public awareness and enforcement. He encouraged drivers to slow down, remain alert, and watch for their neighbors. He thanked the Herndon Police Department for its efforts.

Councilmember Reyes: noted that school was back in session and emphasized the importance of remaining alert and looking out for others in the community.

Councilmember Lloyd (remotely): no comments.

Vice Mayor Hedrick (remotely): recognized the passing of Dolly Parton and highlighted the Rotary Club of Herndon's work with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to provide free books to children in the Herndon area.

Mayor LeBlanc: echoed Vice Mayor Hedrick's comments regarding Dolly Parton, describing her as a national treasure.

Mayor LeBlanc provided the following updates:

1. Participated in the opening ceremony for the Fairfax County 4-H Fair at Frying Pan Farm Park on August 1.

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2. Attended an Eagle Scout Court of Honor recognizing Luke Redard on August 7. For his service project, Luke coordinated an after-school tutoring program for students at Hutchison Elementary School and Herndon Middle School.

3. Welcomed students, teachers, and families back for the 2026–2027 school year. In recent weeks, he visited Herndon schools and spoke with principals, teachers, volunteers, and students about their goals for the year.

4. Highlighted the “Drive Safe Herndon” campaign and stated that the Herndon Police Department would conduct enhanced traffic-safety enforcement throughout Town, particularly in school zones, along with sharing information about traffic-safety laws. He encouraged the community to work together to keep students safe.

5. Reviewed the traffic pattern changes on Bennett Street near Herndon High School and encouraged residents to remain alert on the roads.

6. Reflected on the August 19 Community Picnic at Bready Park and thanked Town staff, volunteers, and attendees for making the event a success.

4. 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:

- Barby Vasquez, 530 Early Fall Court, Herndon: representing the Four Seasons Homeowners Association, stated that bulk trash collection was the topic her neighbors asked about the most. She reported items left at the Four Seasons neighborhood and in other areas of the Town. She requested information to share with residents on the matter.

- Sabrina Bruce, 859 Dogwood Court, Herndon: expressed appreciation for the community picnic and Mayor LeBlanc’s attendance. She encouraged Councilmembers to attend events in the Town and emphasized the importance of having opportunities to speak with elected officials.

- Jay Hadlock, 515 Alabama Drive, Herndon: referenced detailed comments he had emailed to the Council earlier that day. He thanked the Town for addressing vehicles on Jonquil Lane, reported an individual staying at the former Wells Fargo building, and looked forward to the implementation of the red-light photo-enforcement system.

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- Juliette Marting, 1232 Sunset Court, Herndon: Secretary of the Board, Four Seasons Homeowners Association Board, described the condition and possible occupancy of the property at 1315 Summerfield Drive. She raised concerns regarding the ownership status, possible occupants, and deteriorated condition of the building. She asked the Town to investigate the property and address the maintenance issues.

- Walter Shorter, 559 Early Fall Court, Herndon: President of the Four Seasons Homeowners Association, discussed e-bike safety on school grounds and thanked the Herndon Police Department for its presence in the community. He asked the Town to move the speed-limit warning sign near April Way and Early Fall Court farther back to allow more space for motorists to slow down. He also encouraged residents to stay updated and engaged with local, state, and federal officials.

- Ivonne Rojas, 1324 Summerfield Drive, Herndon: reported speeding on Summerfield Drive and near Autumn Glen. She asked the Town to consider adding speed humps or other traffic-calming measures, repairing cracked pavement on Summerfield Drive, and repainting faded roadway markings near the traffic signals.

5. Public Hearings

a. Resolution 26-G-46 to approve an additional $200 fine for a speeding zone on Dranesville Road between Herndon Parkway and Park Avenue in the Town of Herndon, Virginia, pursuant to Code of Virginia §46.2-878.2 and Herndon Town Code Sec. 42-4(b) (Compliance with chapter; penalty for violation of chapter)

Certificates of Publication from the editor of the *Fairfax County Times* were filed, confirming that notices of the public hearing items were published in the August 7 and August 14, 2026, issues.

Mayor LeBlanc opened the public hearing and recognized Transportation Engineer Mike Shindledecker, who presented the staff report. The proposed resolution would establish an additional $200 fine zone on Dranesville Road between Herndon Parkway and Park Avenue. Mr. Shindledecker explained that this segment, located between Herndon High School and Herndon Elementary School, had prompted several traffic investigations and speeding complaints. The Town had implemented traffic-calming measures in phases, including speed-feedback signs, additional signage, crosswalk improvements, and a roadway reconfiguration that reduced the number of travel lanes. He noted that options were limited because Dranesville Road is an arterial route used by school and Fairfax Connector buses.

Mr. Shindledecker stated that, after review, the Traffic Engineering Improvement Committee (TEIC) recommended establishing the additional fine zone together with enforcement. Although the Town had not previously used this strategy, it had been implemented successfully in Fairfax and Loudoun counties and elsewhere in the country. Staff recommended approval of the resolution as presented.

There was discussion among the Council and staff on this item.

In response to Mayor LeBlanc, Mr. Shindledecker confirmed that the Town installed speed-feedback signs in both directions along Dranesville Road to alert motorists of their speeds.

Mayor LeBlanc invited comments from the audience.

- Barry Clendenin, 520 Fillmore Street, Herndon: supported the additional fine zone and suggested reducing the speed limit on Dranesville Road to 20 miles per hour.

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

Councilmember del Aguila moved to approve Resolution 26-G-46 to approve an additional $200 fine for a speeding zone on Dranesville Road between Herndon Parkway and Park Avenue in the Town of Herndon, Virginia, pursuant to Code of Virginia §46.2-878.2 and Herndon Town Code Sec. 42-4(b) (Compliance with chapter; penalty for violation of chapter), as presented.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Garcia.

During brief Council comments, Councilmember del Aguila cited residents' speed measurements near Dranesville Road and emphasized that the additional fine was intended to raise awareness and improve safety, not generate revenue; Mayor LeBlanc noted the road's location between Herndon Elementary and Herndon High schools and said the measure supported the Town's Roadway Safety Action Plan.

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

6. General

a. Resolution 26-G-47 to authorize the Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County to acquire property rights for a public purpose on two privately owned parcels within the corporate limits of the Town of Herndon, which property is needed for construction of the Crestview Drive Walkway Project administered by Fairfax County, Virginia

Mayor LeBlanc recognized Lauri Sigler, Deputy Town Attorney, who provided an overview of the proposed resolution authorizing the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to acquire property rights within the Town for the County-administered Crestview Drive Walkway Project. Ms. Sigler stated that the walkway would be constructed along the west side of Crestview Drive, connecting existing sidewalks in the Town with areas farther north in Fairfax County, and noted the improvements would include curb and gutter, ADA-compliant ramps, and a crosswalk.

Ms. Sigler explained Virginia law requirements and noted the County would fund the improvements and provide just compensation to affected property owners. She stated that the project plans were approximately 90 percent complete and that, following Council approval, the County could issue formal offers to acquire the property rights. The resolution would authorize the County to use condemnation if agreements could not be reached, and it would authorize the Town Manager or their designee to take the actions necessary to effectuate the acquisitions. She noted that Fairfax County staff were present that evening to answer questions.

The Council and staff discussed the two parcels, the proposed property dedications, and the temporary grading easements. Ms. Sigler stated that approximately 166 square feet would be dedicated from one parcel and approximately 12 square feet from the other parcel, along with temporary grading easements. She did not expect significant changes at this stage.

Councilmember del Aguila moved to approve Resolution 26-G-47 to authorize Fairfax County's acquisition of property rights on two privately owned parcels within the corporate boundaries of the Town of Herndon needed for the Crestview Drive Walkway Project administered by Fairfax County, Virginia, as presented.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Reyes.

There were comments from the Council. Mayor LeBlanc stated that the walkway should improve connections near the W&OD Trail, surrounding neighborhoods, and Clearview Elementary School. He thanked Fairfax County for supporting residents in the area.

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

7. Consent

a. Ordinance 26-O-21 to amend Chapter 14 (Businesses), Article III. (Peddlers, Solicitors, Canvassers), Sec. 14-66 (Registration), to update permit registration requirements

b. Resolution 26-G-48 to initiate consideration of a Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment ZOTA #26-05 to amend Chapter 78 (ZONING), Article VI (Overlay Districts), Section 78-60.3 (Historic District Overlay (HDO)) to clarify the existing language providing the ability of the Historic District Review Board (HDRB) to grant setback reductions to certain properties within the HDO, to allow the HDRB to grant greater setback reductions than what is currently permitted under this section when appropriate with certain standards within the HDO, and clarify that the setback reduction process is separate and exempt from the Certificate of Appropriateness requirement

c. Resolution 26-G-49 to initiate consideration of a Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment ZOTA #26-07 to amend Chapter 78 (ZONING), Article VII (Use Regulations), Section 78-71.1 (Residential Use Category) and Section 78-71.4 (Institutional and Community Service Use Category), to update sections for conformance with the Code of Virginia regarding affordable housing and religious organizations and other tax-exempt properties

d. Resolution 26-G-50 to initiate consideration of a Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment ZOTA #26-08 to amend Chapter 78 (ZONING), Article X (Parking), Section 78-100.2 (Minimum off-street parking and loading standards) and Section 78-100.8 (Parking alternatives), to update sections for conformance with the Code of Virginia regarding minimum off-street parking requirements

e. Resolution 26-G-51 to amend Resolution 25-G-40, to increase the funding request for the application submitted to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) for the Allocation of FY2029 and FY2030 Revenue Sharing Funds for the 'Locust Street ADA Sidewalk Improvements' project (UPC 125749) and increase the amount of the Town's local match

f. Approval of the July 14, 2026, Town Council Work Session Minutes

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

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

8. Closed Meeting (agenda amended)

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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 and pursuant to Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) for discussion and consideration of the performance of a specific appointee of the public body

Mayor LeBlanc stated that the Council needed to go into a closed meeting, in accordance with the motion to amend the agenda earlier in the meeting.

Councilmember del Aguila 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 and pursuant to Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) for discussion and consideration of the performance of a specific appointee of the public body.

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

At 7:45 p.m. Mayor LeBlanc called a brief recess, and at 8:00 p.m., the Council convened in a closed meeting in the Hoover Conference Room in the Herndon Council Chambers Building, 765 Lynn Street, Herndon, Virginia.

Vice Mayor Hedrick and Councilmember Lloyd participated in the closed meeting from their previously identified remote locations.

Mayor LeBlanc asked Vice Mayor Hedrick and Councilmember Lloyd to confirm that the rooms they were in were not open to the public, and that their participation in the closed meeting would remain confidential and not be disclosed to any unauthorized persons or entities. Vice Mayor Hedrick and Councilmember Lloyd confirmed.

Mayor LeBlanc noted a quorum for the record of six members, with four members physically present, two participating remotely. Councilmember Alam was absent.

Councilmember Garcia moved to come out of the closed 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: Councilmember del Aguila, Councilmember Garcia, Councilmember Lloyd (remotely), Councilmember Reyes, Vice Mayor Hedrick (remotely), and Mayor LeBlanc voting "Aye". Councilmember Alam was absent.

The Council reconvened in open session at 9:21 p.m.

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Councilmember Reyes 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 Garcia and carried by unanimous roll call vote. The vote was: Councilmember del Aguila, Councilmember Garcia, Councilmember Lloyd (remotely), Councilmember Reyes, Vice Mayor Hedrick (remotely), and Mayor LeBlanc voting "Aye". Councilmember Alam was absent.

Aye: 6
Nay: 0
Absent: 1

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor LeBlanc adjourned the August 25, 2026, Town Council Regular Meeting at 9:23 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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