HERNDON TOWN COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 27, 2026

1. Call to Order

Mayor LeBlanc called the October 27, 2026, Town Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Herndon Police Department Community Room, 397 Herndon Parkway, Herndon, Virginia. In attendance were Mayor Keven LeBlanc; Vice Mayor Clark Hedrick; and Councilmembers Cesar del Aguila, Kelvin Garcia (arrived at 7:05 p.m.); Michael T. Lloyd, and Alex Reyes.

Councilmember Naila Alam was absent.

Staff present during the meeting: Kirstyn Barr Jovanovich, Interim Town Manager; Lesa Yeatts, Town Attorney; Captain Steven Brown, Herndon Police Department; Tanya Kendrick, Chief of Staff/Director of Human Resources; Collin Okoniewski, Acting Deputy Town Manager/Economic Development Manager; 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 to the Flag of the United States of America.

Determination of a Quorum:

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

Mayor Announcements

Mayor LeBlanc provided updates on the following events:

1. The next Town Council work session will be held on Wednesday, November 4, 2026, due to Election Day on November 3.
2. The Town Council and Planning Commission will hold a joint workshop on Tuesday, November 10.
3. The next Town Council regular meeting is on Tuesday, November 17. Town Council meetings will be held at the Herndon Police Department Community Room through the end of the year due to ongoing repairs at the Herndon Municipal Center.
4. Election Day is on Tuesday, November 3. Early voting information, including locations and hours, is available on the Fairfax County Office of Elections website.

5. Halloween is on Saturday, October 31. Fairfax County's Halloween safety resources are available at fairfaxcounty.gov/news/guide-to-halloween.
6. The Town's "Teen Fridays" program for middle school students will begin on Friday, October 30, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Herndon Community Center.
7. The annual Veterans Day Observance, hosted by American Legion Post 184, will be held on Wednesday, November 11, at 11:00 a.m. on the Town Green. Mayor LeBlanc would present a proclamation honoring veterans. Town offices will be closed in observance of Veterans Day.

3. Presentations/Reports/Comments

a. Town Manager Report

Kirstyn Barr Jovanovich, Interim Town Manager, provided updates on the following:

1. Parcel H: Provided an update on the Town's ongoing litigation involving Parcel H and stated that the Town's website would continue to be updated.
2. Route 606 (Sterling Road/Old Ox Road): Loudoun County and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) will hold a virtual public meeting on Wednesday, November 4, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., regarding the proposed widening of Route 606. She noted the project's potential impacts on traffic patterns, roadway safety, and multimodal access and encouraged public participation.
3. Herndon 2050 Futures Survey: The survey deadline had been extended to November 4, 2026, and she encouraged the public to participate and provide feedback on the Town's Comprehensive Plan.
4. Town Manager's Report: Beginning with the next regular meeting, a written Town Manager's Report will be included in the agenda packet. The report will provide updates on Town activities and follow up on topics raised during Council meetings to keep the Town Council and community informed.

b. Councilmember Comments

Councilmember del Aguila: requested that a discussion regarding the administrative policy for refuse collection exceptions at Herndon Park Station be included in the upcoming Town Council work session agenda.

Councilmember Reyes: encouraged voter participation in the upcoming election on Tuesday, November 3.

Councilmember Garcia: no comments.

Councilmember Lloyd: thanked those that came to the temporary meeting location at the Herndon Police Department Community Room. He noted the strong participation in the Herndon High School Homecoming Parade in October and

congratulated the award recipients. He thanked the Department of Public Works and Herndon Police Department for their efforts in ensuring a successful event.

Vice Mayor Hedrick: thanked the Town staff for their efforts in supporting a successful homecoming parade. He also expressed appreciation for the strong public attendance at the temporary meeting location.

Mayor LeBlanc: echoed comments from his colleagues regarding the Herndon High School Homecoming Parade held on Saturday, October 24. He thanked the Department of Parks and Recreation, Department of Public Works, Herndon Police Department, participating schools, and others for their contributions to the event.

Mayor LeBlanc also recognized the parade award recipients and listed the winners.

Mayor LeBlanc stated that he participated in the following community events:

1. He joined the Herndon High School principal in celebrating longtime resident Maryana James' 107th birthday. He noted that Ms. James had served as a secretary at Herndon High School, and he enjoyed talking with her about Herdon's past.
2. He attended the Mayor's Institute and the Virginia Municipal League (VML) Conference from October 9 through 12 in Norfolk, Virginia, where he met with representatives from other localities.
3. He attended the Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce's 24th Annual Hispanic Business Reception on Wednesday, September 30. He noted that he presented the Town's National Hispanic Heritage Month proclamation, which had also been recognized at the September 22 Town Council meeting.
4. He discussed food insecurity in the region and encouraged support for Herndon Middle School's food drive, which would continue through November 19. He noted that food donations and gift cards could be delivered to Herndon Middle School to support families in the community.

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 expressed concerns regarding Herndon Youth Soccer's (HYS) leadership, compliance with bylaws, board elections, financial accountability, transparency, and member participation. Several requested that the Town review its options regarding HYS's use of Town facilities:

- Halla Paskaleva, 1078 Trevino Lane, Herndon: requested the Town's assistance in addressing the concerns.

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- Summer Whiteside, 304 Holly Court, Herndon: requested that the Town consider revoking the organization's use of Town facilities, if possible, should concerns not be resolved.

- Alicia Soon, 23602 Hopewell Terrace, Herndon: referenced the August 30 and October 17, 2026, board meetings and requested that the Town review its agreement with HYS.

- Noemi Romero, 1010 Tyler Street, Herndon: requested that the Town investigate the concerns and reconsider its agreement with HYS.

- Alan Balentine, 804 Potomac Ridge Court, Herndon: referenced a member petition and reported having access to organizational communications revoked.

- Aria Vanchose, address not provided: requested that the Town consider revoking HYS permits until a fair and transparent board election is held.

- Mark Lagoa, 12809 Fantasia Drive, Herndon: requested that the Town consider revoking HYS permits until the concerns were addressed.

- Ryan Turpyn, 808 Monroe Street, Herndon: asked whether the Town would consider establishing governance and financial accountability standards for organizations using Town resources.

- Victoria MacGruder, 1553 Brownsville Drive, Herndon: referenced an incident where she stated she was asked to sign a nondisclosure agreement when seeking a board nomination and requested that the Town examine its relationship with HYS.

The following individuals expressed concerns regarding the Town's use of Flock Safety cameras, including privacy, cybersecurity, data collection, and transparency. Several requested that the Town terminate or not renew its contract and remove the cameras:

- Josif Ezekilov, 12919 Alton Square, Herndon: requested that the Town terminate its contract with Flock Safety.

- Victoria Baker, 902 Park Avenue, Herndon: stated that the cameras raised privacy concerns for residents and their families and expressed opposition to their continued use in the Town.

- Ibrahim Keita, 703 Tamarack Way, Herndon: questioned the cameras' effectiveness following a vehicle break-in and requested termination of the contract.

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- Meron Yohannes, 703 Tamarack Way, Herndon - Vice Chair of the Planning Commission: requested that the Town consider suspending or terminating the contract.

- Sabrina Bruce, 11859 Dogwood Court, Herndon: understood that the contract may expire in November and encouraged the Town to consider alternatives that would maintain local control of collected data.

- Katie Andrew, 12869 Graypine Place, Herndon: requested that the Town not renew the contract or expand its use of license plate readers.

- Yasmin Shafiq, 937 Longfellow Court, Herndon: requested that the Town terminate the contract and remove the cameras.

- Elsa Yohannes, 915 Branch Drive, Herndon: requested that the Town discontinue use of the cameras and not renew the contract.

The following individuals expressed concerns regarding changes to refuse collection at Herndon Park Station, and requested the Town's assistance in resolving the matter and restoring the previous collection service:

- Denise Booth, 892 Station Street, Herndon: questioned the classification of the private drive as a pipestem and requested assistance resolving denied Backyard Collection Program applications. She also requested a staff response regarding safety and liability concerns associated with the alley.

- Qunfen Yan, 801 Park Avenue, Herndon: questioned the classification of the private drive as a pipestem, and requested assistance resolving the denied Backyard Collection Program applications. She requested that the email denying her application be entered into the record for the following week's meeting.

- Dianne Mayfield, 819 Monroe Street, Herndon: questioned the consistency of the Backyard Collection Program application process and requested a lasting resolution with the Town relative to the trash collection.

5. Consent

a. Ordinance 26-O-23 to amend Chapter 30 (Finance and Taxation), Article IX (Meals Tax), Section 30-403 (Report of Collections and Remittance of Tax) and Section 30-407 (Violations; Liability of Officers; Penalties and Interest) to clarify due dates, payment deadlines and current practices for penalties and interest calculation

On motion of Vice Mayor Hedrick, 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.

b. Resolution 26-G-58 to approve and authorize the submission of an application to the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development for Exploring Main Street status

c. Resolution 26-G-59 to appoint a member to the Architectural and Historic District Review Boards

d. Approval of the September 8, 2026, Town Council Work Session Minutes

e. Approval of the September 22, 2026, Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes

f. Approval of the September 29, 2026, Town Council Closed Meeting — Special Meeting Minutes

6. <u>Closed Meeting</u>

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, regarding an employment law matter

b. 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 regarding taxation

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 Conference Room at the Herndon Police Department, 397 Herndon Parkway, Herndon.

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

1. Section 2.2-3711(A)(8), consultation with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel, regarding an employment law matter; and
2. Section 2.2-3711(A)(8), consultation with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel, regarding taxation.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Garcia, 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.

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At 8:09 p.m., Mayor LeBlanc called a brief recess, and at 8:20 p.m. the Council reconvened and entered closed meeting at that time in the Conference Room; six members were present, with Mayor LeBlanc presiding.

Councilmember Garcia moved to come out of the closed meeting. Motion seconded by Councilmember del Aguila, 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.

The Council came out of a closed meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Councilmember del Aguila 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, 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.

Aye: 6
Nay: 0
Absent: 1

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor LeBlanc adjourned the October 27, 2026, Town Council Regular Meeting at 8:51 p.m.

Amanda 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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