TOWN OF Herndon VIRGINIA

HERNDON TOWN COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 10, 2025

1. Call to Order

Mayor LeBlanc called the June 10, 2025, 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, 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; Scott Robinson, Acting Deputy Town Manager; Chief Steven Pihonak, Herndon Police Department; Brent Heavner, Chief Communications Officer; Bob Williams, Director of Parks and Recreation; John Irish, Acting Director of Public Works; 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 six Councilmembers present. Councilmember Alam was absent.

Mayor Announcements

Mayor LeBlanc stated that following tonight's regular meeting, the Town Council will hold a work session meeting in the Hoover Conference Room. The work session will be recorded and live-streamed. The public is welcome to attend this work session. However, there are no public comments during work sessions.

Mayor LeBlanc provided information on upcoming events, including: (1) Summer Doubles Pickleball Tournament at Bready Park on Saturday, June 14, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.; (2) Town Square Tuesdays starting on Tuesday, June 17, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.; (3) Play All Day VA on Friday, June 20, with Parks and Recreation; and (4) annual July 4th celebration and fireworks at Bready Park, 6:30 p.m. More information is available on the Town's website.

DRAFT

Mayor LeBlanc stated that Town offices will be closed on Thursday, June 19, in observance of Juneteenth; and on Friday, July 4, for Independence Day. He stated that the next Town Council meeting is a work session on Tuesday, July 8, followed by a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 15, and that the schedule is posted on the website calendar and public portal.

3. Presentations/Reports/Comments

a. Proclamation to recognize Juneteenth Day

Mayor LeBlanc recognized Councilmember Reyes to read the proclamation into the record.

b. Proclamation to recognize LGBTQ+ Pride Month, June 2025

Mayor LeBlanc read the proclamation into the record.

c. Proclamation to recognize National Parks and Recreation Month, July 2025

Mayor LeBlanc recognized Councilmember Garcia to read the proclamation into the record.

Amend the Agenda – Proclamation, to recognize Elden the Bear Day, June 9, 2025

Mayor LeBlanc advised the Town Clerk that he had another proclamation to add to the agenda, which was a mayoral proclamation to recognize "Elden the Bear Day," June 9, 2025. He read the proclamation and asked the Town Clerk to enter it 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.

d. Town Manager Report

Kirstyn Barr Jovanovich, Interim Town Manager, stated that work began today on the exterior of the Council chambers, to address long-standing water intrusion issues and improve the building's appearance and resilience.

Ms. Jovanovich recognized Parks and Recreation staff for their work gearing up for the start of the summer camp season, and praised the strong participation this year of over 1,200 participants registered for summer programs.

Ms. Jovanovich thanked Chief Pihonak and the Herndon Police Department (HPD) for their calm and coordinated response to managing and assisting in the

DRAFT

relocation of the bear that was in Town yesterday.

e. Councilmember Comments

Councilmember del Aguila: stated he was thankful for the proclamations that evening, including the newly added Elden the Bear Day proclamation. He stated he is looking forward to the outdoor activities this summer.

Councilmember Reyes: requested that another proclamation be added next year in June for Men's Health Month, to raise awareness of men's health issues and end the stigma.

Councilmember Garcia: thanked those in the audience who attended for tonight's proclamations. He also thanked HPD, along with animal and wildlife control agencies, for how they handled the incident with the bear.

Councilmember Lloyd: echoed his fellow Councilmembers' comments about staff's response to the incident with the bear.

Vice Mayor Hedrick: echoed his fellow Councilmembers' comments about staff's response to the incident with the bear. He acknowledged the upcoming 250th anniversary of the U.S. Army on June 14.

Mayor LeBlanc: echoed his fellow Councilmembers' comments about staff's response to the incident with the bear.

Mayor LeBlanc stated that the Herndon Youth Advisory Committee (HYAC) held their last meeting of the term on Thursday, June 5. He thanked Vice Mayor Hedrick and Councilmember Garcia for their work with this group. He congratulated all the members that participated this year, especially two graduating seniors: Joe Aksu and Ethan Fabro. He stated that comments and feedback from the HYAC will be compiled for the Town Council and shared at an upcoming work session.

Mayor LeBlanc provided comments about the Proclamation to recognize Juneteenth Day, and stated that author and Herndon Historical Society Historian, Barbara Glakas, is giving a talk on “African American Life in Early Herndon” on Saturday, June 21. He stated that information is available on the Herndon Historical Society’s website.

Mayor LeBlanc provided comments on the Proclamation to recognize Parks and Recreation Month, stating that he is thankful for all the department does.

Mayor LeBlanc provided comments on the Proclamation to recognize LGBTQ+ Month. He stated that he wanted every resident to know that his door is open, and that his office is a safe place for all people, no matter who they are or who they

DRAFT

love.

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:

- Barbara Glakas, 935 Barton Oaks Place, Herndon: provided comments about the upcoming Juneteenth Event on Saturday, June 21, at Arts Herndon.
- Jay Hadlock, 515 Alabama Drive, Herndon: provided comments and thanked HPD and Virginia Wildlife Resources for their response to the bear incident.
- Charles Hall, 12398 Brown Fox Way, Reston: stated he was representing Dulles Triangles that evening in support of the Proclamation to recognize LGBTQ+ Pride Month.

5. Consent

a. Approval of Minutes

i. March 11, 2025, Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes

ii. March 18, 2025, Town Council Work Session Minutes

iii. March 25, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes

iv. April 1, 2025, Town Council Work Session Minutes

On the motion of Councilmember Reyes, seconded by Councilmember del Aguila, 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 and Mayor LeBlanc voting "Aye." Councilmember Alam was absent.

Recess

At 7:36 p.m. Mayor LeBlanc called a brief recess, and at 7:45 p.m., the Town Council Work session convened, with all members present except for Councilmember Alam who was absent, and Mayor LeBlanc presiding.

6. Work Session

a. Briefing on Chestnut Grove Cemetery Development

DRAFT

Mayor LeBlanc recognized John Irish, Acting Director of Public Works, who presented the staff report on the development of Chestnut Grove Cemetery. Mr. Irish reviewed project timeline, noting that the project initially began as an update to the Cemetery Master Plan that came before the Town Council in January 2024. He explained that the prior Town Council directed staff to address feedback received from the public related to stormwater management, buffer zones, and the loss of trees and vegetation. Mr. Irish stated those concerns were addressed in a 30 percent design plan that was recently presented to the public, which received largely positive feedback.

Mr. Irish outlined the changes that were implemented in the Master Plan redesign, which included: (1) enhanced stormwater retention and detention facilities; (2) expanded buffer zone; (3) increased tree preservation; (4) visual and grading enhancements to improve visual separation between the cemetery and the adjacent properties; and (5) additional burial space, to include more space for cremation sites.

There was discussion between the Council and staff on this item, including: (1) specifics of buffer zone; (2) number of burial sites; (3) stormwater facility impact on neighboring properties; (4) preservation of mature trees; and (5) perpetual care of cemetery in the future.

Vice Mayor Hedrick requested additional information from staff regarding the financial provisions and Town Code requirements related to perpetual care of the cemetery.

b. Roundtable

Councilmember del Aguila: discussed the following topics: (1) electric vehicle (EV) charging stations at Herndon Municipal Center (HMC); (2) Streetery outdoor dining program end date for 2025; (3) Que Pasa event funding; and (4) existing community event donation policies.

Mayor LeBlanc received consensus from the Council to turn off the electricity at the EV charging stations at HMC, and add signage when a new vendor contract is in place for the charging stations.

Mayor LeBlanc requested that the Council and staff discuss community donations and policies at the next Work Session.

Councilmember del Aguila requested that Bob Williams, Director of Parks and Recreation, reach out to Que Pasa about their plans for an event.

Councilmember Lloyd: no comments.

Councilmember Reyes: stated he had received complaints from Worldgate

DRAFT

residents about safety, and requested that Chief Pihonak provide an update at an upcoming work session.
Councilmember Garcia: requested that the Council and staff discuss a back-to-school drive hosted by the Town at an upcoming work session.

Mayor LeBlanc stated that there were several organizations planning to hold back-to-school drives in the community. He indicated that he would share that information with Councilmember Garcia.

Vice Mayor Hedrick: provided an update from the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority Planning Coordination Advisory Committee (NVTA-PCAC) session he attended, stating that the committee has a plan for rapid bus transit in the area that will go through Herndon. However, there is not a station planned within the Town yet, and he would like to gauge the Council's interest in pursuing a stop on this route.

Mayor LeBlanc requested that the Council and staff discuss rapid bus transit at a future work session.

Mayor LeBlanc: no comments.

Kirstyn Jovanovich, Interim Town Manager: no comments.

7. Closed Meeting

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 real estate in the downtown

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 real estate in the downtown. Councilmember Reyes seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous roll call vote. The vote was: Councilmembers del Aguila, Garcia, Lloyd, Reyes, Vice Mayor Hedrick and Mayor LeBlanc voting “Aye.” Councilmember Alam was absent.

At 8:31 p.m. Mayor LeBlanc closed the work session, and at 8:33 p.m., the closed meeting reconvened in the Hoover Conference Room, with all members present

DRAFT

except for Councilmember Alam who was absent, and Mayor LeBlanc presiding.

Councilmember Garcia moved to come out of the closed meeting. Motion seconded by Councilmember del Aguila and carried by unanimous roll call vote. The vote was: Councilmembers del Aguila, Garcia, Lloyd, Reyes, Vice Mayor Hedrick and Mayor LeBlanc voting “Aye.” Councilmember Alam was absent.

The Council came out of closed meeting at 9:06 p.m.

Councilmember Lloyd 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 Reyes and carried by unanimous roll call vote. The vote was: Councilmembers del Aguila, Garcia, Lloyd, Reyes, Vice Mayor Hedrick and Mayor LeBlanc voting “Aye.” Councilmember Alam was absent.

Aye: 6
Nay: 0
Absent: 1

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor LeBlanc adjourned the June 10, 2025, Town Council regular meeting at 9:07 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.]

DRAFT