TOWN OF Herndon VIRGINIA

HERNDON TOWN COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 14, 2025

1. Call to Order

Mayor LeBlanc called the January 14, 2025, Town Council regular 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 Naila Alam, Cesar del Aguila, Kelvin Garcia, Michael T. Lloyd, and Alex Reyes.

Staff present during the meeting: Christopher Martino, Interim Town Manager; Kirstyn Barr Jovanovich and Scott Robinson, Acting Deputy Town Managers; Chief Maggie DeBoard, Herndon Police Department; Lisa Gilleran, Director of Community Development; and Amanda Kertz, Acting 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 all Councilmembers present.

Mayor Announcements

Mayor LeBlanc stated that Town offices and the Herndon Community Center are closed on Monday, January 20, 2025, in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day holiday. He stated that recycling normally collected on Monday, January 20, will be collected on Tuesday, January 21 instead.

3. Presentations/Reports/Comments

a. Proclamation to recognize Herndon Town Incorporation Day, January 14, 2025

Mayor LeBlanc stated that it was his honor to read the Proclamation to Recognize Herndon Town Incorporation Day on January 14, 2025, into the record.

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

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b. Town Manager Report

Christopher Martino, Interim Town Manager, recognized Scott Robinson, Acting Deputy Town Manager, to provide updates on the Herndon Elementary School project and 641 Nash Street, which Mayor LeBlanc requested at last week's work session.

Herndon Elementary School

Mr. Robinson stated that the Town is reviewing the project's site plan and building permits. He provided an update on the status of the easements that are required for the site plan review to be completed. He stated that once the site plan and building permits were completed, Herndon Elementary School would be able to proceed with the project.

641 Nash Street

Mr. Robinson stated that the site plan for this project was approved in November 2024. He stated that a revised building plan was submitted for review, but was not approved yet. Additionally, a demolition permit was submitted for review and had not yet been approved, because the homeowner needed to verify that all utilities had been cut off for safety.

Mr. Martino stated there were no additional comments.

c. Councilmember Comments

Councilmember Alam: stated that she is excited to serve on the Town Council for another term. She thanked her neighbors who helped shovel her driveway during the recent snowstorm. She announced that Muslim Day would be celebrated in Richmond on January 22, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., for those interested in attending.

Councilmember Garcia: echoed Councilmember Alam’s comments regarding the honor of serving on the Town Council.

Councilmember Lloyd: echoed his colleagues’ comments and shared his thanks for the opportunity to serve on Council.

Councilmember del Aguila: stated he attended a branding workshop with Mayor LeBlanc, and that he is excited to reveal the progress made on the Town's brand. He encouraged the public to attend the next work session for an update and welcomed the new councilmembers.

Councilmember Reyes: echoed his colleagues’ comments regarding serving on the Town Council.

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Vice Mayor Hedrick: thanked those in the audience for attending that evening. He also thanked the residents, and the Council, for the honor of nominating him to serve as Vice Mayor.

Vice Mayor Hedrick expressed his sympathy, as a native Californian, for those in California who were impacted by the recent fires. He emphasized the importance of strong emergency response and natural resource management in Herndon.

Mayor LeBlanc: thanked those who attended the 2025-2026 Town Council Swearing-In and Oath of Office on Tuesday, January 7. He thanked the organizations and businesses who brought in artifacts from Herndon's history for the table display during that event. He stated he is looking forward to a collaborative and progressive Council for the upcoming term.

Mayor LeBlanc provided comments about the proclamation to recognize Herndon Day, January 14, 2025, and echoed Councilmember del Aguila's comments on the Town branding effort.

4. Comments from the Audience

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

- William Campenni, 1104 Iron Ridge Court, Herndon: provided comments on the Proclamation to recognize Herndon Day and welcomed the new Town Council. He also provided comments on considering Herndon to be a city rather than a town.

- Alexander Burke, 910 Jorrs Place, Herndon: asked for the Town Council's views regarding a Fairfax County Times Newspaper article dated December 20, 2024.

- Barbara Glakas, 935 Barton Oaks Place, Herndon: representing the Herndon Fortnightly Club, thanked the Town Council for presenting the club with the Proclamation to recognize Herndon Day prior to the start of the meeting. She provided an overview of the club's history and its various initiatives.

- Newt Salamander, 2272 Astoria Circle, Apartment 104, Herndon: discussed the negative impacts of corporate development projects on natural ecosystems and housing prices, and asked the Town Council to protect Herndon.

- Susan Powell, 419 Madison Forest Drive, Herndon: welcomed the new Town Council, and discussed the importance of the Council prioritizing unity in the Town.

- Spencer Fink, 221 Astoria Circle, Herndon: provided comments about the importance of preserving Herndon's trees.

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5. Consent

a. Resolution 25-G-05 to award Contract IFB 25-02, Bulk Curbside Trash Collection Service - Resolicit

b. Resolution 25-G-06 to award contract IFB B-25-03, Herndon Centennial Golf Course Tee Renovation - Resolicit

On motion of Councilmember del Aguila, seconded by Vice Mayor Kedrick, the Consent Agenda items were approved and carried by unanimous roll call vote, as presented, without comment. The vote was: Councilmembers Alam, del Aguila, Garcia, Lloyd, Reyes, Vice Mayor Hedrick, and Mayor LeBlanc voting " Aye."

6. 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 the Transit Related Growth Area (TRG)

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.

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), for consultation with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters requiring provision of legal advice by such counsel, related to the Transit Related Growth Area (TRG). Vice Mayor Hedrick seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous roll call vote. The vote was: Councilmembers Alam, del Aguila, Garcia, Lloyd, Reyes, Vice Mayor Hedrick, and Mayor LeBlanc voting "Aye."

At 7:32 p.m. Mayor LeBlanc called a brief recess, and at 7:40 p.m., the closed meeting reconvened in the Hoover Conference Room, all members present, with Mayor LeBlanc presiding.

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

The Council came out of the closed meeting at 8:46 p.m.

Councilmember Garcia 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

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

Aye: 7
Nay: 0
Absent: 0

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor LeBlanc adjourned the January 14, 2025, Town Council regular meeting at 8:47 p.m.

Amanda E.M. Kertz
Acting Town Clerk

Minutes approved by Town Council : _____

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