TOWN OF Herndon VIRGINIA

**HERNDON TOWN COUNCIL**
**Regular Meeting Minutes**
**Tuesday, February 25, 2025**

## 1. Call to Order

Mayor LeBlanc called the February 25, 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; Lesa Yeatts, Town Attorney; Kirstyn Barr Jovanovich and Scott Robinson, Acting Deputy Town Managers; Captain Steven Pihonak, Acting Chief of Police, Herndon Police Department; Lisa Gilleran, Director of Community Development; Anne Papa, chief Communications Officer; David Stromberg, Zoning Administrator; Lieutenant Charles Finley, Herndon Police Department; Senior Police Officer Anthony DePoto, Herndon Police Department; and Margie Tacci, Acting Chief Deputy Town Clerk.

## 2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

Mayor LeBlanc welcomed forward the Boy Scouts from Webelos Den 2 with Pack 913, from St. Joseph Catholic Church, who were learning about government leaders in their community. They 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 announced an upcoming "Friends Coffee House Trivia Night" at Herndon Community Center on March 7 at 6:00 p.m. More information and registration for the event can be located on the Town website.

Mayor LeBlanc noted that applications are open to nominate neighbors and peers for the Mayor's Volunteers Appreciation event that will be held on Sunday, April 27 at the Herndon Community Center. The deadline to submit applications is Monday, March 10, and anyone being nominated should have volunteered at least 100 hours in the Town of Herndon.

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Mayor LeBlanc stated that on February 26 at 7:00 p.m. at the Depot, the Herndon Historical Society will host a Black History Month presentation about Henry Simms.

Mayor LeBlanc stated that the Depot Museum would be reopening for spring starting Sundays on March 2, from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

## 3. Presentations/Reports/Comments

### a. Proclamation to recognize Black History Month (rescheduled from February 11, 2025)

Mayor LeBlanc read the Proclamation to Recognize Black History Month into the record. He 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

Christopher Martino, Interim Town Manager, shared that a link to Fairfax County's employment information to assist federal workers who may be impacted by recent federal job cuts will be included on the Town's website and social media pages.

### c. Councilmember Comments

Councilmember del Aguila: asked the Council to consider a work session discussion item regarding Virginia SB433, a photo speed enforcement bill, to discuss how it will be deployed in the Town.

Councilmember Reyes: thanked the Boy Scouts from Webelos Den 2 with Pack 913 for attending, and for all of their great questions during their meeting with several Councilmembers prior to the regular meeting.

Councilmember Alam: echoed her Councilmember Reyes' comments thanking the Boy Scouts.

Councilmember Garcia: echoed his fellow Councilmembers' comments thanking the Boy Scouts. He also thanked Herndon Police Department for attending the meeting that evening.

Councilmember Lloyd: echoed his fellow Councilmembers' comments thanking the Boy Scouts. He stated his concerns over the uncertainty happening in Washington, and how it is impacting residents of Town of Herndon.

Vice Mayor Hedrick: echoed his fellow Councilmembers' comments thanking the Boy Scouts.

Mayor LeBlanc: echoed his fellow Councilmembers' comments thanking the Boy

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Scouts for attending that evening.

Mayor LeBlanc echoed Councilmember Lloyd's comments about uncertainty in Washington, DC, and stated that the Mayors and Chairs group with the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) have been meeting with congressional individuals to assess how they can better help impacted federal workers.

Mayor LeBlanc stated that last night he met with Opportunity Neighborhoods, and had great discussions on how to help 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 provided comments about federal employees:

- Karl Haase, 637 Wood Street, Herndon.
- Bessie Denton, 496 Virginia Avenue, Herndon: also requested the Town to reintroduce the following: (1) Community Roundtables; (2) Police Citizens Academy; (3) Coffee With A Cop; and (4) and Police ride-along program.
- Ann Vayda, 631 Oak Street, Herndon: also requested the Town seek diversity on all boards and commissions.
- Walter Shorter, Early Fall Court, Herndon: also thanked Mayor LeBlanc for his communication and support.

The following individuals provided comments on various topics:

- Jim Culdrip, 2513 James Madison Circle, Herndon: representing the Historical Society, wished everyone a Happy New Year, and extended an invitation to attend the open house on Sunday, March 2, at the Herndon Depot. He thanked the Town for its support, and highlighted the organization's accomplishments from 2024.

**5. Consent**

**a. Resolution 25-G-16 to appoint members to the Town Council's Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee (rescheduled from February 11, 2025)**

**b. Resolution 25-G-17 to reappoint members to the Historic District Review Board and the Architectural Review Board/Historic District Review Board (rescheduled from February 11, 2025)**

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**c. Resolution 25-G-18 to appoint a member to the Board of Zoning Appeals (rescheduled from February 11, 2025)**

**d. Resolution 25-G-19 to initiate consideration of a Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment ZOTA #25-03 to amend Chapter 78 (ZONING) to update specific standards in the Warehousing use category and allow certain Warehousing uses as a special exception**

**e. October 1, 2024 Town Council Work Session Minutes (rescheduled from February 11, 2025)**

**f. October 8, 2024 Town Council Meeting Minutes (rescheduled from February 11, 2025)**

**g. January 24 to January 25, 2025 Town Council Retreat Meeting Minutes**

Mayor LeBlanc stated that the Consent Agenda items were rescheduled from the February 11, 2025 meeting that was canceled due to inclement weather.

On motion by Councilmember del Aguila, seconded by Councilmember Reyes, the Consent Agenda items were approved and carried by a 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. <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, relating to real estate in the downtown**

**b. A closed meeting pursuant to the Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711 (A) (19) for a briefing on cyber and physical security**

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:

a. 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: and

b. Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711 (A) (19) for a briefing on cyber and physical security.

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Councilmember Garcia 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 7:29 p.m. Mayor LeBlanc called a brief recess, and at 7:37 p.m. the closed meeting reconvened in the Hoover Conference Room, all members present, with Mayor LeBlanc presiding.

At 8:18 p.m. Mayor LeBlanc called a brief recess, and at 8:27 p.m. the closed meeting reconvened in the Herndon Council Chambers, all members present, with Mayor LeBlanc presiding.

Vice Mayor Hedrick 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 closed meeting at 9:08 p.m.

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: 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 February 25, 2025 Town Council regular meeting at 9:10 p.m.

**Amanda E.M. Kertz**
**Acting Town Clerk**

Minutes approved by Town Council : _____

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