TOWN OF Herndon VIRGINIA

HERNDON TOWN COUNCIL
Work Session Minutes
Tuesday, March 4, 2025

1. Call to Order

Mayor LeBlanc called the March 4, 2025, Town Council work session 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 [arrived at 7:04 p.m.]; 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 Acting Deputy Town Manager; Page Kalapasev, Director of Information Technology; Tanya Kendrick, Director of Human Resources; Acting Chief of Police, Steve Pihonak, Herndon Police Department; Lieutenant Justin Dyer, Herndon Police Department; Dave Bracamonte, Systems Manager; and Margie Tacci, Acting Chief Deputy Town Clerk.

Determination of a Quorum

Mayor LeBlanc determined there was a quorum of six Councilmembers present, with Vice Mayor Hedrick having not yet arrived.

Mayor Announcements

Mayor LeBlanc asked for Council's concurrence to amend the agenda, to change the order of the closed meeting topics so that item closed meeting item 3(b) would be held before item 3(a). With the concurrence of Council, the agenda was so amended.

[Note: Vice Mayor Hedrick arrived at 7:04 p.m.]

Staff Comments

Ms. Yeatts reported that in response questions from Councilmember del Aguila at the previous meeting, she had reviewed recent legislation passed by the Virginia General Assembly regarding speed safety cameras. She stated that the bill is currently under review by Governor Youngkin, and pending his signature, the legislation, along with others, would go into effect on July 1, 2025. She stated that a full legislative update will be provided once the Governor's actions are finalized. Ms. Yeatts gave an overview of the speed camera bill, noting that the Herndon

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Police Department is in contact with vendors and other localities to understand best practices and implementation methods.

There was brief discussion among the Council and staff regarding the bill, including: (1) potential use and location of speed cameras; (2) criteria for issuing violations based on distance; the police department is currently reviewing; (3) funding for the cameras in future budgets if the legislation is signed; (4) dual benefit of enhancing safety and generating revenue through enforcement; and (5) review of relevant code amendments as part of the Town Attorney's planned legislative update.

2. Roundtable

Councilmember Reyes: no comments.

Vice Mayor Hedrick: no comments.

Councilmember del Aguila: provided comments on the following:

ICE Raid Concerns:
Councilmember del Aguila expressed concerns conveyed by the community about ICE raids, indicating his understanding that residents feel intimidated and confused. He suggested that the Town issue a brief message to reassure the community.

Arts Herndon:
Councilmember del Aguila requested clarity on the status of the Arts Herndon building, asking what options are available for their use for the Town-renovated space at 397 Herndon Parkway.

Lesa Yeatts, Town Attorney, stated that she has spoken what the chair/legal counsel for Arts Herndon and confirmed that their lease terminates on March 31, 2025. The Town has made it clear that the 397 Herndon Parkway property is available for ArtSpace operations at that time.

Mayor LeBlanc added that if Arts Herndon chooses not to use the space, the Town may decide to repurpose it.

Cycling Event:
Councilmember del Aguila requested a meeting or update regarding a requested cycling event in Herndon.

Councilmember Alam: shared that March 1 marked the first day of fasting in observance of Ramadan. She stated that she may briefly step away from the dais during meetings to fast and pray.

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Councilmember Alam reported attending a meeting with Senator Mark Warner.

Councilmember Alam also raised concerns about the dangerous left-turn lane in front of H-Mart, requesting a review the situation. Additionally, she noted that she heard about issues with nonprofits being unable to renew business licenses. She stated that she would provide more information to the Town Manager on these matters.

Councilmember Garcia: stated that he and Councilmember del Aguila were handing out red cards and thought it would be nice to distribute the cards more widely. He thought that more could be done to bring the community together.

Councilmember Garcia expressed excitement about serving as the Council liaison to the Herndon Youth Advisory Committee (HYAC).

Councilmember Lloyd: no comments.

Mayor LeBlanc: announced that the Herndon Depot Museum is now open on Sundays. He stated he looks forward to being active in the community and working collaboratively with Council and staff.

Christopher Martino, Interim Town Manager: no comments.

3. Closed Meeting

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

b. A closed meeting pursuant to the Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711(A)(1), a personnel matter involving discussion of prospective candidates for the position of Town Manager [note the agenda was amended earlier in the meeting to hold this closed meeting second.]

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)(19) for a briefing on cyber security; and Section 2.2-3711(A)(1), a personnel matter involving discussion of prospective candidates for the position of Town Manager. Councilmember Reyes seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous roll call vote. The vote was: Councilmembers Alam, del Aguila, Garcia, Lloyd, Reyes, Vice

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Mayor Hedrick and Mayor LeBlanc voting "Aye."

At 7:20 p.m., Mayor LeBlanc called a brief recess, and at 7:25 p.m., the closed meeting reconvened in the Hoover Conference Room, all members present, with Mayor LeBlanc presiding.

Councilmember Garcia 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 10:03 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

4. <u>Adjournment</u>

There being no further business, Mayor LeBlanc adjourned the March 4, 2025 Town Council work session at 10:04 p.m.

Amanda E.M. Kertz
Acting Town Clerk

Minutes approved by Town Council : _____

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