PURCELLVILLE TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2021, 7:00 PM VIRTUAL

For the safety of our citizens, Council members and staff, this Town Council Meeting was virtually held via GoTo Meeting only. Meeting recording can be found at the following link: https://purcellvilleva.new.swagit.com/videos/136336

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT REMOTELY:

Kwasi Fraser, Mayor Christopher Bertaut, Vice Mayor Mary Jane Williams, Council Member Tip Stinnette, Council Member Stan Milan, Council Member Joel Grewe, Council Member

STAFF PRESENT REMOTELY:

David Mekarski, Town Manager Sally Hankins, Town Attorney Diana Hays, Town Clerk/Executive Assistant

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Fraser called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

CITIZEN/BUSINESS COMMENTS:

None

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS:

a. Feedback from Public Hearing: Special Election to Fill Vacancy on Town Council & Permanent Change in Polling Place for Town Elections

Sally Hankins, Town Attorney, gave the presentation confirming no public comments pertaining to the public hearing on this item had been received and read the Ordinance 21-09-01 into the record.

ACTION ITEM(S)

a. Proposed Ordinance Special Election to Fill Vacancy on Town Council & Permanent Change in Polling Place for Town Elections Appointment of Applicant to Town Council Vacancy

Council member Grewe made the motion that the Purcellville Town Council adopt ordinance number 21-09-01 as presented at the September 1, 2021 meeting to amend the voting precincts and polling locations for Town Council elections.

(Carried: 6-0-0 absent, Grewe: Aye, Bertaut: Aye, Stinnette: Aye, Williams: Aye, Milan: Aye, Fraser: Aye)

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Council member Milan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 PM.

Kwasi Fraser, Mayor

Kimberly Bandy, Deputy Town Clerk

Mayor Kwasi A. Fraser



Town Manager David A. Mekarski

Council
Christopher Bertaut
Joel D. Grewe
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TOWN OF PURCELLVILLE
IN

LOUDOUN COUNTY, VIRGINIA

ORDINANCE NO. 21-09-01

PRESENTED: SEPTEMBER 1, 2021
ADOPTED: SEPTEMBER 1, 2021

AN ORDINANCE: TO AMEND THE VOTING PRECINCTS AND POLLING LOCATIONS FOR TOWN COUNCIL ELECTIONS

WHEREAS, Theodore ("Ted") Greenly was elected to the office of Town Council for a term commencing July 1, 2018, and terminating June 30, 2022. Council Member Greenly resigned his office effective May 31, 2021, resulting in a vacancy on Town Council; and

WHEREAS, the Circuit Court for the County of Loudoun ordered that a special election be held on November 2, 2021, to fill the vacancy left by Council Member Greenly. This date coincides with the next state-wide general election; and

WHEREAS, while the precincts and polling places for county, state, and federal elections are established by counties, the precincts and polling places for town elections are established by the Town's governing body. This has resulted in some Town residents going to a different polling place for local elections, than for county, state, and federal elections; and

WHEREAS, this difference in polling places has historically been unimportant, because Town elections have been held in May of even years, while county, state, and federal elections are held in November. However, because the Town's November 2, 2021 special election will occur on the same day as the state general election, and because the Town's local elections will thereafter continue to be held concurrent with general elections in November (as a result of recent

state legislation), the Town Council desires to amend the Town's precincts and polling places to be coterminous with Loudoun County's precincts and polling places; and

WHEREAS, Loudoun County has established two precincts within the Town of Purcellville for elections: Precinct 301 and Precinct 310, with the polling place for Precinct 301 located at Emerick Elementary School, and the polling place for Precinct 310 located at Mountain View Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on July 13, 2021, the Town Council publicly initiated this ordinance to amend the precinct boundaries and polling places for Town elections, and commenced a 45-day public comment period on the proposed changes. The 45-day public comment period expired on August 27, 2021, during which time no public comment was received by the Town; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on July 27, 2021, the Town Council conducted an advertised public hearing to receive public input on the proposed precinct and polling place changes, and no public comment was received at this public hearing.

NOW THEREFORE, in order that Town residents may cast their ballots at a single polling location for elections at all levels of government, the Town Council of the Town of Purcellville, Virginia does hereby ordain the following:

1. That Town Code Section 30-1 be amended to delete the strikethrough text and to add the underlined text, as follows:

Chapter 30 - ELECTIONS

Sec. 30-1. - Designation of polling place.

The town council does hereby designate Emerick Elementary School at 440 S. Nursery Avenue, Purcellville, Virginia, as the polling place for town elections.

Sec. 30-1. - Designation of Precincts and Polling Place.

There shall be two voting precincts within the Town of Purcellville for all Town Council elections, which precincts shall be coterminous with Loudoun County precincts 310 and

301. The polling place for Precinct 301 shall be Emerick Elementary School, located at 440 S. Nursery Avenue, Purcellville, Virginia, and the polling place for Precinct 310 shall be Mountain View Elementary School, located at 36803 Allder School Road. Purcellville, Virginia.

2. This ordinance shall be effective October 1, 2021.

PASSED THIS 1st DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2021.

Kwasi A. Fraser, Mayor Town of Purcellville

ATTEST:

Diana Hays, Town Clerk

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