

MINUTES
PURCELLVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2022, 7:00 PM
TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Meeting recording can be found at the following link: <https://purcellvilleva.new.swagit.com/videos/155038>

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kwasi Fraser, Mayor
Tip Stinnette, Council Member
Stan Milan, Council Member
Joel Grewe, Council Member
Mary Jane Williams, Council Member (participated remotely due to medical excuse)
Erin Rayner, Council Member

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Christopher Bertaut, Vice Mayor

STAFF PRESENT:

David Mekarski, Town Manager
Sally Hankins, Town Attorney
Hooper McCann, Director of Administration
Chief Cynthia McAlister, Police Department
Jason Didawick, Director of Public Works
Don Dooley, Director of Planning and Economic Development
Diana Hays, Town Clerk/Executive Assistant
Kimberly Bandy, Deputy Town of Clerk

STAFF REMOTE:

Elizabeth Krens, Director of Finance

CALL TO ORDER:

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

AMENDMENTS:

Mayor Fraser amended the agenda with an addition of an update on the Bike Park Project with Michelle Caudill presenting prior to the start of the public hearing. Mayor Fraser also added a discussion regarding Bike and Walk Trail to be placed on the agenda as discussion item 10c.

CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approval of Meeting Minutes – February 8, 2022

Council member Stinnette moved that the Purcellville Town Council approve the meeting minutes from February 8, 2022, as presented in the February 22, 2022 Town Council Meeting Work Session agenda packet.

(Carried: 6-0-1 absent, Grewe: Aye, Bertaut: Absent, Stinnette: Aye, Williams: Aye, Milan: Aye, Rayner: Aye, Fraser: Aye)

DISCUSSION:

a. Update on the Bike Park Project

David Mekarski, Town Manager, gave the report. The original project site had been denied by Virginia Department VDHR. Staff proposed an alternative town owned property adjacent to the water tower on Maple Avenue for the Bike Park to Michelle Caudill and team and was agreed upon. Mayor Fraser along with Council was in support of moving forward on this project.

PUBLIC HEARING

a. HPOZ – Zoning Ordinance Amendment 2021-05 (*New Historic Preservation Overlay Zone, Amendments to the existing Historic Corridor Overlay Zone*)

Mayor Fraser opened the public hearing at 7:10 PM. Chair Forbes, Planning Commission, gave a presentation. There were citizen comments from submitted emails read into the record by Council member Stinnette. There were also comments from citizens attending in person as well as citizens sharing comments in the live chat.

Email/Written:

David L. Eno, 351 East Main Street, in favor
Valerie Cury, resident, in favor
Deuk Yeon, 140 S. 20th Street, opposed
Members of Rainbow Realty, Mr. Yeon's family members, opposed
Toby Rickard, 301 S. Orchard Avenue, opposed
Tom Priscilla, 200 S. Nursery Avenue, opposed
Linda Jackson King 420 S. 12th Street, opposed
Scott Warner 121 South 29th Street, opposed
Della and Rhea Clark 110 North 28th Street, opposed
Shaileen and Keith Backman, in favor

In person:

Jeff Ducharme, 141 S. 29th Street, opposed
Casey Chapman, CaseCo 205 Hirst Road and 141, 151, 161 Hatcher Avenue, opposed
Randall Broadus, 18500 Woodburn Road, (property owner), opposed
Jason Grace, nonresident, opposed
Sheila Carpenter, 520 S. 11th Street, opposed
Mary Bennett, 160 N. Hatcher, in favor
Jim Strayhorne, 330 S. 26th Street, opposed
Beth Visna, 241 W. J Street, in favor
Joseph Gallop, 511 S. 11th Street, opposed
Rebecca Krausman, 221 S. 20th Street, opposed
Gardner, 410 S Nursery Avenue, opposed
Justin Norbo, 441 E. Main Street, opposed
Carol Luke, 320 S. Maple Avenue, in favor.

Chat Session:

Brenda Dowdy, 251 W. F Street, opposed
Jason Dengler, 411 South 32nd Street, in favor
Christa Kermode, 310 E. Main Street, undecided
Magen Morse, 414 East E. Street, in favor
Nathan Cook, resident, opposed

Council member Grewe shared concerns on the approach of this amendment.

Council member Williams and Council member Rayner shared concerns of this amendment as it stands and not in favor.

Council member Stinnette shared he would like more updated information before making a decision on this matter.

Council member Milan is in favor of this amendment.

Mayor Fraser shared that this amendment is based on data and should have more recent data to drive the decision. He shared that he would support this effort with gathering current data of historic assets within the town.

Mayor Fraser closed the public hearing at 8:21 PM.

Sally Hankins, Town Attorney, suggested that the discussion of a new survey be included in an upcoming agenda. Council had consensus on obtaining a new survey and requested that staff research on how to best go about moving forward with possibly a grant opportunity to defer costs.

CITIZEN/BUSINESS COMMENTS

Casey Chapman, CaseCo, 205 Hirst Road, shared comments on the public hearing being a positive experience with the amount of citizens involved and showed appreciation of businesses in town and recognized Valley Energy. He shared that he would like anyone with business interests in the town to be a part of decisions.

Uta Brown, 37883 East Main Street, shared concern on the amount of asphalt parking lots in town and to consider removing said parking and replace with potential businesses.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council members were given 3 minutes for comments.

DISCUSSION/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

a. Update on Hirst Pond

David Mekarski, Town Manager, gave the report and that staff is working with an engineering firm and working with the County for a resolution to the project. Possibly in six months there will be results to have a resolution and then there will be a longer timeline to actually do the project.

b. Update on Carver Center Gate

Chief Cindy McAlister gave the report and found there were no issues of public safety.

c. Bike Trail – Franklin Park to Town of Purcellville

David Mekarski, Town Manager, gave the report and provided an update regarding a letter to Loudoun County Board of Supervisors supporting the request to expedite funding with collaboration with the Town of Round Hill for the trail from Franklin Park to Purcellville. Council made a request that a news release be shared with the public on this letter.

CLOSED MEETING

MOTION TO CONVENE A CLOSED MEETING:

“As authorized under Sections § 2.2-3711(A)(29) and (A)(8) of the Code of Virginia, Council member Grewe moved that the Town Council convene in a closed meeting to discuss the terms of a public contract involving the expenditure of public funds, because discussion in an open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body, and to receive legal advice from the Town Attorney concerning such contract. Specifically, the Town Council will discuss a proposed contract for the construction of a cell tower on public property within the Town.

The following individuals are requested to attend the closed meeting:

- 1) All Town Council members
- 2) David Mekarski, Town Manager
- 3) Sally Hankins, Town Attorney”

(Carried: 6-0-1 absent, Grewe: Aye, Bertaut: Absent, Stinnette: Aye, Williams: Aye, Milan: Aye, Rayner: Aye, Fraser: Aye)

MOTION TO CERTIFY THE CLOSED MEETING:

In accordance with Section § 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia, Council member Grewe moved that the Purcellville Town Council certify to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting by the public body.

(**Carried: 6-0-1 absent**, Grewe: Aye, Bertaut: Absent, Stinnette: Aye, Williams: Aye, Milan: Aye, Rayner: Aye, Fraser: Aye)

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Council member made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:06 PM and unanimously carried 6-0-1.


Kimberly Bandy, Deputy Town Clerk


Kwasi Fraser, Mayor

