

**MINUTES  
PURCELLVILLE TOWN COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2022, 7:00 PM  
TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Meeting video can be found at the following link: <https://purcellvilleva.new.swagit.com/videos/186217>

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Kwasi Fraser, Tip Stinnette, Stan Milan (arrived 7:02 PM), Joel Grewe, Mary Jane Williams Erin Rayner, Vice Mayor Christopher Bertaut (arrived 7:04 PM-remote due to illness)

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** Town Manager David Mekarski, Town Attorney Sally Hankins, Director of Engineering & Development Dale Lehnig (remote), Director of Administration Hooper McCann, Deputy Chief of Police Dave Daily, Director of Public Works Jason Didawick, Division Manager Parks and Recreation Amie Ware, Director of Human Resources Sharon Rauch, Deputy Town Clerk Kimberly Bandy, Town Clerk/Executive Assistant Diana Hays (remote)

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**AGENDA AMENDMENTS:**

Council member Rayner requested Ms. Hankins provide an update on the Google contract as an action item.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Council member Grewe made a motion that the Town Council approve the Consent Agenda items 6a.-c. as presented in the October 11, 2022 Town Council Meeting agenda packet.  
(Carried: 6-0-1 absent, Grewe: Aye, Bertaut: Absent, Stinnette: Aye, Williams: Aye, Milan: Aye, Rayner: Aye, Fraser: Aye)

**PROCLAMATION:**

**Patrick Henry College Earns "A" in Curriculum Study**

Mayor Fraser and Town Council issued the proclamation to Jack Haye.

**PRESENTATION:**

**Reclaimed Water to Energy - Clean Power Revenue and Savings for Purcellville  
Utility Enterprise Company (Alexandria von Hell, CTO, Green Energy Partners)**

Ms. von Hell did not attend the meeting; therefore, no presentation was given.

**STANDING COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, AND BOARD UPDATES:**

Planning Commission (Chair Nan Forbes gave the report)  
Purcellville Arts Council (Council member Williams gave the report.)  
Board of Architectural Review (Council member Rayner gave the report.)  
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (Chair Phil Rohrer gave the report.)  
Economic Development Advisory Committee (Vice Mayor Bertaut gave the report.)  
Tree and Environment Sustainability Committee (Council member Grewe gave the report.)  
Community Policing Advisory Committee (Council member Williams gave the report.)  
Train Station Advisory Board (Mayor Fraser gave the report.)

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

Bill Conover, 811 W. Country Club Drive thanked town staff for taking care of the leaking fluid issue with American Disposal.

Ron Rise, Sr., 401 Rockburn Court spoke about the Rt. 7/690 interchange and the environmental assessment report.

Christine Green, 229 Upper Heyford Place, spoke about the Fields Farm Park project and the proposed survey.

Casey Chapman, 205 Hirst Road CaseCo LLC, talked about EDAC reaching out to businesses, Planning Commission's time spent on the Field's Farm Park project,

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Council member Grewe thanked citizens for their comments, Parks and Rec staff for Celebrate Purcellville and added the Board of Supervisors Finance Committee Meeting is meeting this evening.

Council member Rayner thanked citizens for their comments and the Parks and Rec Advisory Board and Arts Council for their efforts with Celebrate Purcellville.

Council member Stinnette thanked the citizens for their comments and suggested the Mayor's State of the Town Address be noticed as a Town Council Special Meeting. Council member Rayner Agreed.

Council member Williams thanked staff for their assistance with Celebrate Purcellville.

Council member Milan stated he was shocked the Mayor's State of the Town was being noticed as a Special Meeting of Council as it had not in the past and that the County would consider pulling funding from the Town.

Council member Bertaut talked about the recent water main break and timing on replacement, his upcoming meeting at the community gardens, safety services during the Halloween Block Party, the increasing of the vacancy rate in town, four upcoming ribbon cuttings, and the decreasing turnover rate among town staff.

Mayor Fraser thanked the citizens for their comments. Mayor Fraser requested the names from Council member Grewe of who on the Board of Supervisors suggested removing funding from the town (Matt). Mayor Fraser talked about his agenda for the upcoming State of the Town Address.

**ACTION ITEM(S):**

**a. Direction from Council Regarding Fields Farm Park Citizen Survey-Hard Copy vs. Electronic**

David Mekarski summarized the staff report.

Council member Stinnette made a motion that the Town Council direct staff to implement the survey as presented in the staff package from October 11 and distribute via postcards with QR codes to individual addresses in the Mayfair Community.

(Carried: 7-0, Grewe: Aye, Bertaut: Aye, Stinnette: Aye, Williams: Aye, Milan: Aye, Rayner: Aye, Fraser: Aye)

**b. Direction from Council Regarding Planning Commission Vacancy**

David Mekarski summarized the staff report.

Council member Stinnette made a motion that staff take no action on this item at this time and leave the vacancy on the Planning Commission through January 31, 2023.

(Carried: 7-0, Grewe: Aye, Bertaut: Aye, Stinnette: Aye, Williams: Aye, Milan: Aye, Rayner: Aye, Fraser: Aye)

**c. Town Support for Halloween Block Party on Private Property**

Amie Ware talked about the meetings held onsite at the new location and reviewed issues, concerns and solutions associated with the application and site. Major Dailey talked about the locations and safety issues as well as mitigative measures.

Council member Stinnette made a motion that Town Council direct staff to process the Event Permit for the 2022 Halloween Block Party, to be located for the first time on private property at

or near 701 West Main Street, and to condition such Event Permit on safety conditions, as decided by the Town Staff in the interest of the public's safety.

(Carried: 7-0, Grewe: Aye, Bertaut: Aye, Stinnette: Aye, Williams: Aye, Milan: Aye, Rayner: Aye, Fraser: Aye)

**DISCUSSION/INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S):**

**a. Future Town Council Meetings and Agenda Topics**

David Mekarski gave the report.

After discussion, the list of items for the October 25<sup>th</sup> meeting were revised in order to accommodate a lengthy discussion on the Loudoun County Applications.

**b. Update on Google**

Sally Hankins provided the update.

Council member Rayner made a motion that Council authorize the Town Attorney and Director of Information Technology to negotiate with Google, Inc. the terms of a Contract under which the Town would receive free public WiFi from Google, at no cost to the Town, at the following locations:

1. Train Station
2. 21<sup>st</sup> Street
3. Dillon's Woods
4. Fireman's Field
5. Bush Tabernacle
6. Adam's Bike Park
7. Chapman DeMary Trail

And to return the negotiated contract to Town Council for final approval.

A friendly amendment was made by Vice Mayor Bertaut to add the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Apartments. Council member Rayner agreed to the amendment.

(Carried: 5-2, Grewe: Aye, Bertaut: Aye, Stinnette: Aye, Williams: Aye, Milan: Nay, Rayner: Aye, Fraser: Nay)

**CLOSED MEETING:**

Council member Grewe made a motion that, as authorized under Section § 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia, the Town Council convene in a closed meeting for discussion of the performance of an employee of the public body, but only as it relates to redacted portions of a Leadership Analysis Report created by consultant, John Anzivino. The following individuals are requested to

attend the closed meeting:

- All Town Council members
- David Mekarski
- Sharon Rauch
- Sally Hankins

(**Carried: 7-0**, Grewe: Aye, Bertaut: Aye, Stinnette: Aye, Williams: Aye, Milan: Aye, Rayner: Aye, Fraser: Aye)


**MOTION TO CERTIFY THE CLOSED MEETING:**

Council member Grewe made a motion, in accordance with Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia, that the Town Council certify to the best of each member's knowledge; 1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and 2) only such public business matter 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: 7-0**, Grewe: Aye, Bertaut: Aye, Stinnette: Aye, Williams: Aye, Milan: Aye, Rayner: Aye, Fraser: Aye)

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business, Council member Milan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 PM.



Kwasi Fraser, Mayor



Diana Hays, Town Clerk

