

Council Chambers, 25 West Market Street, 7:30 p.m. Mayor Butler presiding.

Council Members Present: Kelly Burk, Thomas Dunn, II, R. Bruce Gemmill, Katie Sheldon Hammler, Suzanne Fox, Marty Martinez and Mayor Butler.

Council Members Absent: Council Member Dunn arrived at 8:21 p.m.

Staff Present: Town Manager Kaj Dentler, Town Attorney Barbara Notar, Deputy Town Manager Keith Markel, Director of Finance and Administrative Services Clark Case, Director of Utilities Amy Wyks, Director of Capital Projects and Public Works Renee Lafollette, Police Chief Vanessa Grigsby, Assistant Town Manager Scott Parker, Library Manager Alexandra Gressitt, Director of Economic Development Marantha Edwards, Information Technology Manager Annie Carlson, Director of Parks and Recreation Rich Williams, Director of Utilities Amy Wyks, Director of Plan Review Bill Ackman, Director of Planning and Zoning Susan Berry Hill, Network Administrator John Callahan, Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation Kate Trask, Lieutenant Jeff Dube, Recreation Superintendent Katey Jackson, Deputy Director of Planning and Zoning Brian Boucher, Public Information Officer Betsy Arnett, Airport Manager Scott Coffman, Human Resources Manager Mark Hauer, Senior Management Analyst Jason Cournoyer, Senior Management Analyst Cole Fazenbaker, Deputy Director of Finance and Administrative Services Lisa Haley, and Clerk of Council Lee Ann Green.

AGENDA

ITEMS

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **INVOCATION** was led by Council Member Gemmill
3. **SALUTE TO THE FLAG** was led by Council Member Fox
4. **ROLL CALL** showing Council Member Dunn absent (arrived at 8:21 p.m.).
5. **MINUTES**
 - a. Budget Work Session Minutes of March 12, 2016
On a motion by Council Member Gemmill, seconded by Council Member Hammler, the budget work session minutes of March 12, 2016 were approved by a vote of 6-0-1 (Dunn absent).
 - b. Work Session Minutes of March 28, 2016
On a motion by Council Member Fox, seconded by Council Member Hammler, the work session minutes of March 28, 2016 were approved by a vote of 6-0-1 (Dunn absent).
 - c. Regular Session Minutes of March 29, 2016
On a motion by Council Member Hammler, seconded by Council Member Fox, the work session minutes of March 29, 2016 were approved by a vote of 6-0-1 (Dunn absent).

6. ADOPTING THE MEETING AGENDA

On a motion by Council Member Gemmill, seconded by Council Member Hammler, the meeting agenda was adopted as presented by the following vote:

Aye: Burk, Fox, Gemmill, Hammler, Martinez and Mayor Butler

Nay: None

Vote: 6-0-1 (Dunn absent)

7. PRESENTATIONS**a. Proclamation – Marshall Center French Students (St. Cyr-sur-Loire)**

On a motion by Council Member Hammler, seconded by Council Member Fox, the following was proclaimed:

PROCLAMATION

Welcoming the Student Partnership Exchange Program Participants from Saint Cyr-sur-Loire, France

WHEREAS, the Town of Leesburg recognizes the value of cultural exchanges with other countries as a way to acknowledge and appreciate both the differences and similarities among people from around the world; and

WHEREAS, the George C. Marshall International Center, through its Student Partnership Exchange Program, has afforded six high school students from Saint Cyr-sur-Loire, France, the opportunity to come to Leesburg and Loudoun County to experience life in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, a number of Leesburg and Loudoun County businesses and government offices are hosting the students for career explorations during the week of April 11 through 15, 2016.

THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Leesburg in Virginia hereby officially welcome Killian Blois, Clemence Cauquil, Clara Lefevre, Damien Lefevre, Noemie Moreau and Guillaume Pierre to the Town of Leesburg and proclaim the week of April 11 through 15, 2016, to be Saint Cyr-sur-Loire Week in the Town of Leesburg.

PROCLAIMED this 12th day of April 2016.

b. Proclamation – National Day of Prayer

On a motion by Council Member Hammler, seconded by Council Member Fox, the following was proclaimed:

PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER 2016***May 5, 2016***

WHEREAS, in 1852 the United States Congress established an annual Day of Prayer; and

WHEREAS, that law was amended in 1988 to designate the first Thursday in May as the National Day of Prayer; and

WHEREAS, people in Towns and Cities across America observe the annual National Day of Prayer; and

WHEREAS, this is a time for citizens of all faiths to join together to pray for our national, state and community leaders; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme "**Wake Up, America**" will be highlighted.

THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Leesburg in Virginia hereby

proclaim May 5, 2016 as The National Day of Prayer.

PROCLAIMED this 12th day of April, 2016.

c. Proclamation – Earth Day

On a motion by Council Member Hammler, seconded by Council Member Fox, the following was proclaimed:

PROCLAMATION**EARTH Day**
April 22, 2016

WHEREAS, the global community now faces extraordinary challenges, such as global health issues, food and water shortages, and economic struggles; and

WHEREAS, all people, regardless of race, gender, income, or geography, have a moral right to a healthy, sustainable environment with economic growth; and

WHEREAS it is understood that the citizens of the global community must step forward and take action to create a green economy to combat the aforementioned global challenges; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to broaden and diversify this global movement to achieve maximum success; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day is the beginning of a new year for a commitment to environmental stewardship and sustainability efforts.

THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Leesburg in Virginia hereby proclaim April 22, 2016 as Earth Day in the Town of Leesburg for 2016.

PROCLAIMED this 12th day of April, 2016.

d. Proclamation – Arbor Day

On a motion by Council Member Hammler, seconded by Council Member Fox, the following was proclaimed:

PROCLAMATION

ARBOR DAY April 29, 2016

WHEREAS, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day should be set aside for the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, this special day, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, trees provide many benefits to our community, such as reducing the erosion of topsoil, moderating temperatures, reducing heating and cooling costs, cleaning the air and water, and they also produce oxygen and provide a habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, planting trees and maintaining mature trees in our Town increases property values, enhances the economic vitality of local businesses, and beautifies our community, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Leesburg is recognized by the National Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City USA community for twenty-seven consecutive years and desires to continue its tree-planting ways.

THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Leesburg in Virginia hereby proclaim April 29, 2016 as the official Arbor Day of the Town of Leesburg for 2016.

PROCLAIMED this 12th day of April, 2016.

e. Proclamation – Library Week

On a motion by Council Member Hammler, seconded by Council Member Fox, the following was proclaimed:

PROCLAMATION

National Library Week April 10-16, 2016

WHEREAS, libraries are not just about what we have for people, but what we do for and with people;

WHEREAS, libraries have long served as trusted and treasured institutions, and library workers and librarians fuel efforts to better their communities;

WHEREAS, libraries are evolving to better serve their communities and to fulfill their role in leveling the playing field for all who seek information and access to technologies;

WHEREAS, libraries and librarians help document and reveal the past through reference, research, and access to historical, genealogical, and other resources;

WHEREAS, libraries and librarians are looking beyond traditional roles and providing more opportunities for community engagement and deliver services that connect closely with patrons' needs;

WHEREAS, libraries support democracy and effect social change through their commitment to provide equitable access to information for all library users regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity or socio-economic status;

WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, library workers and supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Leesburg in Virginia proclaims National Library Week, April 10-16, 2016. We encourage all residents of Leesburg, Virginia to visit Thomas Balch Library to take advantage of the unique historical and genealogical resources available, to explore new resources added to the collection, to engage with your librarians and to thank them for making information accessible to all who walk through the library's doors. Because of you, Libraries Transform.

PROCLAIMED this 12th day of April, 2016.

- f. Proclamation – National Telecommunicator's Week
On a motion by Council Member Hammler, seconded by Council Member Fox, the following was proclaimed:

PROCLAMATION

National Telecommunicator's Week April 10 – 16, 2016

Whereas, emergencies can occur at any time that require police services;
and

Whereas, when an emergency occurs the prompt response of police officers is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and

Whereas, the safety of our police officers is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the Leesburg Police Emergency Communications Center; and

Whereas, Public Safety Dispatchers are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services; and

Whereas, Public Safety Dispatchers are the single vital link for our police officers by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information and insuring their safety; and

Whereas, Public Safety Dispatchers of the Leesburg Police Department have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals; and

Whereas, each dispatcher has exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year.

THEREFORE, PROCLAIMED that the Town of Leesburg declares the week of April 10 through 16, 2016 to be National Telecommunicator's Week in Leesburg, in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our town and citizens safe.

PROCLAIMED this 12th day of April, 2016.

- g. Presentation – Environmental Advisory Commission Annual Report
Charles Greenough, Chair of the Environmental Advisory Commission gave a brief report on the Commission's activities for the past year.
- h. Presentation – Economic Development Commission Annual Report
Jim Sisley, former Chair, and Gwen Pangle, Chair, of the Economic Development Commission gave a brief report on the Commission's activities for the past year. They urged the Council to keep the Economic Development Department at the Mason Enterprise Center.

8. **PETITIONERS**

The Petitioners section was opened at 8:21 p.m.

Andrew Borgquist stated that it is important that employees are treated consistent with the spirit of the personnel manual. He stated he has found the town's management to be very recalcitrant to changing their practices. He requested that Town Manager, Kaj Dentler, should be reprimanded or dismissed.

Ron Campbell, 812 Fort MacLeod Terrace, requested that Council postpone action on the item to amend the Council's rules of procedure to permit closed meetings during council work sessions. He stated his belief that closed meetings should be held only for certain serious purposes so that there will be transparency and accountability.

Sarah Richardson, 349 Shenandoah Street, SE, stated she supports the initiative to track energy use in town facilities. She stated this will be a strong indicator of leadership in the energy efficiency movement. She stated it will be cost effective as well as reducing the town's carbon footprint.

Bob Cusack, 709 Seton Court, stated he is the founder and co-CEO of Custom Software Systems based in Leesburg. He addressed the proposal to move the Leesburg Economic Development staff out of the Mason Enterprise Center. He stated the HUBzone is working in Leesburg and it is helpful for the HUBzone businesses to have easy access to the Economic Development department.

Susan Henson, regional director of the Mason Enterprise Center, stated that the Economic Development staff is an integral part of the lifecycle of emerging businesses. She stressed the importance of having the Economic Development staff engaged with the businesses.

Gwen Pangle stated she launched her real estate company in 2012 and the Mason Enterprise Center and the Economic Development Department helped her company flourish.

The Petitioners section was closed at 8:41 p.m.

9. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Hammler, the following consent agenda was proposed:

a. MacDowell Proffer Bond

RESOLUTION 2016-052

Authorizing a Performance and Proffer Compliance Agreement and Approving a Performance Guarantee for Completion of an On-Site Private Sand Containment System and Off-Site Public Road Frontage Improvements for the MacDowell Property (TLZM 2013-0005)

The Consent Agenda was approved by the following vote:

Aye: Burk, Dunn, Fox, Gemmill, Hammler, Martinez and Mayor Butler

Nay: None

Vote: 7-0

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. TLSE 2015-0014 – Mary’s Daycare

The public hearing was opened at 8:42 p.m.

Scott Parker gave a brief presentation on the request for a home based day care including 6-12 children.

Key Points:

- 187 Alpine Drive, SE in Evergreen Meadows subdivision.
- Internal operation and licensure of the day care operation is handled is by the State of Virginia.
- Zoned PRC (Planned Residential Community).
- No Homeowner’s Association issues.

- Pick up and drop off times are staggered.
- No changes to the outside appearance of the home.
- Adequate outside play area with required fencing.
- All special exception requirements have been met.
- Staff recommends approval.

Mary Ugarte stated that she would like to run a day care because she has a great love for children.

Council Comments/Questions:

- Fox: Questioned whether the back yard will meet the requirements for square footage of play area.
Parker: Stated that the requirements are met.
- Hammler: Questioned whether there was any feedback from the neighbors.
Parker: Stated that there is no negative feedback from the neighbors.
- Hammler: Questioned the regulations pertaining to the number of infants.
Parker: Stated that currently you are not allowed to have more than two children under the age of two.
- Dunn: Stated that children who are residents of the home are not included in the count.
Parker: Confirmed this.

Bill Parker, 185 Alpine Drive, stated he has known the Ugarte's since their homes were built. He stated that Ms. Ugarte has raised respectful, cooperative children and this is the kind of mom that is needed.

Heather Woods, 189 Alpine Drive, stated that her 19-month-old daughter attends Mary's daycare. She stated that everything that Mary has done has had a positive impact. She stated it would be a benefit to the neighborhood if Mary was able to increase the number of children at the day care.

The public hearing was closed at 8:59 p.m.

On a motion by Council Member Martinez, seconded by Vice Mayor Burk, the following was proposed:

RESOLUTION 2016-053

Approving TLSE 2015-0014, Mary's Daycare, a Family Day Home Located on Property Identified as PIN Number 232-17-8888 and Located at 187 Alpine Drive, SE

Council Comments/Questions:

- Martinez: Stated it is nice to see the neighbors supporting this application.
- Hammler: Stated she understands how important it is to have quality daycare in the neighborhood.

- Fox: Stated she is a little worried about the number of children, but if Ms. Ugarte feels confident, she will support it.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Aye: Burk, Dunn, Fox, Gemmill, Hammler, Martinez and Mayor Butler

Nay: None

Vote: 7-0

- b. Adopting Fiscal Year 2017 Budget and Capital Improvements Program
The public hearing was opened at 9:01 p.m.

Clark Case, Director of Finance and Administrative Services, gave a brief summary of the proposed budget ordinance.

Key Points:

- Second year of a two year budget modeled after the state's budget cycle.
- 2017 is the "fiscal cliff" that was predicted.
- Anticipated savings in the employee health benefits program to be used to fund capital projects management costs.
- Operational cost increases in public works and information technology related to existing licenses and contracts.
- An \$0.186 tax rate was approved by Council on April 11.
- 1.2 percent increase in General Fund expenditures without counting debt service.
- Debt service is going 43 percent – about \$2.4 million.
- Capital Projects fund is going down 31 percent because of completion of several large projects.
- Utilities fund expenditures are down about 11 percent due to the reduction in capital projects and capital asset replacements.
- Overall budget is down 3.4 percent.
- Enhancements include downtown initiatives that would treat the downtown the same way the town treats its parks.
- Added a network administrator position to provide coverage of critical town systems to replace a contract position at a savings about \$50,000 annually.
- Capital Asset Replacement program includes in-car and body camera replacements and renovations of Town Hall.
- Parks and recreation capital asset replacements include replacement of playground equipment at Rotary Park, Ida Lee, and Tuscarora Creek parks.
- Capital improvements include replacement of the skate park, Chesapeake Bay stormwater infrastructure improvements and the Lower Sycolin Sewage Conveyance system and flood mitigation for Tuscarora Creek.
- Leesburg is a financially sound, Triple-A bond rated community.

Council Comments/Questions:

- Dunn: Questioned whether the town will have to pay \$2.4 million in debt service every year.
Case: Stated that it peaks in 2018 and drops gradually after that.
- Hammler: Questioned the cost for cyber security insurance.
Case: Explained the VML insurance pool.

Mayor Butler read Ara Bagdasarian's comments into the record.

"I would like to offer clarification on *why* Dept. of Economic Development was located, and should remain at the Leesburg Mason Enterprise Center (MEC). The MEC was envisioned to be and has become the hub of entrepreneurship in our community. A "one stop shop" for citizens who are interested in starting a business, growing a business, or networking and connecting with growing businesses. The Mason Enterprise Center is a successful economic development program because of the synergies created by collocating the Small Business Development Center, George Mason Enterprise Center, and Town's Economic Development Department. The programs, events, resources, and opportunities offered are key to Leesburg's infrastructure for entrepreneurship.

I strongly urge you to visit the Enterprise Center tomorrow morning. You will experience the training room filled with entrepreneurs and small business owners sharing ideas, connecting, and supporting one another. I strongly urge you to visit and speak with members and visitors, and witness first-hand the value created by the combined entities. Indeed, it would be a cost savings to the Town, however does the modest budget reduction outweigh the benefits? The benefits derived by shared proximity. Locating Economic Development in the most *relevant location* and context for business support is most valuable. Just as Parks and Recreation staff offices are located at Ida Lee, Economic Development offices are best suited at the Mason Enterprise Center.

I know you have much to deliberate and I appreciate your stewardship of the Town's budget. I also understand the full context of *why* the Economic Development Department was located at the MEC may not have been apparent. Hopefully this provides adequate background to help inform your budget decision moving forward.

Sincerely,

Ara Bagdasarian
Former Chairman, Leesburg Economic Development Commission
CEO, Omnilet"

Kevin Wright, 109 Pershing Avenue, NW, stated with regards to the late proposal to end the lease at Olde Izaak Walton Park, that the park is the home of

the Leesburg Dog Park and hosts numerous classes that cannot be hosted at the Ida Lee Recreation Center because of capacity. He noted that the operations at the Izaak Walton Park generate \$150,000 in revenue making the savings in terminating the lease much smaller than expected. He noted that the pending rezoning for the property may give the park to the town which would eliminate the lease payments. He expressed his opinion that the skate park should not be relocated to Ida Lee as the park is not the place to put everything. He addressed the need for a sidewalk along Morven Park Road and stressed the safety concerns that should move it up in the CIP. He suggested that the widening of the North King Street sidewalks could wait until more pressing needs have been addressed.

Tammy (inaudible), Delphinium Circle, stated she is surprised that Council would consider not rebuilding the skate park. She suggested moving the skate park to Ida Lee and leaving it the same size with a possible expansion later.

Andrew Borgquist questioned whether he would be able to ask questions about the budget. He cautioned that sometimes savings on health insurance is just the shifting of costs to the employees.

The public hearing was closed at 9:27 p.m.

On a motion by Council Member Martinez, seconded by Council Member Hammler, the following was proposed:

ORDINANCE 2016-O-009

Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2017; Making Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2017 for the General Fund, Utilities Fund, Capital Projects Fund, Capital Asset Replacement Fund, and Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTa) Fund; Amendments to the Budget and Supplemental Appropriations by Council Resolution; and Authorizing and Directing the Town Manager to Take All Steps Necessary and Prudent to Effectuate the Implementation of the Ordinance

Council Comments:

- Martinez: Stated he would like to pass the budget as presented.
- Hammler: Stated her appreciation for everyone's hard work on the budget. She noted that the Council has been carefully planning for the fiscal cliff for many years and the fact that an equalized tax rate could be set is a testament to the sound fiscal fore-planning that has been undertaken. She noted that arbitrary recommendations to cut certain programs or functions made at the end of the budget process are not transparent or appreciated by the public.
- Fox: Thanked staff for answering the questions and providing additional information as requested. She noted that she would like to look at some of the line items carefully before the next budget.
- Burk: Stated her objection to the process that left the public uninformed and confused. She noted that not coming to meetings prepared to address the budget is poor legislative action. She stated that the Council should

approve the budget first and then the tax rate. She expressed concern over the upcoming costs related to Izaak Walton Park.

- Gemmill: Stated he does not approve of the budget the way it has been presented. He stated his preparation includes reading through every page. He stated that some of the small items he has identified add up to \$1,314,514 and reviewed the items line by line. He noted that there is a want versus need issue.
- Dunn: Stated that every year Council just goes along with the budget and does not do much to it. He stated he looked at variances between what has been spent in the past and what the town intends to tax citizens on today. He stated his opinion that a vote for the equalized rate is a vote for wasteful spending. He stated he will vote for the waste that the rest of Council is willing to vote for.
- Butler: Stated that the process was a little clunky but the number of meetings has been the same as in past years.
- Martinez: Stated he does not have any questions because after 12 years he has a good handle on what is in the budget and does not have to ask staff to do research for him. He suggested that Council work on improving processes throughout the year.

The motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

Aye: Burk, Dunn, Fox, Gemmill, Hammler, Martinez and Mayor Butler

Nay: None

Vote: 7-0

On a motion by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Gemmill, the following was proposed:

RESOLUTION

Adopting the Fiscal Year 2016-2021 Capital Improvements Program in the Amount of \$106,536,000

Council Member Dunn offered the following amendment:

- *Move \$150,000 of Morven Park Road sidewalk design and engineering funds to FY 2017.*
- *Keep the skate park at the original funding.*

Council Member Hammler offered a friendly amendment to support the skate park at the level needed to complete it on the gravel lot so that the rescue squad can have the land that it needs and to direct staff to work with the community to seek private funds to make up the \$150,000 difference.

The motion was not accepted as friendly.

The motion failed by the following vote:

Aye: Dunn, Fox, and Gemmill

Nay: Burk, Butler, Hammler, and Martinez

Vote: 3-4

On a motion by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Vice Mayor Burk, the following was proposed:

RESOLUTION 2016-054

Adopting the Fiscal Year 2016-2021 Capital Improvements Program in the Amount of \$106,536,000

Council Comments:

- Fox: Stated she cannot support the extra \$432,000 for the skate park.

Council Member Hammler offered a friendly amendment to direct town staff to look for private funds to complete the skate park.

The motion was not accepted as friendly.

Council Member Hammler offered this as an amendment, which was seconded by Council Member Martinez.

Council Comments:

- Dunn: Stated that if this amount was originally proposed for the skate park, it never would have been approved.
- Hammler: Stated that things change and the town has a responsibility to complete projects in the scope originally proposed. Further, she noted that this is a fair compromise.
- Gemmill: Stated that nearly a million dollars for a skate board park is outrageous. He stated he would have voted no in the first place.
- Hammler: Stated that it is important to understand that there are a variety of needs of different constituencies within the town as relates to parks and amenities.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Aye: Burk, Dunn, Fox, Gemmill, Hammler, Martinez, and Mayor Butler

Nay: None.

Vote: 7-0

Council Comments:

- Fox: Stated she agrees with looking for private funding to assist with the skate park.

Council Member Dunn offered a motion to cap the skate park funding at the original \$544,800. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gemmill.

The motion to amend failed by the following vote:

Aye: Dunn, Fox, and Gemmill
Nay: Burk, Hammler, Martinez and Mayor Butler
Vote: 3-4

Council Member Dunn offered a motion to move Morven Park Road Design and Engineering (\$150,000) forward in the CIP to FY 2017 with the funding source being \$150,000 from the water feature at Mervin Jackson Park. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gemmill.

Council Comments:

- **Dunn:** Stated that this water feature is not a simple fountain that would be in keeping with the historic district, but is something akin to what you would find at Epcot and Disney World with shooting fountains. He stated there are also pillars, benches and columns, which look more like a Greek garden than a children's play area.
- **Fox:** Stated that she does not want to take the water feature away because Council already committed to building it.
- **Dunn:** Stated it is a sad day when Council supports spitting water over the safety of people walking in the street.

The motion failed by the following vote:

Aye: Dunn and Gemmill
Nay: Burk, Fox, Hammler, Martinez, and Mayor Butler
Vote: 2-5

The original, amended motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

Aye: Burk, Dunn, Gemmill, Hammler, Martinez, and Mayor Butler
Nay: Fox
Vote: 6-1

11. RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS

- a. Refunding Series 2006B General Obligation Bonds
On a motion by Council Member Hammler, seconded by Council Member Martinez, the following was proposed:

RESOLUTION 2016-055

Authorizing the Issuance of a General Obligation Refunding Bond

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Aye: Burk, Dunn, Fox, Gemmill, Hammler, Martinez, and Mayor Butler
Nay: None.
Vote: 7-0

- b. Virginia Retirement System Alternate Contribution Election
On a motion by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Fox, the following was proposed:

RESOLUTION 2016-056

Electing the Alternate Rate for Virginia Retirement System Employer Contribution

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Aye: Burk, Dunn, Fox, Gemmill, Hammler, Martinez, and Mayor Butler

Nay: None.

Vote: 7-0

c. Council's Rules of Order and Procedure

On a motion by Mayor Butler, seconded by Council Member Dunn, the following was proposed:

RESOLUTION

Amending Council's Rules of Order and Procedure to Permit Closed Meetings to Occur During Committee of the Whole / Council Work Sessions

Council Comments:

- Butler: Stated that Council sometimes holds closed sessions during work session nights as a way to balance out the length of meetings; however, it has come to the Town Attorney's attention that the rules of order forbid it.
- Dunn: Stated he has not attended some closed sessions because he did not agree with having them. He stated this is allowing Council to vote to go into closed session since normally no votes can occur at work sessions.
- Butler: Questioned whether this would include possible action taken as a result of the closed session.
- Notar: Stated that it would be her assumption that it would include a motion resultant from the closed session.
- Butler: Stated his feeling that it is no more transparent to hold a closed session on a Monday rather than a Tuesday as long as it is on the agenda.

The motion failed by the following vote:

Aye: None

Nay: Burk, Dunn, Fox, Gemmill, Hammler, Martinez and Mayor Butler

Vote: 0-7

d. Extending the Due Date for Personal Property Tax Payments

On a motion by Council Member Martinez, seconded by Vice Mayor Burk, the following was proposed:

RESOLUTION 2016-057

Extending the Due Date for Personal Property Tax Payments from May 5, 2016 to May 13, 2016

Council Comments:

- Dunn: Stated he will vote against this because he is not happy with the staff's approach that the reason the budget needed to be voted on was so that they could get bills out and now they are asking for another week.
- Hammler: Stated that there was a database transition issue but Loudoun County personal property tax bills went out in time.
Case: Stated that the problem was that the files were sent in a format that could not be used by the town bill printing company.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Aye: Burk, Fox, Gemmill, Hammler, Martinez, and Mayor Butler

Nay: Dunn

Vote: 6-1

12. ORDINANCES

- a. None.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. None.

14. NEW BUSINESS

- a. None.

15. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Fox: Stated she would like to have a proclamation for the Love Your Neighbor/Feed Your Neighbor food campaign as well as having a box at town hall so people could contribute.

Further, she stated she feels that looking at the budget closely is Council's job. She expressed discouragement that due diligence and accountability are characterized as dysfunction.

Council Member Hammler: Reminded everyone that the town is a triple A community and she has a long list of things to be accomplished in FY 2018. She stated she was delighted that the government vetoed the party ID bill since this is a non-partisan community. She apologized for missing the work session meeting due to another meeting and expressed sorrow about the tragic killing of Christy Fisher. She thanked Sweetz bakery for the birthday cupcakes.

Council Member Martinez: Stated that his criticism is not of those who went through the budget, but of focusing on what can be done for the citizens. He stated he wants to make sure that the quality of life for the citizens is maintained. He noted that he will be coaching a middle school baseball team, so he might be late on Monday nights.

Vice Mayor Burk: Stated that she is encouraging the girl scouts to participate in Keep Leesburg Beautiful. Further, she stated that Christina Fisher's daughter was one of her students at Blue Ridge Middle School and she stated she would like a briefing on

domestic violence. She stated the Valor Awards was a terrific event and thanked those who were recognized at the awards. She thanked Economic Development and Parks and Recreation for their work organizing the job fair. She stated it was a great event.

Council Member Gemmill: thanked everyone for the introduction to government budgeting which he found interesting.

Council Member Dunn: stated it is good to see that the press is printing Council Member Facebook posts as news. He stated moving Council Comments to Facebook would speed this process up.

16. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Butler thanked Council for approving a tax rate, the Budget and the CIP on time with no significant changes to what was originally proposed. He asked that next year account totals be given. He stated the job fair was fantastic as well as the Opening Day ceremonies of Central Loudoun Little League.

He wished Council Member Hammler a happy birthday.

17. MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Kaj Dentler thanked Council for their support of the budget. He reminded everyone that this weekend is Flower and Garden. He announced that the Town has received for the 13th year in a row, Excellence in Water Works Operation for performance of the water treatment plants. He noted that there are two Keep Leesburg Beautiful events coming up – at the Sycolin Cemetery and the Staff/Council clean up.

18. CLOSED SESSION

a. None.

19. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Council Member Fox, seconded by Council Member Hammler, the meeting was adjourned at 11:13 p.m.

David S. Butler, Mayor
Town of Leesburg

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council
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