TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

21 Main Street

Tuesday, September 12th, 2023 at 9:00 AM

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AN OPEN MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WARRENTON, VIRGINIA, WAS HELD ON SEPTEMBER 12th, 2023, AT 9:00 AM

Work Session	
PRESENT	Mr. Carter Nevill, Mayor; Ms. Heather Sutphin; Mr. William Semple; Mr. Brett Hamby; Mr. James Hartman, Vice Mayor; Mr. Jay Heroux; Mr. David McGuire; Mr. Frank Cassidy, Interim Town Manager; Mr. Stephen Clough, Town Clerk; Mr. Martin Crim, Town Attorney.
ABSENT	Mr. Paul Mooney
Regular Meeting	
PRESENT	Mr. Carter Nevill, Mayor; Ms. Heather Sutphin; Mr. Brett Hamby; Mr. James Hartman, Vice Mayor; Mr. Jay Heroux; Mr. Paul Mooney; Mr. David McGuire; Mr. Frank Cassidy, Interim Town Manager; Mr. Stephen Clough, Town Clerk; Mr. Martin Crim, Town Attorney.
ABSENT	Mr. William Semple

WORK SESSION - 9:00 AM

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A quorum was present, and business could be conducted.

Mayor Nevill noted that Councilmember Mooney was absent and Councilmember Semple would be joining them electronically.

Councilmember Semple stated his location was his residence of 319 Belmont Street, and that his remote participation was due to a medical condition.

A. VML Conference Discussion

Frank Cassidy, Interim Town Manager, introduced the topic. He provided a brief summary of the item to Council. Staff recommends identifying the impact of those attending the VML annual conference on the October 10th, 2023 Regular Town Council Meeting.

Mayor Nevill acknowledged that he would be in attendance at the conference and if three Councilmembers were in attendance, the according public notice would be given. He confirmed that the schedule could stay as advertised.

B. Affordable Housing

Frank Cassidy, Interim Town Manager, introduced the topic. He provided a brief summary of the item to Council. Five proposals were received by staff for review.

Mayor Nevill thanked Councilmember Heroux for his work in advancing their constructive dialogue so they could move forward with this initiative.

Mr. Cassidy said that he would provide an update at the next Council meeting in order to keep the process moving forward.

Councilmember Semple asked if a more definitive timeline and budget could be provided as they continued to review these applications.

Mr. Cassidy confirmed that staff was working on doing just that.

C. PD9 Update

Frank Cassidy, Interim Town Manager, introduced the topic. He provided an update from the Rappahannock Rapidan Regional Commission, (Planning District 9, PD9) meeting held on August 23rd, 2023.

Mayor Nevill acknowledged the importance of working with their regional partners through PD9 to holistically address issues such as affordable housing and transportation.

D. 18 Court Street Building Update

Frank Cassidy, Interim Town Manager, introduced the topic. He provided a brief summary of the item to Council. Staff recommended Council consider the inquiries regarding public-private partnerships and direct staff accordingly.

Councilmember McGuire asked if VFW could explain the proposed use of the building.

Commander Tony Lunn stated that the VFW's purpose for this request was to provide a meeting space and an office space, as the Post had been existence for 75 years without a permanent home location. He clarified that there would be no food or drinks served in the space or any gaming machines; it would operate solely as a meeting, office, and storage space. The VFW was also interested in utilizing grant funding to improve the building itself.

Councilmember McGuire asked if the VFW Post was also considering using the space as an Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

Commander Lunn confirmed that was correct, although that would be a Town decision.

Councilmember Heroux asked if the VFW would be using the entirety of the building.

Commander Lunn said that they would like to utilize the front office, the old safe, and the pantry.

Councilmember Heroux asked if other organizations would be able to use the building when VFW was not.

Mr. Cassidy confirmed that was correct. He clarified that as Councilmember McGuire noted, the building was being considered for use as an emergency operations center and a staff training facility.

Commander Lunn noted that the VFW meeting times could be changed if necessary in order to better accommodate other local agencies and events.

Councilmember Hamby noted that the EOC may face difficulties in that building unless generators and other emergency equipment were installed. He asked what the cost was for getting the building up and running.

Johnny Switzer, Facilities & Fleet Manager, said that they currently had $20,000 to put a new floor in, level it, and put in plaster where the daises were located. In addition, there was $3,000 for painting and fixing various leaks. They had run new Cat6 wiring downstairs in partnership with IT for under $1,000.

Councilmember Hamby asked what had been done to address the water moisture and mold issues.

Mr. Switzer said that everything had held from the previous remediation of the water leaks. The sump pump issues in the basement had been fixed. There remained high humidity, but there were no mold issues in the basement per their testing, and a dehumidifier would be installed to abate that for the long term.

Councilmember Hamby asked if they had rectified the issues with the units on the roof of the building.

Mr. Switzer said yes; over the past two years they put the building back on a maintenance schedule and had solved those issues during that time.

Councilmember Hamby expressed concern that the building required a high level of maintenance that may become a burden to the VFW and the Town if the issues were not adequately addressed.

Mr. Cassidy said that those details could be addressed after Council determined if the proposed use was deemed appropriate. He confirmed that some of the past issues had been fixed and remaining issues would be addressed at the most effective cost possible while working with

partner organizations. Staff will return with a report detailing the agreement and the associated costs.

Councilmember Heroux asked if the Town would need to install wireless internet in the building.

Commander Lunn said that it would be helpful to have, but he acknowledged that their organization did not currently use the available internet at the community center.

Mr. Cassidy said that their plan would include the IT requirements to get the building to a working level. He clarified that the EOC use of the building would not be the central EOC. He noted that the County was also being conferred with and they would potentially assist with achieving those upgrades. He clarified that they would not be engaging in a lease agreement without providing Council the list of upgrades required prior to leasing it. No new staff was being proposed for this location either.

Councilmember McGuire asked when Council could expect this information to return.

Mr. Cassidy said that staff would be able to provide a report by November.

Mayor Nevill confirmed there was consensus from Council to proceed with this discussion and work out the details.

E. Human Capital Department Overview

Kasey Braun, Human Capital Manager, introduced the topic. She provided a brief summary of the item to Council. This staff report provides an update on Human Capital department program initiatives that align with the Town Council's *Resiliency of the workforce* strategic initiative.

Councilmember Hamby asked how many vacancies were currently in the Town.

Ms. Braun said there were five full-time positions and six or seven part-time positions.

Councilmember Hamby asked what departments they were located in.

Ms. Braun said there was one police officer, an operator trainee in the wastewater plant, an Operator A in the wastewater treatment plant, a fitness supervisor which they were currently interviewing for, and a utility locator.

Councilmember Hamby asked if applicants had chosen not to take the positions due to low salaries.

Ms. Braun confirmed that some applicants had acknowledged the advertised salaries were lower than they were accustomed to and chose to take positions in different jurisdictions.

Councilmember Hamby asked if any of the vacancies were long-term, meaning over one fiscal year.

Ms. Braun said no, they were open for less than one fiscal year.

Councilmember Semple asked if they were receiving more applications in the time after the pandemic.

Ms. Braun said that remote work remained the predominant option people were seeking, so on-site applications continued to be less than the remote positions, but there was a slow increase in applications for on-site positions. Flexible work schedules were also being prioritized by workers, and the Town had been receptive to working with all levels of staff in order to meet those priorities. As the benefits from the COVID-19 pandemic relief were ending, there was likely to be an increase in applications overall.

Councilmember Heroux requested that staff provide an update on the organizational staffing study during the fourth quarter of 2023. He noted that productivity through automation and utilization of available technologies was essential. He requested that staff clearly communicate the importance of adequate staffing levels and the services provided, especially in a historical perspective.

F. Police Department Overview

Timothy M. Carter, Chief of Police, introduced the topic. He provided a brief summary of the item to Council. This staff report provides an overview of the Warrenton Police Department and its current and future initiatives and programs.

Councilmember McGuire asked how many traffic stops and speeding citations were issues during the month of July.

Chief Carter said that he did not have that specific data available at this time, but could state that their summonses were down during Calendar Year (CY) 2020, and traffic summonses had been slowly increasing every year since then. They are on pace in Calendar Year 2023 to be higher than any year in the past five years, and current summonses were double what they were at this time last year.

Councilmember McGuire requested that staff provide the progress of the new 15 miles per hour speed limits in Town.

Mr. Cassidy said that the statistics related to the increased enforcement of speed limits were available in the quarterly report, and there was a noted significant increase.

Councilmember Semple asked if there was an active class in the community police academy at this time.

Chief Carter replied no, they would be combining their next police class with the Fauquier County Sheriff's Office. Due to low enrollment, they planned to readvertise and draw more interest for the next class.

Councilmember Semple asked what the current status was regarding traffic safety at Courthouse Square.

Mr. Cassidy said that there were currently traffic counters at the intersection, and they were focusing on two traffic designs to temporarily implement in order to test effectiveness. They would be analyzing the final counts of the traffic counters next week. He noted that they must confer with the School Board and ensure school bus routes were not affected, and after this was confirmed, they would implement the temporary traffic designs for a few weeks at a time. Staff will then return to Council with a report that would include recommendations for hardscaping and other potential design implementations.

Councilmember Heroux asked Chief Carter what the general response was for addressing the unhoused population and panhandlers in the Town.

Chief Carter stated that it was essential to differentiate between the unhoused community members, those who were housed and asking for money, and migrants who were passing through the Town and needed money to get to a destination. In order to assist the unhoused community members, the Police Department required assistance from community partners and agencies because the Police had a limited ability to provide assistance.

Councilmember Heroux asked if it was difficult to hire police officers for these positions.

Chief Carter said that while they had less difficulty due to the small size of their department and strong support of the community, yes, it remained difficult to recruit officers due to quality of applications and general interest in the positions.

Vice Mayor Hartman acknowledged the significant issue of vehicles speeding in the Town and the difficulty in enforcement. He said that he looked forward to addressing it further in the future.

Mayor Nevill asked if the new pay scale had allowed for better recruitment of officers.

Chief Carter confirmed that the department was more competitive now than they ever had been, but they continued to face issues regarding the signing bonuses offered by competing localities.

G. Moving of Strategic Retreat Date

Frank Cassidy, Interim Town Manager, introduced the topic. He provided a brief summary of the item to Council. Based on the recommendation from Ms. Jane Dittmar, staff recommends holding the strategic retreat in late January of 2024.

Mayor Nevill confirmed there was consensus from Council to cancel the September date for the retreat and would have work sessions to provide some budgetary direction for staff regarding the strategic retreat. They would set a date in January for the meeting and hold the budget retreat in February.

H. Drought Conditions Update

Frank Cassidy, Interim Town Manager, introduced the topic. He provided a brief summary of the item to Council. Staff determined that it was not necessary to declare a water emergency at this time due to the maintenance of water level at the reservoir and the most recent drought map from the Department of Environmental Quality.

Councilmember Semple asked if it was known if the groundwater levels in Virginia had been in decline as they had in the western regions of the United States.

Mr. Cassidy said yes, that was the reason they were currently in a drought watch. While the groundwater levels remained a concern, it was not as extreme as last week.

I. Agenda Review

Mr. Cassidy reviewed the agenda.

J. Closed Session

1) **As permitted by Virginia Code § 2.2-3711 (A)(13, a matter involving: Discussion, consideration, or the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, specifically involving the Warrenton Horse Show Grounds, because discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the Town's bargaining position or negotiating strategy**

Vice Mayor Hartman moved to convene a closed session as permitted by Virginia Code 2.2-3711 (A)(3).

Councilmember Hamby Seconded. There was no discussion on the motion.

Ayes:	**Ms. Heather Sutphin; Mr. William Semple; Mr. Brett Hamby; Mr. James Hartman, Vice Mayor; Mr. Jay Heroux; Mr. David McGuire**
Nays:	
Abstention:	
Absent:	**Mr. Paul Mooney**

Upon reconvening at 10:51 a.m. from the closed session, Vice Mayor Hartman moved to adopt the following Certification of Closed meeting:

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Warrenton has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3172 E of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Town Council that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council hereby certifies that, to the best of each members knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Town Council.

Councilmember Hamby seconded. There was no discussion on the motion.

The vote for the motion was unanimous, as follows:

Ayes:	**Ms. Heather Sutphin; Mr. William Semple; Mr. Brett Hamby; Mr. James Hartman, Vice Mayor; Mr. Jay Heroux; Mr. David McGuire; Mr. Paul Mooney.**
Nays:	
Abstention:	
Absent:	**Mr. Paul Mooney**

The work session was adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

REGULAR MEETING - 6:30 PM

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was present, and business could be conducted.

A. INVOCATION.

Pastor John Kuvakas led the invocation.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor Carter Nevill led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, AND PROMOTIONS.

Town Manager Frank Cassidy said there were several staff members they would recognize this evening.

Mr. Cassidy announced the Town's new hires: In the Human Capital Department, Human Capital Generalist Dennis Merz. In the Water Treatment Facility, Operator Trainee Anthony Umana. In the Parks and Recreation Department, Customer Service Specialist Melanie Salas, Manager on Duty Mitchell Clark, Lifeguards Rebekah Waltz, Jordan Buyna, Alek Moore, Jack Lake, and Roean Smith, and Fitness Instructor Evan Hamilton.

Mr. Cassidy announced the Town's staff promotions: In the Police Department, Maribeth Howser was promoted from Officer to Corporal, Christopher Smedley was promoted from Corporal to Sergeant, and Michael Gemmell was promoted from Detective Corporal to Detective Sergeant. In the Human Capital Department, Kasey Braun was promoted to Director of Human Capital. In the Parks and Recreation Department, Kelly Koernig was promoted to Director of Parks and Recreation and Percy Sampson was promoted to Aquatic Supervisor. In the Wastewater Treatment Facility, Nathan West was promoted from Operator Trainee to Operator Class B.

Mr. Cassidy announced the following accolades of staff: Town Clerk Stephen Clough received the FEMA ICS Emergency Response Course Certificate and Professional Development Series Certificate. In the Wastewater Treatment Facility Department, Superintendent of Wastewater Treatment Russell Smith obtained his Virginia Class II Wastewater Works Operator License. In the Public Works & Utilities Department Facilities & Fleet Management Division, Mechanic and Facilities Manager Johhny Powers received his Occupational Safety and Health Supervisor 40 Hour Certification, and Facilities & Fleet Manager Johhny Switzer received certifications in Biobased Certified Fleet Professional (BCFP) Program, National Traffic Incident Management 10 Hour Certificate, Roadway Incident Response Safety Leadership Certificate with Concentration in DOT & SSP, and NASPO 101 Foundations of Public Procurement 5 Hour Course. In the Finance and Procurement Department, Brooke Campbell was promoted to Budget Manager and graduated from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Budget Academy.

Mr. Cassidy announced that the Eva Walker Commemorative Garden won the Best New Renovation/Addition for Parks, Playgrounds, Blueways, Greenways or Trails Category for the Virginia Recreation and parks Society Annual Awards. The Public Works & Utilities Fleet & Facilities Division received the 2023 Green Fleet Rookie of the Year and Top 50 Green Fleet Awards from the National Association of Fleet Administrators (NAFA) Fleet Management Association.

Mayor Nevill congratulated staff on their recent achievements.

D. CITIZEN'S TIME.

Citizen's time Sign in Town Council Regular Meeting: September 12, 2023		
Name	**Address**	**Topic**
Mark Smith	232 Northview Circle, Warrenton, VA 20186	Amazon Data Center

Richard Fisher	120 Frasier Road, Warrenton, VA 20186	three Town projects
Jonathan Macquilliam	60 Frasier Road, Warrenton, VA 20186	Heroes Bridge project
Chuck Cross	606 Galena Way, Warrenton, VA 20186	Amazon Data Center
Kenneth (Charlie) Mullins	Ward IV	Internship
Cindy Burbank	Barnell Court, Warrenton, VA 20186	Amazon Data Center
Donald Bromley	320 Church Street, Warrenton, VA	Heroes Bridge Project
Bill Chipman	289 Winchester Street, Warrenton, VA 20186	Amazon Data Center
Laurie Carney	167 Brenda Court, Warrenton, VA 20186	Amazon Data Center and Heroes Bridge Project
Gary Hawkins	77 Moser Road, Warrenton, VA 20186	Neighborhood development
Matthew Groves	56 Frasier Road, Warrenton, VA 20186	Heroes Bridge project
James Hanover	85 Frasier Road, Warrenton, VA 20186	Heroes Bridge project
Denise Sheffer	68 Whippoorwill Drive, Warrenton, VA 20186	Amazon Data Center
Chris Gaddy	306 Church Street, Warrenton, VA 20186	Heroes Bridge project

Mark Smith spoke regarding the Amazon Data Center development process.

Richard Fisher spoke regarding three projects in the Town.

Jonathan Macquilliam spoke regarding the Heroes Bridge project.

Chuck Cross spoke regarding the Amazon Data Center development process.

Charlie Mullins thanked Town Council and his coworkers for providing him an internship.

Cindy Burbank spoke regarding the Amazon Data Center development process.

Donald Bromley spoke regarding the Heroes Bridge project.

Bill Chipman spoke regarding the Amazon Data Center development process.

Laurie Carney spoke regarding the Amazon Data Center development process and the Heroes Bridge project.

Gary Hawkins spoke regarding the effects of development on his neighborhood.

Matthew Groves spoke regarding the Heroes Bridge project.

James Hanover spoke regarding the Heroes Bridge project.

Denise Sheffer spoke regarding the Amazon Data Center development process.

Chris Gaddy spoke regarding the Heroes Bridge project.

E. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

Mayor Nevill sought a motion to approve the agenda.

Motion put forth by Councilmember Heroux was to approve the agenda.

Seconded by Vice Mayor Hartman.

Mayor Nevill noted that on the Consent Agenda was the SUP for the St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, which the applicant had requested to be deferred for one month. The item would remain on the Consent Agenda; however, they would hold a public hearing for anyone who wished to address that item.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: ***Ms. Heather Sutphin; Mr. Brett Hamby; Mr. James Hartman, Vice Mayor; Mr. Jay Heroux; Mr. David McGuire; Mr. Paul Mooney.***

Nays:
Abstention:
Absent: ***Mr. William Semple***

The motion passed unanimously (Mr. Semple absent); the agenda was approved.

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS.

1. Special Use Permit (CUP) 2023-01 St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

Mayor Nevill opened the public hearing. This public remained open from the July meeting of Council and would be continued until brought forward by the applicant.

Public Hearing: Special Use Permit (CUP) 2023-01 St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church		
Name	**Address**	**Organization or Individual**
Bill Chipman	289 Winchester Street, Warrenton, VA 20186	individual

Bill Chipman requested the building be demolished upon constructed due to the water runoff issues it currently posed to his adjoining property and that parking for the new facility be limited in order to preserve green space.

Mayor Nevill said that Council would keep the public hearing open until the October meeting.

G. CONSENT AGENDA.

a. **Deferral of Special Use Permit (SUP) 2023-01 St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church – DEFERRAL BY REQUEST OF THE APPLICANT.** The Applicant, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, and the Owner, the Catholic Diocese of Arlington, have requested deferral of the agenda item until the October Town Council Meeting.

b. **Rappahannock Rapidan Regional Commission 50th Anniversary Resolution**

c. **Authorize support for the application of Culpeper Street Milling and Paving, from Shirley Avenue to Main Street**

d. **33 N. Calhoun Street Cistern**

e. **Moving of Strategic Retreat Date**

f. **Approval of Council Minutes**

g. **November 9th, 2022 Regular Town Council Meeting**

h. **December 13th 2022 Regular Town Council Meeting**

i. **January 10th, 2023 Regular Town Council Meeting**

j. **February 14th, 2023 Regular Town Council Meeting**

k. **February 25th, 2023 Special Town Council Meeting**

l. **March 14th, 2023 Regular Town Council Meeting**

Mayor Nevill sought a motion on the item.

Motion put forth by Councilmember Heroux was to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Seconded by Councilmember Hamby.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: ***Ms. Heather Sutphin; Mr. Brett Hamby; Mr. James Hartman, Vice Mayor; Mr. Jay Heroux; Mr. David McGuire; Mr. Paul Mooney.***

Nays:
Abstention:
Absent: ***Mr. William Semple***

The motion passed unanimously (Mr. Semple absent); the Consent Agenda was approved.

H. NEW BUSINESS.

There was none.

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

1. Share the Air Initiative

Kelly Koernig, Director of Parks and Recreation, introduced the topic. She provided a brief summary of the item to Council.

Ashley Coulson, David Coulson, and Sophia Sebeck of the Y Street Leadership Team gave a presentation to Council.

Staff recommended Council approve the Resolution at the September Council meeting.

Councilmember Heroux asked what the driving force was behind youth tobacco use.

Ms. Coulson said that in her opinion, tobacco use was often a coping mechanism for dealing with mental health issues.

Councilmember Heroux asked what the recommendations were for curbing nicotine addiction.

Rachel Johnson, Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth, stated that they worked with the Virginia Department of Health to ensure that relevant information was distributed so individuals had the resources they needed.

Councilmember Heroux emphasized that tobacco was the source of many health, political, and financial issues in the country. He thanked the Y Street Leadership Team for their presentation.

Councilmember Sutphin said it was important that the values and viewpoints of the youth be wholly supported so that they can secure a healthy future.

Mayor Nevill sought a motion on the item.

Motion put forth by Vice Mayor Hartman was to adopt the Resolution to implement voluntary tobacco-free and e-cigarette-free areas in Town parks in the Town of Warrenton.

Seconded by Councilmember Heroux.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: ***Ms. Heather Sutphin; Mr. Brett Hamby; Mr. James Hartman, Vice Mayor; Mr. Jay Heroux; Mr. David McGuire; Mr. Paul Mooney.***

Nays:
Abstention:
Absent: ***Mr. William Semple***

The motion passed unanimously (Mr. Semple absent); the Resolution was approved.

J. TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT.

There was none.

K. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT.

Mr. Cassidy reported that high-visibility blue signs had been installed for slow speed zones as a cooperative effort between Public Works and the Police Departments to further address speeding in the Town's neighborhoods. A map showing the placement of the signs was available. There had been many discussions about the activities at Courthouse Square, so he provided the two concept traffic flows for the Council to provide feedback on. They were finalizing the plans with the School Board before they would commence the experimental traffic patterns. The traffic counters would be removed next week for assessment. He congratulated the staff who had received awards. He noted that Mr. Tommy Cureton had left employment in the Town last Friday and would be sorely missed, but knew that Ms. Koernig would provide positive guidance and direction for the Parks and Recreation Department.

L. COUNCILMEMBERS TIME.

Mr. McGuire: Reminded the public that FEMA would be performing a nationwide testing of the national alert system on October 4, 2023. Recalled that 9/11/2001 was 22 years ago as of yesterday, and when thinking of the sacrifices made on that day, he believed they should honor people's service in Police and Fire for their bravery and commitment. While he understood the concerns mentioned by public commentors in regards to Heroes Bridge, he felt it was necessary that they respect and honor all veterans and not assume that they would be a nuisance to the community. Organizations like Heroes Bridge provided necessary assistance to veterans who came from a multitude of backgrounds and citizens should not sow fear when downtrodden people needed their help. He would be glad to engage in dialogue with citizens about their concerns, but could not allow simple fear to drive their decisions and thought processes. He

could not fathom that there could be a fear of veterans when they were their fellow citizens who had survived life-threatening situations.

Mr. Mooney: Apologized for his absence at the past few meetings of Council, including this morning, as he was away on military orders. He would support moving the meetings to Thursday nights rather than the morning of. Thanked Mr. Cassidy for the recognitions made for the Town's staff. Thanked the citizens for attending these meetings each month to voice their concerns and opinions. Acknowledged the importance of Citizens' Time so that citizens were directly included and able to facilitate ideas and conversations for the Town. Regarding the redacted pages from the Amazon Data Center application, he believed it was the Council's duty to revisit the conditions and ensure that they were being duly upheld.

Ms. Sutphin: Congratulated all staff for their promotions and to Mr. Cureton for his new position. Thanked everyone for their service to the community, whether it be through volunteering or military. Acknowledged that the mental illness that resulted from combat had very real impacts on veterans' ability to function after combat had ended. Promised that Council would do everything possible to ensure the safety of the community. Stated that she would be glad to speak with citizens to hear their specific concerns, although the street impacted by Heroes Bridge was not in her jurisdiction. Thanked the public for attending the meeting and acknowledged that everyone present was passionate about their Town.

Mr. Hamby: Acknowledged and honored Reverend Winter, whose funeral service was held over the weekend. The Reverend was a Marine during World War II, a coach for Fauquier High School football, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church for over a decade, and Chaplain of the Warrenton Fire Company for decades. Above all else, he was a family man and always made time for them along with anyone who needed help. Thanked the Fire Department, Warrenton Police, and Randy from Moser's, who did an excellent job of both the service and the funeral. He expressed what a deeply felt loss it was for the Town. Acknowledged the public comments regarding Frasier and Moser Streets as they related to Heroes Bridge. Clarified that Heroes Bridge had not submitted anything and were not on the Planning Commission schedule for hearings. Stated that he would be glad to discuss with citizens their specific concerns. Addressed the comments made about Warrenton Middle School, which was owned solely by the Fauquier County Public School Board and the Town had no jurisdiction over the matter. He clarified that the middle school and Heroes Bridge were not projects that originated from the Town, although they may appear before the Town for specific permissions. Asked where the public outrage was regarding the large portion of Vint Hill Farm Station that was sold for a data center on July 25. Noted that there had been substantial public concern voiced to Warrenton Town Council but he had not heard of any being given to the Fauquier County Board of Supervisors, even though the Vint Hill data center would be 1 million square feet, compared to the 225,000 square feet approved in Warrenton. Emphasized that the Vint Hill project was by right, so there would be no public hearing for community input on the matter and no vote of the Board of Supervisors. Expressed his astonishment that he had received no communications from citizens regarding the lack of public input and potential effects of the data center in Fauquier. He asked how 1 million square feet by right could be deemed acceptable when Warrenton had been told that 225,000 square feet by SUP was too much. Stated that he was uncertain who the entity was that redacted information from Amazon's plan because he had yet to see the site plan.

Mr. Hartman: Reported that this morning Council received an update regarding the Human Capital Department issues, and part of the discussion was regarding the value placed on employees, succession, and training. Acknowledged that a public commentor spoke about being an intern and he thanked him for his appreciation of Town staff's commitments. Noted that there was a false narrative being spread around their Town that the local government had too many employees, and he would respond by stating that it was a false and ignorant narrative. Stated that the Town was lean and he applauded the accomplishments made by the staff that they employed. Stated that the budget was consistently scrutinized and positions were both denied and approved according to their in-depth analyses. Stated that their Town was fortunate to have the expertise and talent of their employees, and to get rid of these employees was irresponsible and showed a lack of knowledge about the operations of the Town government. Expressed his support and appreciation of their Town's employees. Regarding the Heroes Bridge project, tonight was the first time Council had been made aware of it and there was no plan to bring an application to the Planning Commission. Stated that he had seen something in the newspaper about the project but knew little about it. Clarified that the Council had not yet reviewed such a project. Acknowledged the concerns brought forward by constituents. Stated that he would like to work more with constituents regarding the issue. Regarding Warrenton Middle School, there was a meeting on September 7 for community input that he hoped those concerned had attended in order to share their thoughts about the future of the building. Reiterated Mr. Hamby's point that the property was owned by the School Board and not the Town, and the Council had not received any communication from the School Board about that plan. Proposed that the Town Council send a letter to the School Board to ask what their intentions are for the property. Agreed that the community and the Council should have a say in what happened to the property, and he thanked the public for bringing it to their attention. Stated that Fauquier High School had a rough start to the school year, as a security officer, Sal Torrelli, passed away unexpectedly, and their principal was in a very bad car accident last week and was still in the hospital recuperating from his severe injuries. Asked everyone to keep Kraig Kelican, Principal of Fauquier High School, in their thoughts and prayers. Thanked the Town Manager and staff for keeping everyone well-informed of the drought conditions as well as their response to the water main break and major residential structure fire.

Mr. Heroux: Announced that the American Legion Post 672 was holding the Flags In Ceremony at the Cemetery in November, where they would be placing flags on graves. Acknowledged Mr. McGuire's remarks about 9/11 and that each year it seemed like a distant memory that had been forgotten. Expressed his support to New York, the Pentagon, and to Pennsylvania. Stated that regarding Heroes Bridge, whenever that project arrived before Council, they must acknowledge that there would be differing opinions on the issue. He noted that they learned a small amount about Heroes Bridge during their RFP for affordable housing, and he thanked them for their informative response. Acknowledged the valid concerns regarding potential development of that property and the need to discuss it with the United Methodist Church as the property owner. Emphasized that Heroes Bridge was responding to a need for affordable housing specifically for veterans in the community, and if that specific parcel was not the right place, he would ask that the community identify potential solutions through constructive dialogue with Heroes Bridge and the United Methodist Church. Noted that the property in question was privately owned and the Town could not determine the future development of the property, so he would ask that the community work with the property owners to create the best solution. Stated that regarding

veterans, he would ask that people consider that many veterans felt disconnected from their communities, especially as the environment of the military had changed during the 20th and 21st centuries. Emphasized that citizens had an obligation to look after the veterans who had volunteered to serve them. Stated that regarding data centers, he agreed with Mr. Hamby's earlier remarks and felt that the community response to the Fauquier County data center was muted compared to the volatile response that Warrenton had faced over a much smaller and more transparent proposal. Noted that there had been discussion of the many negative impacts that data centers may have on Warrenton, but the property sold for data center usage in Fauquier would face those exact impacts and there appeared to be no public discussion about those impacts. Stated that regarding the redacted information as it related to the Amazon Data Center application, he was unaware of it but would look into it and Council would find out the details. Stated that regarding democracy, he put his name forward to serve in this seat as a volunteer to the Town that he and his family cherished, and to approached the position in a methodical way. Stated that if the data center issue was of such importance to individuals, he wondered why those citizens did not submit their candidacy in a council, board, or district-level election so that the laws and policies around date centers could be changed. Asked if anyone had approached the Board of Supervisors to amend the zoning ordinance to address the concerns regarding data center impacts. Stated that democracy was not about getting what one wanted or otherwise claiming there was fraud or conspiracy. Stated that democracy relied on teamwork, coalitions, and voting in order to achieve the best results. Emphasized that whatever the future decisions may be, the process should involve well-formed arguments and active listening, and should leave out false accusations and innuendos. Expressed his frustration that there was hypocrisy as it related to decisions and that people only cared when a decision personally affected them. Expressed his hope that they could do better in the future.

M. ADJOURNMENT.

With no further business, this meeting was adjourned at 8:29 PM on Tuesday, September 12th, 2023.

I hereby certify that this is a true and exact record of actions taken by the Town Council of the Town of Warrenton on September 12th, 2023.

Stephen M. Clough
Town Recorder

Attachments:

1) Handouts to Council from Citizen's time. September 12th, 2023.
2) Citizen Comment Emails and form submissions.
3) Signed legislation.

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August 2023

Dear Fauquier County Supervisors and Warrenton Town Council,

As we all are aware, during the past few years there has been a significant amount of commercial real estate transfer to county or town ownership. It is our hope and desire that when studying future uses of these spaces that you will, where and when possible, make an effort to explore non administrative uses.

These assets can foster cultural development and provide spaces for arts, education, and community engagement. Repurposed buildings can become cultural centers, museums, galleries, or performance spaces enriching the quality of life for all our citizens, young and old, and to possibly include space for senior citizen activity. The public sector carries a dual mandate to govern and enhance cultural endeavors for the community that the private sector may not.

We all are blessed to live and work in such a beautiful and historically rich part of Virginia. It is our hope that both governments will work in harmony. An ad-hoc committee would not be difficult to put together to assist should you find that beneficial.

There probably are others, but possible properties would include the former Town Office Building, The Warren Green building, former Fauquier National Bank complex, the Old Court House, the John Barton Payne building, and potentially in the future at least some of the Warrenton Middle School complex.

NAME	SIGNATURE	BUSINESS	TITLE
David Gerrish		Wells Fargo Advisors	Branch Manager
Alec Burnett		Fauquier Chamber of Commerce	President/CEO
Laura Kelsey		Fauquier Historical Society	Board President
Joelle Fryman		Experience Old Town Warrenton	EOTW Director
Walter Story		Old Town Building Owners Association	Chairman
Jane ~~Boling~~ Bowling-Wilson		Northern Piedmont Community Foundation	NPCF Director
Tray Allen		Allen Real Estate	Owner

Signatures are representative solely of the support of the individual signing and not of the associated business entity.

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Attachment 2: Citizen Comment Emails and form submissions.

From: "noreply@civicplus.com" on behalf of "noreply@civicplus.com" <noreply@civicplus.com>
Sent: 16 Aug 2023 07:05:25 -0500
To: """ <lpaul@warrentonva.gov>
Subject: Online Form Submittal: Public Comment

[EXTERNAL EMAIL] DO NOT CLICK links or attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Public Comment

Name	Joseph A Brown
Address	141 English Chase Ln
City	Warrenton
State	VIRGINIA
Zip Code	20186
Email Address	[redacted]
Phone Number	[redacted]
Committee, Board, or Commission Type	Town Council
Agenda Item	*Field not completed.*
Comment	im completely exasperated about the horrific smell of rotting flesh that permeates my center district / in town neighborhood morning and night. see below previous emails over the last year that have gone unnoticed. the terrible smell from the slaughterhouse is truly unbelievable - does anyone notice this when driving by frost firestone, 7/11, or the cancer center? it is there in the heat of the summer and the cold of the winter- terribly unpleasant when walking through town and now for all of the middle schoolers at warrenton/ taylor middle. cant sit outside or walk the dog without being bombarded by the stench. a data center would be much more pleasant than the current situation. is anyone aware of this

issue?
thx
jb

Mr Carter,
Pls see below my email to previous center district supervisor that was not responded to. I will endorse that the noxious smell emanating from the slaughterhouse has been terrible for the last few weeks and is quite unpleasant for patients going to the Fauquier Cancer Center at the bottom of hospital hill.
Wondering if you are aware of this problem?
Thanks
Joe Brown

Date: August 25, 2022 at 3:12:30 PM EDT

Dear Mr Granger,
I am writing to express my displeasure and concern regarding the horrible stench that myself and all the children at the warrenton middle school are currently being subjected to at the soccer and baseball game this afternoon.

For several years I've been aware of this terrible smell near my home in the Menlough subdivision while walking my dog and have recently been informed that it stems from a local slaughter house- which I initially had trouble believing- however it has been confirmed by many people.

What can be done about this disgusting issue?
Thanks
Joe Brown

From: "Laura Billings" <[redacted]>
Sent: Wed, 16 Aug 2023 10:30:21 -0400
To: """ <citizencomment@warrentonva.gov>
Subject: Sidewalk/Crosswalk for CM Bradley

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Hello,
I am wondering what steps can be taken toward creating a crosswalk and sidewalk at C.M. Bradley elementary school. There are many families that live in the townhouses and condos within walking distance of the school, and at least 5 families walk to school already. The children at P.B. Smith are able to cross 605 and require a further walking distance, and by my guess, since there are only single-family homes, there are less families that can utilize the crosswalk they have. During Covid, families within 10 miles of the school were asked to not take the bus, and several families walked to CM Bradley. Is this a possibility?

Thank you,
Laura Washington

From: "noreply@civicplus.com" on behalf of "noreply@civicplus.com" <noreply@civicplus.com>
Sent: 11 Sep 2023 08:42:41 -0500
To: """ <citizencomment@warrentonva.gov>
Subject: Online Form Submittal: Public Comment

[EXTERNAL EMAIL] DO NOT CLICK links or attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Public Comment

Name	James Hanover
Address	85 Frazier Rd
City	Warrenton
State	VA
Zip Code	20186
Email Address	[redacted]
Phone Number	[redacted]
Committee, Board, or Commission Type	Planning Commission
Agenda Item	Hero's Bridge Proposal
Comment	I'm requesting a time slot to address the town council regarding the Hero's Bridge proposal to build 44 affordable housing rental units on less than 4 acres of land, which is inside an R-10 zoning district. The proposal would require rezoning this land to an R-PUD Residential Planned Unit Development, with special exceptions to the 25 acre minimum land area requirement for R-PUD, and other accommodations to expedite development. I applaud and support the mission of the Hero's Bridge organization in serving our disadvantaged veterans. This proposal, however, will not address the long term affordable housing needs of the veterans in our community, and will negatively impact the R-10 district.

Email not displaying correctly? View it in your browser.

From: "noreply@civicplus.com" on behalf of "noreply@civicplus.com" <noreply@civicplus.com>
Sent: 12 Sep 2023 18:15:44 -0500
To: """ <citizencomment@warrentonva.gov>
Subject: Online Form Submittal: Public Comment

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Public Comment

Name	Erin Lynne McLaughlin
Address	132 Moser Road
City	Warrenton
State	VA
Zip Code	20186
Email Address	[redacted]
Phone Number	[redacted]
Committee, Board, or Commission Type	Town Council
Agenda Item	Hero's Bridge/Warrenton United Methodist
Comment	I don't know if this is the right committee or if this is even on the agenda yet, but I am a town resident who is against the plan of Hero's Bridge and Warrenton UMC to build what is essentially a campground on the church's land. Our neighborhood has beautiful homes and the idea that these organizations are presenting will cheapen and devalue our area. I am not against helping our most vulnerable populations, but I feel that it can be done in a way that is more in line with the neighborhood aesthetic. A few large homes in line with what is already built around the neighborhood where several veterans can live together, supporting each other and where they can more easily receive care (medically, mentally, etc...). This would keep the current vibe of the neighborhood and still help those

in need. Please don't let them build this campground shack city in this beautiful part of town.

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Attachment 3: Signed legislation

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RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE REMOVAL OF THE CISTERN LOCATED AT 33 N. CALHOUN STREET

WHEREAS, Warrenton, VA (Hereinafter "the Town") is a municipal corporation located within the County of Fauquier; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Warrenton owns 33 N. Calhoun and all structures on the property; and

WHEREAS, on May 3, 2022 the Town of Warrenton entered into a twenty (20) year lease agreement with Fauquier County for 33 N. Calhoun Street to allow the County to use the property for medical and mental health clinic purposes with related services; and

WHEREAS, the subject property, known as the previous Visitors Center, contains a cistern located in front of the building; and

WHEREAS, Fauquier County is requesting to remove the cistern to allow for direct ADA access from the parking lot; and

WHEREAS, the property is part of the historic Brentmoor property that is subject to a historic preservation easement held by the Virginia Board of Historic Resources and administered by the Department of Historic Resources (DHR); and

WHEREAS, the cistern is a noncontributing structure and not listed on the historic surveys conducted in 2019; and

WHEREAS, Fauquier County approached DHR, which found the proposed work of abandoning the cistern/well and thereby preserving it subsurface in the event that it is uncovered again in the future, removing the low wall and railing, and bricking over the cistern/well with pavers in a manner consistent with the existing walkway, to be consistent with the Terms of the easement and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Warrenton Zoning Ordinance 3-5.3.4.5 states the demolition of a structure within the historic district may be approved by the Town Council if the structure has been identified as noncontributing.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Warrenton Town Council that Fauquier County shall be able to abandon, preserve, and brick over the cistern at 33 N. Calhoun Street, provided that all necessary permits are acquired.

Votes:
Ayes: Ms. Heather Sutphin; Mr. Brett Hamby; Mr. James Hartman, Vice Mayor; Mr. Jay Heroux; Mr. Paul Mooney; Mr. David McGuire.
Nays:
Absent from Meeting: Mr. William Semple

For Information:
Community Development Director,
Town Attorney

ATTEST: _____ **Town Recorder**

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A PROCLAMATION COMMENDING THE RAPPAHANNOCK-RAPIDAN REGIONAL COMMISSION ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, in 1966, the General Assembly created the Metropolitan Areas Study Commission (the Hahn Commission), which found that a holistic approach to solving local and regional problems needed to be taken; the Commission recommended a new concept, the creation of planning district commissions and service district commissions; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Area Development Act (VADA), passed in 1968, created the Planning District Commission framework "to encourage and facilitate local government cooperation and state-local cooperation in addressing on a regional basis, problems of greater than local significance"; and

WHEREAS, on January 16, 1973, the Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission (RRRC) held its first meeting at the Culpeper Town Hall with charter members from Fauquier County, Orange County, Rappahannock County and the Town of Warrenton attending; and

WHEREAS, the Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission is now led by members representing the Counties of Culpeper, Fauquier, Madison, Orange, and Rappahannock, and the Towns of Culpeper, Gordonsville, Madison, Orange, Remington, The Plains, Warrenton, and Washington; and

WHEREAS, the RRRC has provided professional planning and technical resources, a concerted approach to regional cooperation, planning assistance with program delivery, and a forum for the interaction of appointed and elected officials and citizen members of the region, and serves as a liaison between local and state governments, partnering with the Commonwealth to carry out state initiatives at the local and regional level; and

WHEREAS, the RRRC and its partners have worked on numerous projects impacting the Rappahannock-Rapidan region in the areas of agricultural development, environmental planning, transportation planning and coordination, regional tourism, criminal justice planning, housing development and homeless services, hazard mitigation planning and regional growth issues; and

WHEREAS, the RRRC takes great pride in the value that its work has brought to the Rappahannock-Rapidan region over the past 50 years and recognizes the importance of regional collaboration in addressing challenges in the future; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Warrenton on this 12th day of September 2023, commends the Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission on their 50th Anniversary and all the exceptional work they have brought not just to the Town, but to the region.

Votes:
Ayes: Ms. Heather Sutphin; Mr. Brett Hamby; Mr. James Hartman, Vice Mayor; Mr. Jay Heroux; Mr. Paul Mooney; Mr. David McGuire
Nays:
Absent from Meeting: Mr. William Semple

ATTEST: _____ **Town Recorder**

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A RESOLUTION TO IMPLEMENT VOLUNTARY TOBACCO FREE AND E-CIGARETTE FREE AREAS IN TOWN PARKS

WHEREAS, smoking increases risk for disease, disability and death for smokers and those who are exposed to second-hand smoke throughout their life; and

WHEREAS, children exposed to even small amounts of secondhand smoke are at a heightened risk for adverse health effects; and

WHEREAS, cigarette butts and one-use disposable e-cigarette products lead to increased litter in parks, playgrounds and sidewalks, causing pollution and degradation of our streams and ponds; and

WHEREAS, by encouraging tobacco free and e-cigarette free areas the Town of Warrenton aims to reduce the normalcy and social acceptability of smoking behaviors and encourage the role modeling of healthy behaviors; and

WHEREAS, by committing to and partnering with the Share the Air campaign, the Town of Warrenton promotes a clean, healthy, and safe environment for the community

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Warrenton Town Council of the Town of Warrenton, Virginia that voluntary tobacco free and e-cigarette free areas will be within 50 feet of any sporting event, spectators or gathering in parks shall be adopted and signed accordingly calling for voluntary nonsmoking.

ATTACHMENT: Share the Air Commitment Form

Votes:
Ayes: Ms. Heather Sutphin; Mr. Brett Hamby; Mr. James Hartman, Vice Mayor; Mr. Jay Heroux; Mr. Paul Mooney; Mr. David McGuire
Nays:
Absent from Meeting: Mr. William Semple

For Information:
Parks and Recreation Director

ATTEST: _____
Town Recorder

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A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR A VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REVENUE SHARING

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Warrenton desires to submit and application for an allocation of up to $195,928.26 for the total project cost through the Virginia Department of Transportation Fiscal Year 2027-2028, Revenue Sharing Program; and

WHEREAS, $97,964.13 of these funds is requested to fund Culpeper Street Milling and Paving, from Shirley Avenue to Main Street, in Fiscal Year 2027; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Town Council of the Town of Warrenton hereby support this application for an allocation of $97,964.13 through the Virginia Department of Transportation Revenue Sharing Program.

BE IT FURTHERT RESOLVED THAT, the Town Council of the Town of Warrenton hereby grants authority for the Town Manager to execute project administration agreements for any approved revenue sharing projects.

ATTACHMENT: Staff Report and Supporting Documents

Votes:

Ayes: Ms. Heather Sutphin; Mr. Brett Hamby; Mr. James Hartman, Vice Mayor; Mr. Jay Heroux; Mr. Paul Mooney; Mr. David McGuire.

Nays:

Absent from Meeting: Mr. William Semple

For Information:
Interim Town Manager,
Project Coordinator

ATTEST: _____
Town Recorder

FORM MOTION FOR CONVENING A CLOSED MEETING September 12th, 2023.

I move that the Council convene in closed session to discuss the following:

____ As permitted by Virginia Code § 2.2-3711 (A)(1), a personnel matter involving:
Discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment or appointment; OR
assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of the Town; specifically dealing with

_X__ As permitted by Virginia Code § 2.2-3711 (A)(3), a matter involving:
__X__ discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose; OR
____ disposition of publicly held real property
specifically involving __The Warrenton Horse Show Grounds_____ *[Give location of property]*, because discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the City's bargaining position or negotiating strategy.

____ As permitted by Virginia Code § 2.2-3711 (A)(4), a matter requiring the protection of the privacy of individuals in personal matters not involving the public business.

____ As permitted by Virginia Code § 2.2-3711 (A)(7), consultation with legal counsel or briefing by staff members or consultants pertaining to:
____ probable litigation involving _____ *[Give subject]*; OR
____ the pending case of _____ *[Give case name]*,
where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the City.

___ As permitted by Virginia Code § 2.2-3711 (A)(8), consultation with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel, relating to

____ As permitted by Virginia Code § 2.2-3711 (A)(29), discussion of the award of a public contract for *[Give nature of the contract]* involving the expenditure of public funds, including interviews of bidders or offerors, and discussion of the terms or scope of such contract, where discussion in an open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the City Council.

____ As permitted by Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A)(19). a matter involving: _____
_____.

[IDENTIFY THE APPLICABLE PARAGRAPH OF § 2.2-3711(A) OR OTHER LAW AND GIVE THE SUBJECT MATTER AND PURPOSE FOR THE CLOSED SESSION.]

Votes:

Ayes: Ms. Heather Sutphin; Mr. William Semple; Mr. Brett Hamby; Mr. James Hartman, Vice Mayor; Mr. Jay Heroux; Mr. David McGuire

Nays:

Absent from Meeting: Mr. Paul Mooney

CERTIFICATION MOTION AFTER RECONVENING IN PUBLIC SESSION:
(requires a recorded roll call vote)

I move that the Council certify that, in the closed session just concluded, nothing was discussed except the matter or matters (1) specifically identified in the motion to convene in closed session and (2) lawfully permitted to be discussed in a closed session under the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act as cited in that motion.

Votes:

Ayes: Ms. Heather Sutphin; Mr. William Semple; Mr. Brett Hamby; Mr. James Hartman, Vice Mayor; Mr. Jay Heroux; Mr. David McGuire

Nays:

Absent from Meeting: Mr. Paul Mooney

For Information:
Town Clerk

Effective date: September 12th, 2023.

Stephen Clough, Town Recorder _____.

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A RESOLUTION CANCELLING THE SPECIAL MEETING CALLED ON SEPTEMBER 16TH, 2023, FOR THE PURPOSE OF A STRATEGIC RETREAT FOR THE WARRENTON TOWN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS, at the June 13th Regular Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Warrenton, a resolution was adopted to schedule a Special Meeting for the purpose of a strategic retreat for September 16th, 2023; and

WHEREAS, unforeseen scheduling conflicts have prevented the selected facilitators from hosting the strategic retreat for the Town Council; and

WHEREAS, at the September 12th, 2023, Regular Town Council Meeting, a proposed strategic goal setting timeline was presented to the Council as an alternative for the Strategic retreat; and

WHEREAS, the timeline proposed to the Council was reviewed for inclusion in the upcoming meeting schedule; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Special Meeting of the Warrenton Town Council on September 16th, 2023, to hold a strategic retreat will be cancelled with the goals of said retreat being reviewed at a future Town Council meeting.

Votes:
Ayes: Ms. Heather Sutphin; Mr. Brett Hamby; Mr. James Hartman, Vice Mayor; Mr. Jay Heroux; Mr. Paul Mooney; Mr. David McGuire.
Nays:
Absent from Meeting: Mr. William Semple

For Information:
Town Clerk
Town Manager

ATTEST: _____
Town Recorder