

**PURCELLVILLE TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 2021, 9:00 AM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS/VIRTUAL**

The special meeting of the Purcellville Town Council convened at 9:00 AM in Council Chambers and virtually for citizen participation through GoTo Meeting.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT REMOTELY:

Ted Greenly, Council Member (left after Closed session)

STAFF PRESENT:

David A. Mekarski, Town Manager
Sally Hankins, Town Attorney
Sharon Rauch, Director of Human Resources
Diana Hays, Town Clerk/Executive Assistant

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Fraser called the special meeting to order at 9:00 AM and the pledge of allegiance followed.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Fraser stated the following:

“As we accelerate from response and relieve into recovery, resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, it’s with great assurance I say that this Town has weathered the pandemic better than most communities across Northern Virginia and our nation. Objectively speaking, while we have cut our budgets we have maintained a net plus operating position financially. We have benefited from Federal grants and we have passed those benefits on to our community through an array of instruments with over \$900k going directly to local businesses and non-profits. We are united by a passion to continually improve our Town while maintaining its charm.

We may differ in our approaches and tactics, but rather than count those differences as a negative we should celebrate them as a positive. The challenges we face as a town are not unique. There is a healthy tension between resources, desires, needs, and priorities. By recognizing that our differences are motivated by a shared interest in doing what is best for our town, we can professionally debate the tactics of doing just that.

We need to start today with a commitment to jointly assuming positive intent.

We need to be deliberately constructive rather than destructive. We should be committed to examining past actions with an eye toward how they can help inform future productive behaviors. So on these premises we are joined today to courageously discuss how best to align strategically to best serve our Town.”

CLOSED MEETING

Mayor Fraser requested with no objection from Council to move to a closed session at 9:05am.

As authorized under Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia, Council member Stinnette moved that the Town Council convene in a closed meeting to discuss the performance of specific public officers, specifically, one or more members of Town Council.

Council member Stinnette further move that as authorized under Section 2.2-3711(A)(8) of the Code of Virginia, the Town Council convene in a closed meeting for consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by the public body regarding specific legal matter requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel. Specifically, to discuss the performance of one or more members of Town Council.

The following are requested to attend the closed meeting:

- All Town Council members
- Attorney Bill Porter, Virginia Risk Sharing Association

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

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

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

DISCUSSION/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

a. Welcome and Agenda Overview

Mayor Fraser reviewed the chronological order of the agenda with a goal to end meeting before 4:00pm.

b. Vision and Mission Review and Alignment - Any Suggested Changes

The Vision and Mission was discussed and there were no changes made.

c. Strategic Objectives and Job Cards Review and Updates - Our Top Accomplishments

A discussion of adding a summary page of "Our Accomplishments" to share as part of the Strategic Objectives and Job Cards. The Strategic Objectives were reviewed and the Mayor would be sharing an email with Council pertaining to these Strategic accomplishments. Job cards had been realigned with newer Council members and these assignments of these Job Cards were reviewed along with project accomplishments.

d. Town Manager Organization and Operations Update - Top Items Town Council Needs to Know About

David A. Mekarski, Town Manager, gave this report and went over a list of “Top 10 Projects” and “Top 30 Projects” and rationale behind these lists.

e. Issues and Resolutions-Top Challenges and Recommended Path Forward

David A. Mekarski, Town Manager, gave this report and discussed with Council.

f. American Rescue Plan Funding Recommendations - Target Projects; Transparency & Community Engagement

David A. Mekarski, Town Manager, gave this report.

g. Other Items of Interest to the Town Council

A Council discussion of processes and concepts were shared with Mr. Mekarski regarding staff and projects.

ADJOURNMENT

Council member Grewe moved to adjourn 3:42 pm session of Town Council and carried 6-1 absent.

Kwasi Fraser, Mayor

Kimberly Bandy, Deputy Town Clerk