



TOWN OF HAYMARKET TOWN COUNCIL

PUBLIC HEARING

~ MINUTES ~

Shelley M. Kozlowski, Clerk of Council
<http://www.townofhaymarket.org/>

15000 Washington St
Haymarket, VA 20169

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

A Public Hearing of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Haymarket, VA, was held this evening in the Council Chambers, commencing at 7:00 PM.

Mayor David Leake called the meeting to order.

I. Call to Order

Vice Mayor Susan Edwards: Present, Councilman Robert Day: Present, Councilman Connor Leake: Present, Councilman Madhusudan Panthi: Present, Councilwoman Bond Cavazos: Present, Councilman Steve Shannon: Present, Mayor David Leake: Present.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Public Hearings

1. Proposed Meals Tax 1% Increase

2. Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Per the Council request at a previous Town Council work session concerning a possible 1% meals tax increase, Town Treasurer, Roberto Gonzalez, highlights the proposed 2019-2020 budget with two scenarios. During his presentation Mr. Gonzalez shares Exhibit A (\$2,964,726.00) with no increase in Real Estate Tax and Exhibit B (\$3,124,726.00) which references no increase in Real Estate Tax and a 1% meals tax increase.

Councilman Shannon asks how many properties has the Town issued blight letters to? Town Planner and Zoning Administrator, Emily Lockhart, addresses the question and responds 3 total. She adds that she has written letters and publicly noticed the "firehouse" and "bungalow". She further adds that she has not received any adequate feedback from the property owner. She concludes that she will be reaching out again and at the June 3rd Town Council meeting she would like to present a course of action plan.

Mayor Leake opens the public hearing for both the proposed Meals Tax increase and proposed Town Budget.

Joseph Pasanello, 6895 Track Court, feels that the Council is not ready. Shares concerns with the Town being more reliant on taxes and does not believe the town needs to raise the real estate tax. Also feels we need to look closer at the expenditures. He adds that the town needs a 5 year plan rooted in the Comprehensive Plan. He also comments on better communication with the town and residents and concern for no town manager position in the budget and police department's expenditures.

With no objection, the Mayor closes the public hearing.

IV. Discussion

Mayor discusses with Council the plans for the Town Center in possible phases, debt reduction, town rental properties, potential meals tax increase and the current tax rate.

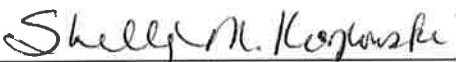
V. Adjournment

1. Motion to Adjourn

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Susan Edwards, Vice Mayor
SECONDER:	Steve Shannon, Councilman
AYES:	Edwards, Day, Leake, Panthi, Cavazos, Shannon

Submitted:

Approved:


Shelley M. Kozlowski, Clerk of the Council


David Leake, Mayor