



MIDDLEBURG TOWN COUNCIL
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 9, 2022



PENDING APPROVAL

PRESENT: Mayor Trowbridge M. Littleton
Vice Mayor Peter A. Leonard-Morgan
Councilmember Chris W. Bernard
Councilmember J. Kevin Daly
Councilmember Morris E. "Bud" Jacobs
Councilmember C. Darlene Kirk
Councilmember Philip M. Miller
Councilmember Cindy C. Pearson

STAFF: Danny Davis, Town Manager
Rhonda S. North, MMC, Town Clerk
Martin Crim, Town Attorney
William M. Moore, Deputy Town Manager
Ali MacIntyre, Director of Business Development & Community Partnerships
A.J. Panebianco, Chief of Police
Tina Staples, Town Treasurer/Director of Finance

The Town Council of the Town of Middleburg, Virginia held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, June 9, 2022 in the Town Hall Council Chambers, located at 10 West Marshall Street. Mayor Littleton led Council and those attending in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. The roll was called at 6:00 p.m. Councilmember Miller advised that he was participating in the meeting remotely from home due to medical reasons.

Special Recognitions

Presentation of Award – Sons of American Revolution

Barry Schwoerer, Vice President, and Wade Rhett, Public Service Committee Chair, of the Sergeant Major John Champ Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, presented a citation and metal to Officer Bill Nugent in recognition of his fifty-three years of exceptional service, dedication, and accomplishments in law enforcement. Mr. Rhett noted that Officer Nugent had served the Fairfax Police Department, Loudoun County Sheriff's Office, Haymarket Police Department and now the Middleburg Police Department. He read the citation aloud. Mr. Rhett also thanked the members of the Middleburg Police Department, including Chief Panebianco, for their dedication and service to the residents of Middleburg.

Administrator of Oaths of Office

Chief Panebianco administered Oaths of Office to Officers James Riley and Joseph Ingignoli, the Police Department's newest officers. He noted that this oath held them accountable and was in addition to the one they took at the courthouse that gave them the authority to be a police officer. Chief Panebianco opined that this one was more important.

Public Comment – Boundary Line Adjustment (BLA) Requests

Mayor Littleton noted that the Town's goal was to accept as much public input as possible on the boundary line adjustment concepts and would do so through July 4, 2022.

Susan Hardy, 123 N. Jay Street, advised that she was speaking on behalf of herself and the Steeplechase Run Homeowners Association. She noted that all their concerns had been raised already in writing; however, she wanted to emphasize the three major ones, including: the increase in population of 30+%, which would affect the Town's infrastructure resources; parking; and, having an independent council study the effects of the boundary line adjustments on the community, including the identification of the resources needed to support the growth.

Patricia Sweeney, 22309 Watson Road, Leesburg, questioned whether the proposed boundary line adjustments made fiscal sense and noted the need to provide more services. She opined that bringing in data centers, retail or industry made sense, as those provided revenues; whereas, residences cost more in services than they provided in revenue.

Michelle Lane, a business owner in Middleburg, expressed concern that within minutes of calling the Town Office to let them know she was planning on speaking during the meeting, she received an email about her lack of a business license. She advised that she did not want to see the government expand. Ms. Lane opined that Middleburg would be "urbanized" if the requests were approved and would have a greater need for tax revenues. She asked that the members of Council be strong and put the question to a referendum vote if they could not stand up to the "powers that be."

John Pittman, 12 Piedmont Drive, asked that the Council look at the proposals in the context of the other houses that had already been approved, but were not yet built. He noted that the number would increase by 213, not 126. Mr. Pittman asked that the Council consider the impact based on the worst-case scenario.

Nancy O'Shea, Sally Mill Road, advised that she was a financial crimes investigator and noted that her first post-retirement job was working for the Treasury. She opined that the country was on the verge of massive change; however, she was prohibited from disclosing what was happening. Ms. O'Shea advised that former President Trump put the federal government under the Treasury in anticipation of a massive currency change. She noted that states and municipalities were corporations and advised that they would go away when the "republic" was announced. Ms. O'Shea suggested the Council research its authority to approve the annexation requests and opined that they could be surprised if the Town invested money in them.

Public Comments – Other Town Items

Robin Burke, Executive Director of the Loudoun Freedom Center, noted that she had nine letters in support of the adaptive reuse of the Asbury Church, including from the Willisville Chapel United Methodist Church, Friends of the Asbury Church, Willisville Preservation Foundation, Barbara Scott Evans, Jay Street Properties LLC, Mosby Square Homeowners Association and Zeeland & V LLC, who was gifting \$250,000 for its redevelopment. She read excerpts from the letters.

Lashawn Bostick, of the Holy & Whole Life Changing Ministries, read a letter from the Friends of the Thomas Balch Library in support of the Loudoun Freedom Center's proposal to acquire the Asbury Church. She advised that African American history mattered and noted the need to be mindful of how it was preserved and restored.

Athena Bennett, Kipheart Drive, Leesburg, read a letter from Tom Sweitzer, Co-founder of A Place To Be, in support of the Loudoun Freedom Center's proposal to acquire the Asbury Church.

Priscilla Martinez-Jaka, of Hamilton, advised that she has worked with Pastor Thomas on projects that benefited Loudoun County. She noted that as an Indigenous woman of Apache heritage, she found it difficult to trace her ancestors' heritage in the nation. Ms. Martinez-Jaka opined that things from the past could not be changed; however, everyone could do their best here through the Loudoun Freedom Center's acquisition of the Asbury Church. She advised that she supported the Freedom Center and appealed to the Council to work with them so everyone could rise together.

Mary Hall Randolph, of Leesburg, noted that she was raised in Middleburg and worshipped at the Asbury Church. She opined that it was all that Black people had left in Middleburg and advised that she was tired of giving away what their descendants had. Ms. Randolph cited some examples of places that no longer existed. She applauded the Loudoun Freedom Center for what they were trying to do.

Israfeel Martinez-Jaka, of Hamilton, spoke on the attributes of the Loudoun Freedom Center. He noted that he had worked with Pastor Thomas for most of his life, including on his Eagle Scout project, which involved the creation of a memory space that told the story of the lynching of a fourteen-year-old African American boy that occurred in Loudoun County. Mr. Martinez-Jaka noted that this marker was now the location of Loudoun County's Annual Juneteenth Celebration. He expressed hope that the Asbury Church could be gifted to the Loudoun Freedom Center so they could preserve it.

Mikaeel Martinez-Jaka appeared representing himself and Boy Scout Troop 2019 in support of the Loudoun Freedom Center. He advised that he first partnered with the Freedom Center to restore the historical Ashburn Colored School. Mr. Martinez-Jaka further advised that he later worked with them on his Eagle Scout project, which involved the construction of a four-hundred-foot-long trail at the African American burial grounds in Lansdown. He noted that as a result of that project, he had the honor of representing Loudoun County as a Messenger of Peace World Hero for the World Organization of the Scout and was invited to speak before the United Nations Secretary General and the President-Elect of the General Assembly of the United Nations on the importance of preserving local community history and how Loudoun County was leading that effort. Mr. Martinez-Jaka opined that the Loudoun Freedom Center was the right choice to lead the preservation and restoration of the Asbury Church.

Anna Thomas, of Loudoun County, advised Council that she was excited to take the new African American history course that was developed by the Loudoun Freedom Center. She noted that the class would survey local African American history, culture and heritage sites and advised that she looked forward to touring the Asbury Church and sharing Middleburg's rich African American history. Ms. Thomas opined that the students would benefit from the Freedom Center's proposal to preserve the Asbury Church and provide educational programs. Ms. Thomas noted that a TikTok video was made by the student's sharing their excitement about the class.

Pastor Michelle Thomas, Founder of the Loudoun Freedom Center, advised that it was a fact in Loudoun County that African American sites were better preserved, protected and promoted when they were in the hands of descendants of the African American community. She noted that there were sites that, while preserved, were not open. Pastor Thomas explained that their timeline for the project included a phased approach, which would take five to six years, and reminded Council that this project was not like flipping a house, but rather was historical preservation. She reviewed the different phases, including their timeline, involved in their process. Pastor Thomas advised that financing was not a problem and suggested the Council should focus on the church's preservation and how to best honor the African American community.

Roxene Hill, 205 Chestnut Street, acknowledged that the Council could not comment on the details of an active criminal investigation; however, she suggested it was important that they offer some general comments to assure homeowners living in the immediate area of the crime.

Pam Curran, 800 Blue Ridge Avenue, noted the upcoming Juneteenth holiday, as well as National Pride Month. She advised that she did not see anything being celebrated and opined that because of this people would hide and be afraid as they would not feel acknowledged.

Dr. Linda Deans, a member of the Holy & Whole Life Changing Ministry, advised that she was an educational consultant with the Loudoun Freedom Center. She reviewed her credentials and opined that the Loudoun Freedom Center had an impressive team. Dr. Deans advised that they partnered with Hampton University and Old Dominion University to teach students who were expelled or on long-term suspension from public schools and got one of their alternative schools in Richmond certified by the State to offer Junior ROTC training. She opined that they could create and produce educational programs for the Asbury Church that would benefit the entire community. Dr. Deans advised that the Loudoun Freedom Center was all about relationships and partnerships, so they did not have to do things alone.

Eibada Martinez-Jaka, of Hamilton, advised Council that she was in support of the Loudoun Freedom Center's proposal for the restoration and adaptive reuse of the Asbury Church. She noted that she and her family have been involved with the Loudoun Freedom Center for many years and advised that the many events they held were a staple part of her life and allowed her to come together with her community. Ms. Martinez-Jaka explained that they allowed her to not only see and hear about important pieces of history, but to honor and feel them. She advised that Pastor Thomas and the Loudoun Freedom Center were inclusive and tied faith and history together in a way that was unique and welcoming. Ms. Martinez-Jaka noted that they also helped the youth and made sure they were a part of their work. She opined that they did amazing work that allowed the community to learn, celebrate, restore, and preserve important African American history. Ms. Martinez-Jaka reiterated her support of the Loudoun Freedom Center's proposal for the restoration and adaptive re-use of the Asbury Church.

Carmen Felder, President of 89 Ways to Give, expressed her support for the preservation and re-use of the Asbury Church and advised that her organization wanted to be a part of the project. She opined that this preservation project was an example of what Middleburg was known for and advised that Pastor Thomas had the historical knowledge and experience for preserving Black history to do the project. Ms. Felder advised that she supported this and felt that it would be a great decision for Middleburg. She reiterated that she would support the project in any way possible, whether it was funding or helping with the preservation, and would call upon other community leaders to do the same. Ms. Felder expressed hope that the Council would support the Loudoun Freedom Center's proposal.

Roswan Jaka, Chair of Interfaith and Government Relations for the Adam Center, advised that his organization represented over 25,000 community members. He noted that they have worked with the Loudoun Freedom Center for many years. Mr. Jaka advised that he was also involved in scouting and reminded Council that they had already heard from some scouts about their Eagle Scout project work with the Freedom Center. He advised with he worked with the Loudoun Freedom Center and Pastor Thomas to bring together unity that reflected pluralism, religious freedom, and multi-racial ethnic harmony. Mr. Jaka further advised that he supported the efforts of the Freedom Center with regard to historic preservation and opined that they had the expertise and support of the community. He noted that it was important to uplift African American historic sites, while keeping the unity, the healing, and the harmony together. Mr. Jaka advised that the community supported this important effort and expressed hope that the Council reflected that by allowing the Loudoun Freedom Center to do this project.

Mayor Littleton advised that anyone who wanted to submit comments could do so by sending them to the Town. He recessed the meeting from 7:12-7:18 p.m. Following the break, Mayor Littleton called the meeting back to order.

Status of Boundary Line Adjustment Proposals

Mayor Littleton reported that he met with both parties this week to provide them with a status report and to let them know the Council would accept public input through July 4, 2022. He advised that the Council would then provide it to the requesting parties so they could revise their proposals if desired. Mr. Littleton further advised that the Council would then look at them again. He noted that the community had expressed an interest in having the property owners do their own presentation/Q&A session. Mr. Littleton advised that the Town could not force them to do so and could only recommend they do it. He noted that at that time, the Council would begin their deliberations.

Town Manager Davis reported that the staff met with representatives from Chmura, the consultant who did a financial analysis for the Town in 2019, to ask that they perform a fiscal and operational analysis of the boundary line adjustments to see what they would do to the Town's operations. He advised that their proposal would be reviewed once it was received. Mr. Davis advised that he also reached out to an engineer with experience in developments in Loudoun County to see if he could perform an analysis of the proposed boundary line adjustments, specifically the Homewood Farms one. He noted that he was awaiting his proposal.

Mayor Littleton noted that during the meeting, he suggested the property owners take the community feedback to heart and advised that they both said they would. He further advised that they said they wanted their final proposal to align with the community as much as possible. Mr. Littleton opined that they were appreciative of the Council's diligence and noted that the State Code only required that the Council hold one public hearing; however, they were accepting public input for two and a half months. He advised that in response to some comments he heard from individuals about their inability to complete the online survey, the staff was developing a paper version that would be mailed to the community. Mr. Littleton asked that people complete the online version if they were comfortable doing so.

Vice Mayor Leonard-Morgan noted the comments on the lack of infrastructure related to shopping, specifically the Safeway. He questioned whether that would be a part of the analysis.

Mayor Littleton suggested the need to ask the Safeway about this. He opined that there were probably metrics as to when a community could get a grocery store of a certain size.

Town Manager Davis advised that a retail demand analysis was not an area of expertise for the consultant. He opined that it was a good idea to talk to Safeway and suggested the need to discuss how to gather information. Mr. Davis noted that this may involve a different consultant.

Councilmember Jacobs advised that he spoke with members of his homeowners' association and noted that there were lots of questions and concerns related to the Homewood Farms concept, the most important of which were related to the Town's infrastructure and traffic. He further noted that concerns were expressed about Foxcroft Road. Mr. Jacobs expressed hope that the consultant would address those questions/concerns. He acknowledged a public comment that was received suggesting the property owners should do the study at their own expense; however, in this case, he felt the Town should ask the questions.

Councilmember Pearson noted the need to also consider the impact of growth on the Safeway's pharmacy.

Councilmember Kirk noted that similar issues were raised with Safeway's corporate headquarters in the past and they felt that growth was not a problem. She noted that another forty-nine homes would soon be constructed.

Staff Reports

Town Manager Davis announced that the general contractor for the Residences at Salamander alerted him that they intended to do more blasting in the next week. He advised that the Town would do a Facebook post and automated phone alert, as well as place information on the Town's website, to alert the residents. Mr. Davis suggested that if anyone had any questions or concerns, they should contact the Loudoun County Fire Marshall's Office. After some discussion of the use of the automated phone system, Mr. Davis advised that the Town would share what information it had. He encouraged residents to sign up for the Town's emergency alert notifications through its website and reminded Council that it was used more frequently, as the automated phone alerts were only used for emergency situations.

Council asked that this notification also be included in the eNewsletter.

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Town Clerk North reported that as previously mentioned by the Mayor, she drafted a paper version of the online BLA survey, as well as an information sheet and map, so it could be mailed to the community. She noted that she was working on two FOIA requests that had been received. Ms. North reported that prior to the meeting, she met with the Town Attorney and Police Chief to discuss amendments to the noise ordinance, specifically the penalties section. She advised that the draft amendment would be coming to the Council during their first meeting in July. Ms. North reported that the staff would receive training on the new SeeClickFix software that would replace the existing CP Connect module, in anticipation that the new module would go live on June 17th.

Business Development & Community Partnerships Director MacIntyre reported that she was working on a draft Memorandum of Agreement with the Middleburg Business & Professional Association (MBPA). She noted that she and Councilmembers Bernard and Pearson would attend the MBPA's July Board meeting to discuss it. Ms. MacIntyre announced that there would be a grand opening for Willow, a new business on Federal Street, on June 17th. She reported that she and Town Clerk North would host the Town's first grant writing workshop on June 15th and advised that five organizations were registered to attend. Ms. MacIntyre noted that Council had information on the Town's Facebook audience and reported that engagements were six times more successful than competitors.' She noted that she was also working to improve the Town's Instagram metrics in the coming months.

Town Treasurer Staples reported that the accounts payable totals were higher than normal due to two large vendor payments. She reminded Council that the radio read system was underway and should be operational by June. In response to the comment made during the public comment period, Ms. Staples advised that she treated all businesses the same and would go after them if they owed the Town taxes. She noted that sometimes businesses did not self-report when they opened in town and that it could take her some time to locate them.

Deputy Town Manager Moore reported that, in addition to the land clearing work that was underway, the HDRC approved three certificates of appropriateness applications for new homes at the Residences at Salamander. He reminded Council that there were guidelines specifically for the evaluation of those applications. Mr. Moore advised that he expected two more applications next month. He reported that the Wayfinding Signage Project would kick off next week and advised that the staff was developing a plan for the daily activities. Mr. Moore noted that parking spaces would be blocked off on Washington Street while the sign poles were being installed. He further noted that there would be lane closures. Mr. Moore advised that this was a Town -wide project and encouraged motorists to be mindful of work crews.

Chief Panebianco reported that Officer Riley had been released from field training. He further reported that Lieutenant Jones and Administrative Assistant Bryan attended training on the new IBR software. Chief Panebianco opined that the recently held Boy Scout's 5K and Art in the Burg events were both successful. He noted that Officer Riley quickly responded to an emergency situation during the latter event and used his EMT training to keep the individual calm until she could be transported by rescue squad to the hospital. Chief Panebianco acknowledged Officer Nugent's fifty-three years in law enforcement and advised that he had been very helpful in filling in during the recent staff shortages.

In response to a comment that was received during the public comments section of the meeting, Chief Panebianco reported that what occurred was not a home invasion, nor was it random or involved an unknown suspect. He further reported that an arrest was made in Fauquier County very quickly and that the Middleburg Police Department issued warrants on that individual for unlawful entry and theft. Chief Panebianco advised that there was no known threat to the community or individual involved. He noted that the crimes were committed by one individual and reiterated that warrants were served. In response to an inquiry from the Council, Chief Panebianco confirmed the crimes were committed by an individual who was known to the homeowner.

Mayor Littleton noted that the Town suffered two losses – Sylvia Swann and Ann McMahon, who recently passed.

Councilmember Pearson noted that Mary Lee and Peggy Gore recently passed as well.

Town Hall Project Report

Town Clerk North reported that installation of the stormwater management system was almost complete. She further reported that the work on the footers was underway; however, the contractor hit rock and had to bring back the hoe ram. Ms. North advised that the installation of the new twelve-inch water main was also underway. She noted that, unfortunately, Dominion's electric line was mis-marked and was dug up by the sub-contractor who was digging for the water main installation. Ms. North advised Council that the mulberry tree and holly bush that were located on the property line adjoining the Poston property were scheduled for trimming on June 13th. Ms. North noted that the next Council site tour would fall on the Fourth of July holiday; therefore, it needed to be rescheduled. After some discussion, the Council asked that it be scheduled to July 6th. In response to an inquiry from the Council, Ms. North advised that when the electric line was damaged, it also took out the Town's SCADA system. She noted that the Town would have to wait until the electric line was repaired to determine the extent of the damage to the system. Ms. North explained that Dominion Power's contractors marked the line as coming from the east, when it actually came from the west; therefore, the repairs were their responsibility.

Town Clerk North advised that at the request of the Mayor, she prepared a presentation for the Council on the furniture and fixtures for the new Town Hall. The members of Council noted that they reviewed the advanced copy of the presentation and advised that they had no concern with what they saw; therefore, they preferred to forego the presentation given everything else on the agenda. They advised that they trusted the staff and design architect's judgement.

Mayor Littleton asked that if anyone had any changes they wanted to see, they email their input to Town Clerk North.

Reports of Town Committees/Council Liaisons

Councilmember Pearson advised Council that the HDRC was a great committee. She opined that the Town was lucky to have Tim Clites and Bill Anderson, local architects, serving on it.

Councilmember Bernard asked that the members of Council let him know if they had any input on the draft MOA with the MBPA. He explained that it would identify how the Town and MBPA interfaced to reach common goals.

Mayor Littleton reminded Council and the audience that comments on Loudoun County's proposed zoning ordinance amendments were due June 18th. He offered to help people input their comments if needed.

Vice Mayor Leonard-Morgan reported that the Boy Scouts recently distributed reusable bags to three hundred households in Middleburg. He noted that some people were not home and advised that there were bags available at the Town Office for those who needed them. Mr. Leonard-Morgan noted that the Sustainability Committee would also have a table in front of the Safeway on June 18th and would distribute bags at that time. He reminded the Council and audience that the single-use bag tax would go into effect on July 1st. In response to an inquiry from the Council, Mr. Leonard-Morgan confirmed that those who did self-checkout at the Safeway would be on the honor system when reporting the numbers of bags they used.

Consent Agenda

A. Council Approval – May 12, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

Councilmember Jacobs moved, seconded by Councilmember Daly, that Council approve the consent agenda as submitted.

Vote: Yes – Councilmembers Leonard-Morgan, Bernard, Daly, Jacobs, Kirk, Miller, and Pearson

No – N/A

Abstain: N/A

Absent: N/A

(Mayor Littleton only votes in the case of a tie.)

Discussion Items

Special Events Permit Ordinance

Town Manager Davis reported that two events were recently scheduled for the same night, on the same corner; however, it rained, and they were both cancelled. He opined that this raised the importance of improving communications regarding events and suggested there were a number of ways to do so. Mr. Davis reported that Business Development & Community Partnership Director MacIntyre was working with the MBPA on who should own the master event calendar. He noted that the Mayor suggested the Town consider requiring event organizers of certain sized events to register them with the Town.

Mayor Littleton noted that two music concerts were scheduled twenty feet away from each other. He suggested the need for regulations whereby if the public were invited to an event, the organizer would have to get a permit from the Town even if it were held on private property. Mr. Littleton suggested permits be issued on a first come, first serve basis, and put on the special events calendar. He opined that more events would be occurring, meaning there would be more conflicts in the future. Mr. Littleton suggested the need to avoid a repeat of what almost occurred. He questioned whether the Council was interested in pursuing an amendment to the special event ordinance.

Councilmember Pearson noted that this had been discussed in the past. She opined that the recent events would not have conflicted as one of them would have occurred in the rear of the property. Ms. Pearson suggested this was something that would be difficult to control.

Mayor Littleton suggested the organization could be fined for failing to secure a permit. He opined that there were three hundred times more events than ten years ago, meaning there was a potential for more problems in the future.

Town Manager Davis acknowledged that there had been past conversations about making the regulations more stringent; however, nothing happened with the proposals. He suggested the staff look at the previous work that was done. Mr. Davis opined that one option was to have better communication between the Town and the MBPA on community events. He noted that the MBPA recently put out an event mailer that was more detailed and suggested it would be good if it provided a three month lookahead.

Vice Mayor Leonard-Morgan noted the noise and traffic that could be associated with events, as well as the services that may be needed. He opined that this was not a money issue, but rather was one of helping the events operate smoothly.

Councilmember Miller noted the need to identify requirements in case the Town wished to deny a permit. He suggested the Cultural & Community Events Committee offer their input, including whether the Town should require a permit.

Council agreed to send this to the Events Committee for their input.

Information Items

End-of-Year Budget Amendments – FY '22

Town Treasurer Staples noted that the end-of-the-year budget amendments were a housekeeping item. She reported that the General Fund revenues and expenditures increased by \$32,950 due to a grant that was received for the purchase of Toughbooks for the police officers.

Town Manager Davis noted the desire to make amendments to the budgeted revenues and advised that the auditors agreed this would not be a problem. He advised that he and Town Treasurer Staples would work on that for the FY '22 budget and report back to the Council. Mr. Davis noted that he had the authority to make the amendments.

In response to an inquiry from the Council, Town Treasurer Staples reported that there was no funding included in the budget for the financial advisor services, which were related to the Town Hall Project supplemental bond. Town Manager Davis reported that this involved \$57,800 paid to Davenport.

Closed Session

Councilmember Miller moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Leonard-Morgan, that Council go into closed session as authorized under Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia, for the discussion or consideration of (1) the potential sale of Town-owned property located within the Town limits, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating position of the public body as allowed under Subsection (A)(3); and, (2) the performance review of a Town employee as allowed under Subsection (A)(1). Councilmember Miller further moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Leonard-Morgan, that the Council thereafter reconvene in open session for action as appropriate.

Vote: Yes – Councilmembers Bernard, Daly, Jacobs, Kirk, Leonard-Morgan, Miller, and Pearson

No – N/A

Abstain: N/A

Absent: N/A

(Mayor Littleton only votes in the case of a tie.)

Mayor Littleton asked that Council certify that to the best of each member’s knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the closed meeting, which each member so did. He reminded those present for the closed session that any discussion that occurred within it should be treated as confidential.

There being no further business, Mayor Littleton declared the meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Trowbridge M. Littleton, MAYOR

Rhonda S. North, MMC, Town Clerk

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Bridge Littleton: All right. We will call the June 9th meeting to order. First item, Pledge of Allegiance.

Everyone: [Pledge of Allegiance]

Bridge Littleton: Ok next item is roll call.

Chris Bernard: Chris Bernard.

Bud Jacobs: Bud Jacobs.

Darlene Kirk: Darlene Kirk.

Bridge Littleton: Bridge Littleton.

Peter Leonard Morgan: Peter Leonard Morgan.

Cindy Pearson: Cindy Pearson.

J. Kevin Daly: John Kevin Daly.

Rhonda North: Rhonda North, Town Clerk.

Danny Davis: Danny Davis, Town Manager.

Martin Crim: Martin Crim, Town Attorney.

Bridge Littleton: Okay. [off mic] Don't promote him.

Rhonda North: There we go. We've got Philip on the line now.

Bridge Littleton: Philip, do you want to say your name for roll call?

Philip Miller: Philip Miller. I am remoting in for health reasons.

Bridge Littleton: Okay, great. Ok, before we go. Oh, wow. Before we go to public comment, we've got two special recognitions that we need to do. So members of the public just bear with us a little bit. The first item here is the administration of the oath of office for two new officers who are joining the town. [inaudible] One is James Riley and the other one is Joseph. [off mic] There we go Ingignoli. Without looking. How is it spelled? [off mic].

A.J. Panebianco: [inaudible] them first because Jamie's walking over now.

Bridge Littleton: Oh, okay. Sure. Well, then the second thing we had was the presentation of award by the Sons of the American Revolution, Officer Bill Nugent.

Barry Schwoerer: Good afternoon. I'm vice president of the Sergeant Major John [inaudible] chapter of Sons of American Revolution. I want to thank all of you for allowing us to be here. We're very honored to be able to make this presentation. Mr. Mayor, Vice Mayor Council Members and Mrs. Nugent. Our chapter was formed in February 2022 to serve Loudoun County. We're a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization with a specific goal of promoting patriotism, educating youngsters. We have several young people programs. [inaudible] program is to recognize first responders, police officers. Mr. Nugent being one of them for long term service. Mr. Rhett is going to read the citation.

Rhett Wade: Appreciate being here this evening. My name's Rhett Wade. I'm the public service committee chairman for the Sergeant Major John Champ chapter of the Virginia SAR. Tonight, we're here to honor one of Middleburg own officer William Bill Nugent. So, Bill and Carol could come up for a minute. I'd appreciate it. The citation for Officer Nugent reads and I got to tell you, I got to jump in for a second here. I've known a lot of the people who worked with Bill and his previous deployments and grew up with a lot of them, roomed with a number of them over the years. And every time you bring up this guy's name, you just everybody just gets a smile on their face. He's very well known, very well respected. The citation for Officer Nugent reads William Bill Nugent has served in the field of law enforcement with honor and distinction and devotion for over half a century, which is just incredible. During his career, which began in 1969, Bill Nugent served in many capacities to include police officer, investigator, detective, motor unit sergeant and even as an acting lieutenant. His long career began with the Fairfax County Police, where he served from 1969 until his retirement as a master police officer in 1994. Bill Nugent went on to serve with the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office beginning in 1994 until his retirement as a motor squad sergeant in 2018. After two full careers Bill Nugent went on to serve with the Haymarket Police Department from 2018 to 2021, and since 2020 has served as a police officer with Middleburg Police Department. Officer Nugent stepped up and out of retirement for a time to for a brief time to return to full time employment to assist with the staffing shortage caused by two staff members battling with cancer, which really speaks a lot to who Bill is, by the way. Among his many accomplishments and awards during his long career, Bill Nugent was honored as police officer of the Year in 2019 while serving with the Haymarket Police Department. I've got a quote from Chief A.J. Panebianco of the Middleburg Police Department and President of the Virginia Chiefs of Police Association and Foundation. Quote, I wish there were more Bill's in this world. His experience and guidance are invaluable to the town and the officers he mentors. Bill is the perfect example of self-sacrifice and community policing. I think that truly sums it up. Throughout his career, Bill Nugent has been an exemplary employee, role model mentor and a law enforcement asset dedicated to the safety and well-being of the citizens of this nation. Town of Middleburg. County of Fairfax. County of Loudoun. The town of Haymarket and the Commonwealth of Virginia. It's with great pleasure and honor that the Sergeant Major John Champ chapter of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution presents William Bill Nugent with the Law Enforcement Commendation and Medal. [applause] Sergeant Major chapter of the Virginia SAR extends our congratulations to Officer Nugent on the award of this richly deserved commendation and medal for over a half century of exceptional service, dedication and accomplishments in law enforcement. We'd also like to thank Chief A.J. And all the members of the Middleburg Police Department for the outstanding dedication and service to the citizens of Middleburg and the Commonwealth of Virginia. Bill I also made this for you. Collect dust. Hang on the wall. Among your other things. Thank you for this honor. And good evening to you all.

Bridge Littleton: Thank you all very much. [applause] [off mic]

J. Kevin Daly: Well done. We expect more out of you now.

Bridge Littleton: Bill. Hey, Bill. Good job on the first 50. We're looking forward to you completing the second 50.

Rhett Wade: 53, to be exact. It's amazing.

Bridge Littleton: Okay. The next item here is the administration of the oath of office for Officer James Riley and Officer Joseph. And then you go. [off mic]

A.J. Panebianco: Okay. Come on over here. Just so the public understands what we do when an officer is hired, they're sworn in through the circuit court, and that gives them the authority to do the job. However, in Middleburg we want them to have more than just the authority. We want them to be accountable. So this oath of office, I believe, is just as

important, if not more important than the oath that gives them the authority, because it holds them accountable to our community and each other. So you gentlemen will raise your right hand. Repeat after me on my honor.

James Riley & Joseph Ingnoli: On my honor.

A.J. Panebianco: I will never betray my integrity.

James Riley & Joseph Ingnoli: I will never betray my integrity.

A.J. Panebianco: My character.

James Riley & Joseph Ingnoli: My character.

A.J. Panebianco: Or the public trust.

James Riley & Joseph Ingnoli: Or the public trust.

A.J. Panebianco: I will always have the courage to hold myself and others accountable for our actions.

James Riley & Joseph Ingnoli: I will always hold myself and others accountable for our actions.

A.J. Panebianco: I will always maintain the highest ethical standards.

James Riley & Joseph Ingnoli: I will always maintain the highest ethical standards.

A.J. Panebianco: And uphold the values of my community.

James Riley & Joseph Ingnoli: And uphold the values of my community.

A.J. Panebianco: And the agency I serve.

James Riley & Joseph Ingnoli: And the agency I serve.

A.J. Panebianco: Thank you, gentlemen. Welcome to our team. [applause]

Bridge Littleton: A.J., thank you. Appreciate it. Sean, how are you? Okay. Next item here is public comment. So we want to do this in order. So the last couple, last month or two, we've been breaking up the public comment session into public comments related specifically to the town annexation proposals and then any other public comment on any other topic. So just to get the shortest one out of the way, first quick show of hands. Who is here and plans to speak on the annexation proposals tonight. And you guys, you do plan to speak. Okay, great. Who is here and plans to speak and actually plans to speak on something different? Anything. One, two, three, four. Could you ask the folks online?

Rhonda North: I know I have at least 1, 2, 3 people online who plan to speak on something other than the BLA the other.

Bridge Littleton: Okay. Got it. That's fine. So we'll do the BLA first because that's the fewest number of folks and then we'll do any other public comment. Okay. So just to level set. We've been doing this each time. The town has before to annexation proposals or I won't call them proposals concept ideas to annex property into the town of Middleburg to potentially do a mix of housing. The town's goal in this entire process has been to gather as much public information and input as we can. So with that, probably until the July 4th holiday, we're going to continue to break out and have specific input sessions for the annexation proposals, and then we'll have public comment for anything else. Every member of the public has 3 minutes. And for those online, how we will do public comment is we will do I guess tonight we will do the annexation public comment first. Folks in the room will go first. And then if there's anybody online who would like to

speak on that topic, they can go. Then we will close the public comment session for the annexation requests and then go into normal public comment, which again will then be 3 minutes for folks in person first and then 3 minutes for anybody who is online. When you address the council, please give us your name, your physical address, and then 3 minutes, the floor is yours. A couple of things. Remember during public comment, it is a one way comment to the town council. We can't answer questions and there's no back and forth. That's just the rules. And again, you get 3 minutes and we have a nice little jeopardy clock right up here for you as it as to keep track of the time. And then, Rhonda, do you want to read the instructions for those who are online and then we can start the public comment?

Rhonda North: Sure. So for those of you who are who are on either the computer or a telephone or some type of device for those who have already pre signed, I will call your name. When I do I will give you permission to speak through Zoom. You'll need to unmute yourself. And if you're on the telephone, then you would press Star six. Once we go through the list of folks. Who've already signed up, we'll ask if anyone else wants to speak. If you will either use the raise the hand function to let me know you will, or enter a message in chat to let me know that you do. Then again, once you're recognized, you'll either unmute your microphone or press star six if you're on the telephone.

Bridge Littleton: Okay. Great. Thanks. Let's write a note. Okay. So we're going to do BLA first. Anybody wish to address council on the annexation BLA requests? Yes, ma'am.

Susan Hardy: Hi. My name is Susan Hardy. I live at 123 North Jay Street. I first want to start by saying thank you, mayor, vice mayor and town council for holding these hearings and for extending the hearings to make sure all public comment is heard. So very much appreciate that I come to speak on behalf of myself, but also as my entity is president of Steeplechase Run HOA. I have solicited public comments from all of our homeowners and I'm speaking on their behalf as well. I know we've provided a written response with our concerns, but I also thought it was important to come personally and talk and address all of you with what our concerns are. I don't think any of them are new. I think they've all been talked about before. But the three ones that we would like to emphasize to make sure that it is addressed is one of course being the increase in the population density. I think one of our submissions was it increases it by 30 plus percent, which doesn't really even take into account the encroachment we're getting from the building, from neighborhoods coming up to Middleburg. And I think that's going to have a direct effect into a lot of our infrastructure services and resources here that I'd like the Town Council to really take under advisement and consideration. Parking is definitely one, I think, for all we've all acknowledged. But with that kind of increase, I mean, first of all, Safeway, listen, I'm in walking distance and I walked here today and I walk as much as I can. I love Middleburg. We came here because it was a walking community and I walk as much as I can. But, you know, inclement weather winter with all the addition of the housing, certainly people are going to be relying on traffic and cars and and getting the services specifically just for Safeway, because that's a need, not a want. Right. I mean, we all love our stores here and we buy from them. But those are ones that needs. Grocery store is a need. And that's of utmost concern is the parking parking in general and then parking for our community and for our visitors because that's what appeals. That's what's so appealing to Middleburg and what brings so many people here. So I'm not sure that really has been addressed. So those two things in particular I really wanted to highlight and bring up. And then the third would be, I would really like you to give due consideration to getting an independent council to really study the effects, the traffic effects, the parking effects, the housing effects to our services to identify really what services do we need to support that kind of growth. And as a coming from a software communications company, we have a motto crawl, walk, run. And I just appeal to you to do the same. Thanks very much.

Bridge Littleton: Thank you. Anybody else.

Patricia Sweeney: Good evening. Thank you for your time. I'm Patricia Sweeney. My address is 22309 Watson Road, Leesburg. I've been there 31 years. Regarding the town annexing to capture more residents. That's my specific topic. Does it make fiscal sense? Your infrastructure costs is going to increase. You're going to have to expand the public water and sewage treatment. You're going to have to have more senior citizens services, more police calls, more public schools, more more busses. And I just want to make sure that you've looked at the cost of of annexing. And it would seem to me like if you were annexing to capture a data center, that would be a good revenue source or a shopping mall with a Walmart, again, a generous revenue source or like an Amazon distribution center. Typically, that's the kind of property

that towns want to add in because they know that's going to help them with revenue. And whereas residences are usually a downhill, fiscally downhill, because they often cost more in services than you could collect in taxes. Thank you.

Bridge Littleton: Thank you, ma'am.

Michelle Lane: Hi, everyone. My name is Michelle Lane, and I'm a business owner here in Middleburg. I own a licensed Virginia Health Department home health care organization. Again, we are licensed by the Commonwealth of Virginia and we have an SCC license. And I bring this up because when I called this morning to talk about coming and speaking, and I made it clear that I was concerned about the annexation and that I was very much against it. Within minutes of hanging up, I received an email from your office and it says, It's come to our attention that you're operating a business within the town of Middleburg but do not have a business license. You have to have a license. It appears you've been in operations since 2016. I'm only allowed to go back three years for delinquent taxes. I want to see your gross receipts, your 1099s for 2019, 20 and 21. Now, that obviously gave me a lot of concern that knowing that me calling the office and making everyone aware that I disagreed, that suddenly I would receive this pushback. At any rate, we only moved to the town of Middleburg last year, but that this exact reason is why people do not want to see government expanding. That in and of itself, in addition to the reasons that I know you all have heard a bazillion times and that the ones which were stated by the two prior people. But it made me think what it must be like for you town council people who disagree with this annexation. And because essentially what's going to happen is Middleburg is going to be urbanized. There's going to be more people, more concrete and hotter. And the taxes, the tax base is going to increase. There's going to be a more need for taxes, at any rate. I just want to point out that when I used to work in politics in Maryland, that before this a train of something bad is continuing down the train tracks and it can't be stopped. There's always an initial period where there is this quid pro quo being discussed where someone will give the town money if they will do something for them. And this is at that time and I just ask you all to stand up and be strong, because I know that you all hear from everyone and people don't want this, and I ask you to put it for a referendum vote if you all feel as though you're unable to stand up to the powers that be. Thank you.

Bridge Littleton: Thank you. Was there anybody else who wished to speak on the annexation, John.

John Pittman: John Pittman, 12 Piedmont Drive. I've submitted a number of comments, probably inundated you. But but that's okay, too. The one thing I wanted to stress is I think you need to look at the two proposals in context of what already has been approved, but not yet built. Okay. I'm talking about the Salamander. I'm talking about Banbury Cross. I know you're focused on your two specific BLAs, but when you add those housing units up, it's not 126. It's 213. Ok in terms of numbers. And so that's obviously probably the worst case in terms of impact on the town of Middleburg. I just ask that you consider that in your analysis or whoever you bring in and assume a worst case scenario. I assume that you approve both BLAs. And you get the build out in the Salamander and you get the 38 units at Banbury Cross and then look at the impact that's going to have on your town. That's all I have to say.

Bridge Littleton: John, thank you. Anybody else here wish to speak on the BLA annexation? [off mic]

Nancy O'Shea: It doesn't particularly pertain to [off mic]. I'm sorry. Nancy O'Shea and I previously lived on [inaudible] Farm, and I now live on Sally Mill. I have a 35 year history of financial crimes as an investigator, and my first post-retirement job was working for the Treasury. We are on the verge of a massive change in this country. I'm prohibited from disclosing a lot of what's happening. But basically, in 19 in 1871, the Republic was replaced in the middle of the night by the US Corporation. Most recently Trump has put Treasury under I'm sorry, the Fed under Treasury in anticipation of a massive currency change doing away with the fiat currency. The Corporation. The Republic is now being stood up. The corporation is in liquidation and there's a docket number in northern Florida that substantiates this. Again, a lot of it. I can't go into any further when the US corporation up until recently existed. Every body politic from the state to the county to the municipality was in fact a corporation. Ok. Those things are going away when they when the republic is announced, it's being funded right now. So my comment is. Do some research on your authority to even be approving this annexation because you may invest money into this thing and be very sadly surprised. And the state of affairs right now is not good, but it's going to get better. So that is my comment.

Bridge Littleton: Thank you. Anybody else in the room for annexation. Ok Rhonda, was there anybody online who wanted to speak on the annexation?

Rhonda North: So no one has raised their hands as of this moment.

Bridge Littleton: Okay. We will close the public comment session on the annexation BLA topic. Excuse me. And now we will open the public comment on any other topic that anybody would like to wish to speak on. Just again, the baseline rules are exactly the same name, address. 3 minutes in the floor is yours. So when anybody here like to speak on any other topic? Yes, ma'am.

Robin Burke: Good evening. My name is Robin Burke and I'm proudly serve as the executive director of the Loudoun Freedom Center. To date, the Loudoun Freedom Center has received nine letters of support. I will share with you a few excerpts in support of the adaptive reuse of the historic Asbury Church. From Reverend Tracey B Lyons, Pastor Willisville Chapel UMC. The Loudoun Freedom Center has reached out to us and shared their plans for adaptive reuse of the historic Asbury Church. As neighbors, we are supportive of their proposal from the Friends of Asbury Church. As the Friends of Asbury Church would be pleased to support the Loudoun Freedom Center to implement their plans to reopen the historic treasure. From Carol Lee, president of Willisville Preservation Foundation. Your work at the Loudoun Freedom Center is very admirable, and we appreciate your contributions to preserving African American history in Loudoun County. We wish you best of luck in your important mission to continue sharing the rich history of African American experience in Loudoun County. Barbara Scott Evans, Former Middleburg resident. I am Barbara Scott Evans, a former resident of Middleburg. In 1955 and 1956 I played the piano for the services at Asbury Church on the first and third Sundays. Although I was a member of Shiloh Baptist Church, I had family members who attended Asbury. Members of the community supported the activities of both churches because services were held at Asbury on the first and third and Sundays and Shiloh on the second and fourth Sundays. I believe the church should be a vital part of the community to serve the senior citizens. And as a place of worship, we should be careful in the re-use of former worship facilities. Therefore, to this end, I support the Loud and Freedom Center's proposal as a place of worship and the retelling of our African American heritage. Benjamin H. Graham, Jay Street Properties, LLC. It would be nice to see Asbury being used again, and we would welcome the Loudoun Freedom Center as our neighbor. Kevin Daly Mosby Square HOA. The Loudoun Freedom has shared their plans as neighbors. We are supportive of this and all proposals that would restore our neighborhood church. I believe that this opportunity to restore and preserve the store Asbury Church is in alignment with the desires of the Middleburg community. David M. Gregory of Zeeland and V, LLC. Please accept this letter as my pledge to make a gift in the amount of \$250,000 to the Loudoun Freedom Center to assist with future renovations, maintenance, manage, cost retrofitting, classrooms. Meeting. Thank you.

Bridge Littleton: Thank you very much. Anyone else? Yes, ma'am.

Lashawn Bostick: Good evening. My name is Lashawn. Minister Lashawn Bostick. And I'm of Holy and Whole Life Changing Ministries. And I'm in support of the Loudoun Freedom Center. I bring I'm sorry, Aldie. I live in the town of Aldie. All right. I come to you today, and I'm going to be reading a letter from the friends of the Thomas Balch Library, which is a 501c3 corporation. Letters addressed today to Middleburg Town Council. The Black History Committee, established in 2000 with a mission to preserve, collect, promote and share the history of African Americans that contributed to the development of Loudoun County first advocated for the preservation of the Asbury Church, one of the county's historic cultural heritage resources. In 2001, our first campaign to recognize and preserve historic African-American sites. Continuing that mission, last year, the Black History Committee initiated the Preservation Equity Initiative to identify endangered African American resources and to partner with other organizations to develop solutions to prevent loss of these important resources. A component of the the excuse me, the PEI and update a survey of the county's historic African-American resources is currently underway in partnership of the county's Department of Planning and Zoning, Community Planning Division and Document and preserve both publicly and privately owned Heritage Resources, ignoring the misrepresentation of the African-American lived experience. Consequently, the the Black History Committee recommends that when the disposition of African-American resources is being considered, the following should be prioritized. The voice and wishes of Loudoun African American Descendant Community and other African American descendant community members, and the preservation and restoration of African American cultural resources as originally intended with its historical context, if at all feasible and desired by the African American

community. The Black History Committee and its members have partnered with the Loudoun Freedom Center on several key African American preservation and education projects which are listed in this letter that we've provided for you. Therefore, based on our commitment to fully engage the voices and desires of African American descendant communities in resource preservation issues, in addition to the Black History Committee's experience working with the Loudoun Freedom Center, we are in support of the restoration and preservation of the historic Asbury Church proposal. This is submitted sincerely, Donna Bohannon, Chairperson and the Preservation Equity Initiative. Subcommittee of the Black History Committee and Friends of the Thomas Balch Library. Thank you for your time. And just to say, you know, African American history matters. So how we preserve it, how we restore, we need to be mindful of that. Thank you.

Bridge Littleton: Thank you.

Athena Bennett: Athena Bennett, Kipheart Drive, Leesburg. I too also come before you reading a letter addressed to you in support of the church from Tom Switzer, co-founder of A Place to Be. I am writing on behalf of what I feel is best for the church. I have been a citizen of Middleburg now for 30 years. I love this town and all my neighbors. Well, most. My dog even writes for the town newspaper. I write this not to take sides, for I have been great neighbor and friend of Bridget and her family for years. I have worked with her closely as an instructor and I have great respect for the Wilson family. I write today because since the day I moved here, I fantasized that the church revived. It has a soul waiting there patiently for someone to breathe new life into it. Pastor Michelle has the ability to do that with massive support system, a historical perspective, and an important mission of preserving the story of black experience. We know more than we ever have about the importance of opening our eyes, seeing the past for what it is, and honoring the past lives, especially of populations that had had their stories bound and silenced. I have also been a member of Austin Grove United Methodist for 23 years, a sister member of the Asbury Church, same generational families. And I'm a supporter of the Austin Grove Community Church now, as one of the only non-black members, Pastor Michelle has created a movement within Loudoun. I have seen racism within the schools and workforce and within our nonprofit organizations. I have sat with black families who do not have a, wave a flag of racism, but live a life each day that takes more work to get along. To have a place where students daily could learn about the amazing history of the church, its use as a hospital, a black sanctuary, and to see the handcrafted woodwork made by black hands, along with relics and artifacts and stories, would only make Middleburg seem wide awake and richer. And I mean richer, non-monetary, but richer, because we would we would embrace and help build a place where history of color would live and be remembered, something I would be proud of and get behind. I will live here for the rest of my life. And I would love to see more diversity, more inclusion, more recognition for what was beyond the horses and the foxes and now the wineries. All things I love, all things that keep me here. But truly, it's the people and the kindness of the town. I do not write this to pick sides. In fact, I called Bridget last night. I respect her and love her what she gives to our community and supports her business and her creativity, spirit and helping our community become healthier. We would be blessed and lucky to have Pastor Michelle's energy authentic approach to restoring the treasure. And I wanted to say that I've been waiting for a long time for the right thing to come along, to not only revive the church, but to illuminate who we are as a town. I am dedicated to this place and feel history, the truth and proudly standing up for remembering those who have passed would only make us even more of a hallmark town in America. Thank you, Tom Switzer.

Bridge Littleton: Thank you.

Pricilla Martinez-Jaka: Good evening. My name is Priscilla Martinez. And I'm a Resident of Hamilton, Virginia. But I probably should also disclose I'm not here in the capacity as the At-Large trustee on the library board of trustees. I'm here in a personal capacity. So I've been a resident of Loudoun County for over 20 years. And it could be argued that my family and I, my husband, Rozwan Jaka, and our family are part of that massive movement that Pastor Michelle has brought together over the past few years. We have worked together on several projects that have benefited Loudoun County at large. And so that is the perspective that I bring in speaking in support of the Loudoun Freedom Center. It's important to me the preservation and accurate preservation of the church. Speaking here today in front of you as an indigenous woman of Apache heritage, it is undeniable that as we look around being a native Texan. But even here within Virginia, as we look around, there's hardly any trace of heritage that the First Nations my ancestors have here in our nation. And so even though I am a sci fi fan, which I hope many of you are, whether it's Star Trek or Star Wars, Doctor Who, Hitchhiker's Guide, as far as we know right, because we might not know we've not yet accomplished time travel in the future. So we can't yet go back and fix things. But what we can do is do our best here, now, today. And so in

this case, I quote the incredible Maya Angelou. She said, Do the best you can until you know better than when you know better, do better. So I offer to you all that that is the point that we are at today. This is kind of in sci fi parlance it's an inflection point, right, where maybe someday we might want to come and change things but here we are right now with the opportunity in our hands to do the best thing that we can today. And so my intention in supporting the Loudoun Freedom Center is to remind us all that when we lift each other up as the Loudoun Freedom Center has done, because the work that the center does excludes no one. My mosque, the Adams Center in Sterling, has partnered many times for many years with the work of the Freedom Center. So have my sons, who are both Eagle Scouts and will be speaking after me. And in stressing that, what I want to impart upon you all and appeal to you all is the idea that when we all lift each other up, no one gets left behind. And as a result, then we all rise together. Thank you.

Bridge Littleton: Thank you. Anyone else.

Mary Hall Randolph: Good evening. My name is Mary Hall Randolph. I live in Leesburg, Virginia. But I was born and raised here in Middleburg. I lived on Jay Street. I attended the church there. I was I was baptized there. [inaudible] all around this room [inaudible] area. All I know is that where my niece lives where the church is, and where the [inaudible] is the only thing left what black people had here in Middleburg. And I am just so tired of always having to give way what our descendants had. I mean, we had the Marshall Street Community Center that was donated by Mr. Howard Jackson to build that. And the black people maintained it. It was a beautiful place. There was a basketball court. It was a library because black people could not go to libraries so that we had a room for a library. They had a kitchen. They had a downstairs pool hall for black people. There was no place for anybody in any white black person to go in this town. So it was everything people from all around [inaudible] was a fierce basketball court from every area of Loudoun County, and people came over and played basketball. Mr. Willie Hall, outside of town, built the pond, and then we had way to go and swim. But it didn't last. We couldn't come up here until we could barely walk up town without getting chased out. So I just applaud what they're trying to do. If anything I can do to let it stay because you take everything from black people, and that's okay. Thank you.

Bridge Littleton: Thank you.

Israfeel Martinez-Jaka: Hello. Good evening. My name is Israfeel Martinez-Jaka. I'm here to talk about. Just to talk to the attributes of the Loudoun Freedom Center. So I am on my I live in Hamilton, Virginia, and I've been working with Pastor Michelle for a large part of my life. I'm not I'm considered of the youth as I am 19 years old. So I am an Eagle Scout. And I want to share a story. So Ryan Anderson was a 14 year old African-American boy who was horrifically lynched in 1889 at the historic [inaudible] Trail in Leesburg. This story was swept under the rug by the local newspapers and the law enforcement. And it was not it was not rediscovered until the Loudoun Freedom Center and the NAACP Loudoun Chapter about I'm sorry about in 2018. Then the Loudoun Freedom Center proceeded to put in historical markers, and they allowed me the honor of doing my Eagle Scout project to create a memorial space for Ryan Anderson at the site of his lynching. This project was over 1200 volunteer hours, of which I partnered with Pastor Michelle and the Loudoun Freedom Center to plan, fundraiser and execute. And it is now the site of the annual Loudoun Juneteenth celebration. And this celebration is extremely important due to the Juneteenth holiday. Extreme, extreme significance that is criminally under celebrated, including Chair Randall, Senator Jennifer Bochco and Delegate David Reed have come to this space along with many, many community members and the Loudoun Freedom Center's commitment to showing the truth and bringing the community together to volunteer and community service in many occasions and to remember and preserve African American history is the most important factor to consider in their proposal. That's why I fully support the efforts of the Loudoun Freedom Center. Thank you very much. And I hope to see the Loudoun Freedom Center be gifted this property for preservation. Thank you.

Bridge Littleton: Thank you.

Mikeel Martinez-Jaka: Good evening. My name is Mikeel Martinez-Jaka. I am an Eagle Scout in Troop 2019 in Leesburg, Virginia. And I am here to speak on behalf on behalf of my support and my troop's support of the Loudoun Freedom Center. One of the first times I interacted with the Loudoun Freedom Center and Pastor Michelle, they were partnering with the Loudoun School for Advanced Studies and restoring the historic Ashburn Colored School that had been vandalized several years ago. That day, there were hundreds of people from across the county. It became a

community day where hundreds of people from all walks of lives came together, painted over slurs that had been painted on the historic school, restored the building and created a space the community could gather and remember this important history. In 2018, I had the honor of my Eagle Scout service project being building a trail at the African American burial ground at Belmont in Lansdowne, Virginia, right at the intersection of Belmont Ridge Road and Route 7. Shortly after that work of creating the 400 foot trail and making it accessible to the community, I had the honor of representing Loudoun County on the global stage. I was a messengers of peace world hero for the World Organization of the Scout movement. And we were invited to the United Nations Building in New York, where we spoke with the then secretary general of the U.N. and the then president elect of the General Assembly of the United Nations, speaking on the importance of preserving local community history and how the United States, and specifically Leesburg and Loudoun County is leading that effort. Under the partnership of the under the leadership of Pastor Michelle Thomas, as well as Ms. Robin Burke the Loudoun Freedom Center is definitely the right choice to preserve, to uplift the Asbury Historical Church. Through my time working with them, they have demonstrated incredible leadership and partnership and the ability to bring people together. After my Eagle Scout project in 2019, we had the then governor of Virginia visit the trail as well and bring that rich history of Loudoun County to represent the state. So I believe that the Loudoun Freedom Center and Pastor Michelle Thomas, are the right choice to lead this historic restoration and respectful and uplifting reuse of the church. And I fully support that. And thank you for your time.

Bridge Littleton: Thank you.

Anna Thomas: Hello. My name is Anna Thomas. I live in Loudoun County and I'm a rising freshman at Riverside High School. One of the things that I'm most excited about going to high school for is to take the new African American history course. It's developed in conjunction with the Loudoun Freedom Center. This class will survey local African American history, culture and heritage sites such as the historic Asbury Church. I look forward to touring this church with my class and sharing all of Middleburg's rich African American history. All students would greatly benefit from the Loudoun County Freedom Center's proposal to preserve the Asbury Church and provide educational programs, field trips and tours. A short TikTok video made by this year's students sharing their excitement about the class and encouraging all students to learn more about African American history will be found on the Loudoun County Freedom presentation on the town website.

Bridge Littleton: Thank you.

Pastor Michelle Thomas: Good evening. I'm Pastor Michelle Thomas. It's hard to keep it together when you see Loudoun greats like Ms. Randolph and also Alvin Dotson to come and support us tonight. I want to talk about four quick things in terms of our presentation and our proposal that I think needs to have some detail. The first thing is that there's a known fact in Loudoun County that African-American sites are better preserved, protected and promoted when they're in the hands of the African American descendant communities. We have the stories. We have the passion to keep the doors open. You have several sites that belong to the county that stay closed. Almost 360 days of the year, never to be opened there. Beautifully preserved, but there's no programming happening. I want to talk about the phase of approach and our timeline. The last time we met, there was a lot of banter about how long is this going to take? In our proposal, we clearly outlined a phased approach. It's a timeline that should take somewhere between five and six years. This is not flipping houses. This is not gentrification. It's historic preservation. And so we can't take six months to do a six year job. Let me explain. So for the first year, we're going to be doing a building survey. That means we come in and we note everything about the building. We do it with 3-D imagery. That's a whole different ballgame. You can take your phones if you have an iPhone 13 or if you have the new generation iPad and it has LiDAR, and you go scan by scan over the entire building until you can get a 3D model. You do that on the outside. We have a drone that we can fly over this building that will give us exactly of the architecture of this building, historic past. And we could chart our way to a better future. We do code evaluation. Obviously, this building is, you know, 28 years out of date and probably 28 years ago it was probably need to be brought up to code. So we got to do that. The design development construction documents. Year three. Year four, you have major structural stabilization and foundation. You guys have done a good job with that, but we still have to check. Then we go to the restoration of the masonry, the exterior windows, interior windows and doors, the bathrooms, the historic stained glass windows and all of the plumbing that we're going to need. It's going to take some time. So I want you guys to really be careful and look at that rubrics. In the rubrics, about close to 50% of the rubrics is really weighted heavily on finances. Finances are not a problem for the of the Loudoun Freedom Center. You have those

documents. What you should be focusing on is preservation. How do we best honor the African-American community? That choice is Loudoun Freedom Center. Thank you.

Bridge Littleton: Thank you very much. Is there anybody else in the room who wishes to speak on the. Actually, anything. Anything. Except the annexation, because we did that first. Except annexation because we did that first.

Roxene Hill: We'll do that another day. Hi council. Thank you for letting me speak. I'm Roxene Hill. I live over at 205 Chestnut Street. This specifically is regarding some events that occurred in the last couple of days. I understand that you can't specifically comment on the details of an active investigation. However, it's important for you to offer some comments, general comments to assure the homeowners residing in the immediate area of the crime. Many of us are older, we live alone, and we need the council to give us some direction.

Bridge Littleton: Was that all.

Roxene Hill: That's it.

Bridge Littleton: Ok. Thank you, Roxene. Anybody else in the room? Before we go to. Yeah, Pam.

Pam Curan: I am Pam Curan and I live at 800 Blue Ridge Avenue. And this is more a question, I guess, or a thought. You know, this month is the celebration of Juneteenth. I'm sorry mispronounced that but and also it's National Pride Month and you know, we're talking about growth. We're talking about inviting new people in affordable housing and everything else. So, I mean, I guess the question or just the comment I have is that if we don't see things celebrated or acknowledged, and I'm not necessarily saying we need to have a gay pride parade down Washington Street, but, you know, between Juneteenth and National Pride Month, I mean, we have lots of beautiful banners up and down celebrating, you know, our shows and everything else that are wonderful and why we're here. But I think when nothing is seen then people are they tend to hide because they're afraid and they don't have a way to really feel acknowledged and be visible. So I haven't been here that long, but I just know, you know, we're talking about progress and progress is coming. And I just think maybe it's something we could look at. That's all. Thank you.

Bridge Littleton: Thank you, Pam. One last call for in the room before we go to online. Ok. Rhonda, do you want to cue the folks online?

Rhonda North: Yes. So the first person that we have signed up is Dr. Linda Deans. So, Dr. Deans, I have promoted you to speak. So if you'll unmute yourself, please.

Linda Deans: Good evening. I'm Dr. Linda Deans. I am a member of Holy and Whole Life Changing Ministry. Where [inaudible] is our senior pastor. I'm also an education consultant with the Loudoun Freedom Center. My credentials include a ten year license as a superintendent of schools in both Virginia and North Carolina. I also have a ten year graduate professional license in North Carolina and Virginia in the areas of science counseling, instruction, special education and school administration. I'm retired from the states of Virginia and North Carolina. I don't think that makes me old just makes me a passionate and educated. Pastor Michelle has assembled quite an impressive team. In addition to the people in the room with you, we have myself, an educator, retired from the superintendent staff in Hampton, Virginia, where we partnered with Hampton University and Old Dominion University to teach the students who were expelled or on long term suspensions from the public schools. We also put together a team that went to Richmond and got one of our alternative schools certified by the state of Virginia to offer Junior ROTC. And I'm seeing all that to say that I'm just a passionate educator. I can create, collaborate and produce programs, educational programs for the church that would benefit the entire community. When we had COVID 19 clinics, we did not only serve Loudoun County, we served [inaudible]. My children and my grandchildren live there. We served other areas. We serve D.C. because we are all about relationships. And on that team with Pastor Michelle, we have a retired educator, that's me, a retired FBI agent, a retired field service engineer, a retired H.R. manager. And believe it or not, we have some current intelligence agents working with us. So I just want you to know that relationships and partnerships, we don't try to do it alone. We bring everybody in to the fold to make it happen. Since I've been with the Loudoun Freedom Center and I'm a newbie, I've only been here seven years. We've had those clinics. We've been approved by the state of Virginia to have a religiously

exempt school, beginning with pre-K. We have had adult classes where adults became certified in technology and cloud essentials. This summer, we're going to have a youth program where youth will become certified in technology. This means that these individuals can get jobs that pay more than minimum wage.

Bridge Littleton: That's your 3 minutes.

Linda Deans: I just want you to know that we are ready and passionate to put into action programs for the average church that will benefit your entire community.

Bridge Littleton: Thank you. And if you have additional comments, if you'd like to email them to the town that was beyond the 3 minutes, you're more than welcome to do that as well.

Linda Deans: I should email them to whom, to Rhonda?

Bridge Littleton: Yes, ma'am.

Linda Deans: I've spoken with Rhonda. I'll talk with her again. Thank you.

Bridge Littleton: Thank you, Rhonda. Who's next?

Rhonda North: The next person is and I apologize if I don't say the name correctly. Ebaadah Martinez-Jaka. Hold on a second. I will, if you will unmute yourself, please.

Ebaadah Martinez-Jaka: All right. Can you hear me? All right. Good evening, everyone. My name is Ebaadah Martinez-Jaka. I'm 15 years old and I live in Hamilton, Virginia. I am here in support of the proposal, the restoration and adaptive reuse of the Asbury Church by the Loudoun Freedom Center. And I would like to talk a little bit about Pastor Michelle and Loudoun Freedom Center and how amazing they are. I've been involved, along with my family, with Pastor Michelle and Loudoun Freedom Center for as long as I can remember. My entire family participates in annual events and ribbon cuttings of revitalized African American heritage sites, black history programs, Juneteenth celebrations, annual wreath laying ceremonies, and many different prayer vigils. These have all become a staple part in my life, where I get to come together with my community and not just see and hear about important pieces of history, but honor and feel them. And that is the biggest difference for Pastor Michelle and the Loudoun Freedom Center. Pastor Michelle always includes faith in the gathering and is sure to invite people of all backgrounds and faith traditions to be there. Her way of tying faith and history together is very unique and creates a welcoming space to reflect. Another important part is that she helps youth as I said, I'm 15 years old and she helps to make sure that we are part of the work, which is such a great opportunity for anyone involved as they can experience firsthand the leadership and support of Pastor Michelle and the Loudoun Freedom Center, while being educated about all aspects of the historic site, the good and the bad. Pastor Michelle and Loudoun Freedom Center, continue to do such amazing work, bringing together our community to learn, visit sites, celebrate and restore and preserve the very, very important African-American history. And as I've said all this, I'm saying it all in support of Loudoun Freedom Center and Pastor Michelle of their proposal of the restoration and adaptive reuse of the Asbury Church. Thank you all for your time.

Bridge Littleton: Thank you. Rhona, was there anybody else?

Rhonda North: I have Carmen Felder on the line. If you would, please unmute yourself.

Cameron Felder: Hello?

Rhonda North: We can hear you.

Cameron Felder: Hello. Middleburg Town Council. My name is Carmen Felder. I'm a Loudoun native, a disabled Air Force veteran and a community leader. I am also the president of 89 Ways to Give, which is founded by Santana Moss, retired wide receiver for the Washington Redskins. I am here on behalf of the Loudoun Freedom Center. I am here to

recommend and support the preservation and re-use of the historic Asbury Church in Middleburg. I have worked with Pastor Michelle for a couple of years now, and when she calls, I answer. And when she calls, I know it's something important about history, especially black history. And so I knew when she called me that this was a project that 89 Ways to Give wants to be a part of and help in any way necessary. We worked on many projects together, and I must say Pastor Michelle is very informative and educated when it comes to preservation from black history. Being a Loudoun native I know that Middleburg is well known for preservation, well known for their historic streets and the small town feeling. And I feel like this project is an example of what Middleburg is known for. Pastor Michelle has the historic knowledge and experience for preserving black history and history and everything above. She has preserved so many locations and her legacy is amazing. She has been the front leader for the Loudoun Freedom Center, and there's probably more things that I don't know that she's done, but everything I've seen, I've been completely impressed by. I really want to support this and I feel like this would be a great decision for Middleburg. You're only getting a few of us calling in when I say a few. I've been on the line for a while, so it's more than a few, but that's just the beginning. I will bring support in any way, in any way possible. If it's funding, if it's me being on the floor and helping with the preservation, I will do anything possible. And I will also bring other community leaders. So I hope you all support Pastor Michelle and the Loudoun Freedom Center. Thank you.

Bridge Littleton: Thank you. Rhonda, was there anybody else online?

Rhonda North: So that's all the folks who that I have on the list that are on the line. There is one other person on the line who's who has not signed up to speak. Rozwan Jaka. If you'd like to speak. Could you please let me know? Okay. So there you go. You can unmute yourself and speak.

Rozwan Jaka: Can you hear me? Okay. All right. Peace be with you. Thank you so much to the town council for hearing the voices and the feedback from the community and the greater Loudoun community. I am a resident of Western Loudoun for over 20 years and involved in scouting. Again, my name is Rozwan Jaka. I am the Chair of Interfaith and Government Relations for the Adam Center. We represent over 25,000 community members in Loudoun County and work together with Pastor Michelle, Ms. Robin Burke as well and the Loudoun Freedom Center for many years and our scouting. As you've heard, some of our scouts talk about the Eagle Scout project's working with the Loudoun Freedom Center. You know, it's an honor to work with Pastor Michelle and Loudoun Freedom Center. We work together in interfaith and multi-faith work, bringing together Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, Sikh, [inaudible], Zoroastrian. We bring together unity that reflecting the pluralism, reflecting religious freedom, reflecting multi-racial ethnic harmony. And so that is something that, you know, we all work to support the efforts of the Loudoun Freedom Center for Historic Preservation. They have the expertise. They have the phenomenal support of the general wide community locally, regionally and nationally. And, you know, it's something that is so important as we work to continue to uplift, you know, the African-American historic sites while keeping the unity and the healing and the harmony together. And that is something that, again, we appreciate Pastor Michelle's leadership and the Loudoun Freedom Center. It's been an honor to work with them. And the community supports this very important effort. And we hope the town council and the Middleburg community, you know, reflects that in providing this, you know, Asbury Church project to the Loudoun Freedom Center with their expertise, with their professionalism and with their dedication. And so thank you so much. Peace to be with you all.

Bridge Littleton: Thank you. Rhonda, anybody else?

Rhonda North: No one else online.

Bridge Littleton: Okay, so anybody else in the room? Last chance. Ok. We're going to.

Robin Burke: I have one question. Is it okay?

Bridge Littleton: Sure. Yeah.

Robin Burke: No, no, no. When you were speaking to Dr. Linda Deans and you said that if anyone wanted to submit a comment that you weren't able to do in the 3 minutes that you could.

Bridge Littleton: Oh, absolutely. You can. And you can send anything to the council any time you want. Yeah, absolutely. So we're going to close the public comment session. So what we'll do real quickly is take a two minute break in case, because now we're going to get it on to the very fun and exciting topics such as town staff reports, utility overview, the budget update. [applause] Oh, wait a minute. And we're going to talk about special event permit updates. Get your popcorn. But no, we're going to take two minute break and if anybody would like to to leave and then we'll get going right back with the council meeting. So the public comment is done so status of BLA proposals. I don't think there's really anything to status at the moment. We met with both parties this week and just gave them, you know, sort of a download as to where everything stands, what the what what we intend to do until from now until probably July 4th. And then at that point we'll go back to them and give them, you know, we'll sort it and collate it for them and give them all the feedback and input and that our intent is for them to take that input and revise whatever they've got. And if they want to keep moving forward, great. Come back and tell us what you know, how they've changed it or modified it or whatever. And then from there we would take it to the council, we'll look at it again. And that there's been expressed from the community an interest in the property owners to actually do their own public presentation. You know, so the idea would be they've they've got their baseline out there, get the public feedback, go revise it, come back and then let them be the ones that do Q&A, maybe at the Community Center or Hill School or something like that. I mean, we can't force them to, but we recommend it. It'd be a really good idea. And, and then the council would then take take it from deliberation there. Danny, you guys met with Chimera today, right?

Danny Davis: Yes, sir. So we had an initial discussion with Chimera, who did our revenue analysis back in 2019 about doing some of the fiscal and kind of operational analysis of these proposals and what that could mean to the town town operations. And so we'll come back or we'll meet back with them after we get their proposal and see if it meets what our expectations are, and then if we can move forward with that. So we do believe we can get at least some of the questions answered that council has raised. We've also made outreach to engineering firm who has experience in looking at development in Western Loudoun specifically under the cluster provisions of the Loudoun AR-2 district as well as other experience in by-right development. And so we're waiting to connect with them and see if they could do some analysis as well of potential kind of alternates that could be done on specifically on the Homewood Farm property as council discuss at the last meeting. So we're making progress still waiting on some information.

Bridge Littleton: And I would say both property owners that we spoke with and you know, we told them like, look, we want to get all this feedback, we want to give it to you and we want you to take that feedback to heart and look at your proposal and see if there are adjustments or modifications that can be made before you come back with sort of a probably 90% their their kind of proposal. And they both totally open minded said, yep, we understand that's a good idea. We appreciate that. We'll do that. We want to whatever we put before you all is sort of a final approach. We want it to be as good and as in alignment with the community as possible. So and they actually I think and Danny, you were there. I would say they were appreciative of the fact that we're being diligent. You know, we're going through a very extensive public comment process. I mean, I think by code, all we're minimally required to do is actually hold one public hearing and that's it. So the fact we're going through two and a half months of getting public input, they thought was actually, you know, what's good about the community is we're trying to get it right. So anybody have any other questions? One of the actually you motioning made me think of one of the thing. We did have. He was about ready to and I was like, Oh, that reminds me. We did have one member of the public a couple of weeks ago call in. It was an older member of the community who said, I don't really have a computer, you know, how do I do this? And and initially it was what we want to try to all get in one place. But then several folks have stopped me on the street, and I'm sure you all have had this as well and said, here's what I think. And I've said, Well, you need to go to the town website and put it in and they go, I don't do website. And I said, okay, so what we're going to do and Rhonda and Danny have been working on it, basically taking our online form, putting it putting it on 1 or 2 sheets of paper that people can hand fill out. We'll give them a stamped envelope to send back and also sort of a one page double sided fact sheet. And we'll just mail it to everybody in town. Yeah. So everybody that way. Now and I do want to say this to. If you're a member of the community and you do do website and you are comfortable with doing website, please do it on the website so that we don't have to take the handwritten comments and transcribe them in and just save time and all that. I can't wait. So. But yeah, we are going to mail it to every resident in town. So Ok.

Peter Leonard Morgan: Thank you very much, Mr. Mayor. I've heard a lot of comments about potential lack of infrastructure shopping facilities. We know we've got Safeway. It's small already for us. I just wonder what other thoughts are here about about that. I know we can drive to you know. Well, Leesburg, Stonebridge, thank you. And that's half an hour. Whichever way you look at it, Marshall's half and everything's half an hour. So it is a subject I hadn't thought deeply about before a lot of stakeholders and members of the community had brought this up. I just wonder what everyone else's thoughts are on this or whether we whether that would be part of that.

Bridge Littleton: That I think that's what [inaudible]. And I think we should actually reach out to Safeway directly next. I have no doubt that there are literally metrics on that that say if you're a community of 1000 people, you should have a grocery store of X size and X whatever and whatever. But I mean, know, a lot of people have asked me that question. It is one where I say I honestly, I'm not prejudging that it is or it isn't. I don't know. But it's a great question.

Danny Davis: Yeah. And we actually had that conversation with Chimera today. We can talk more about that, that specific kind of detailed almost retail demand analysis is not in their forte. And it's a bit of a challenge just because it starts getting into market forces potentially that are outside of anything directly necessarily that can just be modeled out perfectly. I do think speaking with Safeway actually is a really good idea because we had discussed even just getting understanding a number of transactions per week or per day or whatever it might be, and also what kind of studies they may depend on. So I think we can talk a little bit more about how we can approach or gather some of that information. It may not be through Chimera. It may be through either a different consultant that might have some of that experience or through some other avenues where there there may be data that we can use.

Bud Jacobs: Peter, to answer your question, I spoke to our HOA on Monday evening. As you could imagine, there were lots of questions and concerns raised about the Homewood proposal, or I guess not proposal, concept. And by far the most important stress I think was on precisely that question. Town infrastructure writ large, not just Safeway. And a close follow on was traffic and the impact particularly well people didn't mention parking as much as they did concerned about what Foxcroft Road is going to look like, for example. And I would hope that whatever consultants we manage to engage on this are able to address some of those questions for us. Just as an aside, one of the comments we received actually several weeks ago now suggested that it should be the homeowner's responsibility to provide these studies at their cost. This was, I think, somebody who said they were in real estate development and apparently had been called upon to do this kind of thing for projects that they have done. I want to state my own view that in this case, if the homeowners want to provide us with whatever information they want to provide, I welcome it. However, we all know consultants tend to answer the questions they've been asked, and I believe we should be in the seat asking those questions and not someone with a with a vested financial interest in the answers.

Cindy Pearson: Just with the Safeway to make sure when that's being addressed, that the pharmacy part is addressed, because that is a huge problem here in town. Huge.

Bridge Littleton: So any other information, thoughts, questions? I don't think anybody was here then. No, no, no. I was well, you know, you were there. I mean, did this did this question of the Safeway come up when Salamander as a thing was being built and the 49 homes? And everybody just say, yeah, whatever, we'll do it anyway. No, no. Because we didn't expand Safeway.

Darlene Kirk: As a matter of fact, certain people wanted to move Safeway from there over there and make that village green and when they talk about the 49 homes there so far down the road. We did. There was [off mic].

Bridge Littleton: Yeah. I mean. Oh, yeah. No. Understood. Understood. I mean, you know, when I used to work for a trade association, it's amazing in some of these industries that they just live and drive by a set metric for every X number of homes. We build a new one, right? So like you go some places in Ashburn and there's a Harris Teeter and a mile and a half down the road, there's another one. And it's like, how do these two live by one another? But, you know, they have all these people who plan it all out and. What's that? [off mic] Yeah. And it's like, yeah, even though this one's here, this one's here. This one is all these people over on the other side. And this one's all these the people on this side. And there's a road in the middle. You know, it's amazing how those habits do stuff. So. So, no, we'll. So, Danny, I mean, that's a big

one. We know the traffic and all that stuff, so we'll keep plugging on that. Any other last minute inputs for anyone? Okay. Cool. Thank you. All right. No public presentations, staff reports. Rhonda.

Rhonda North: Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

Bridge Littleton: Oh, wait. Since members of the public are here right now. So you don't have to wait forever. Do we want to mention about the blasting? Let's go ahead and cover that right now.

Danny Davis: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. And council members, we were informed by the general contractor for the Residences at Salamander, the homes being constructed, that they intend to do some additional blasting next week. And so we are preparing a Facebook post for the public. A reverse phone call to those on our list and then we'll have information on our website as well. The key information there, I think, as we express and shared at the last meeting, is that if there are any specific concerns or questions about the blasting, whether it was safe or if there was potential damage or hopefully not. But anything they call fly rock, which is where it actually goes off property, that's an issue to call the fire marshal immediately. There are numbers on the website. It will be on our Facebook post. Of course, if there's any emergency, call 911. So the emergency communication center will know that blasting is happening. So if there is a call or a complaint, they will know where where to send their appropriate folks. We don't have any more details about specific locations. I mean, again, it's going to be that area behind Stone Wall Avenue, but we don't know exactly details on what days or when. But for the public's notice just that there will be blasting.

Bridge Littleton: And I think the key point is it'll be next week. So just plan on sometime, maybe multiple days, Monday through Friday. And if nobody's ever seen it, the reverse phone call system is the town records a message and then it telephones everybody's phone number that we have on record through an automated system or yeah, that we have on record an automated system and lets people know what's going on. Yeah, Darlene.

Darlene Kirk: [off mic]

Danny Davis: The information that we get, we will share as much as we can.

Peter Leonard Morgan: On the subject of the reverse. We got that for the trash can, the trash pick-up delay. So I then sent a quick email to my street and a lot of residents said they didn't get the call. Now, I know that you have to.

Rhonda North: You have to sign up for the call. I've got about 100 and I want to say 168 people signed up for it. Still a lot of people that have not signed up.

Danny Davis: So and if I can jump in there. Reverse phone call is a great idea. We actually really encourage people to use our website alert system because you'll get a text message and or an email. So we probably use that more much more frequently than we do the phone call system, because that's really reserved for quite significant or unusual incidents. But the alert system is used for a variety of functions that are important alert or notification purposes, and it's right on our website, Middleburgva.gov. And if you click on the button at the bottom that says keep informed or something like that, you can find the link pretty easily.

Darlene Kirk: [off mic]

Bridge Littleton: You're lucky. No, but word to the community go on the town website and sign up? That's one way we can notify you.

Darlene Kirk: A lot of people don't have computers still. [off mic]

Bridge Littleton: No, I got it. But if we have 780 residents in town and only 150 have signed up. Maybe there's 100 who don't have a computer. That's 400 who haven't signed up.

Chris Bernard: Can that go in the newsletter. The eBlast.

Bridge Littleton: Sure. I mean, it's everywhere, etc.. It's available, I think, to the community. Word of mouth to your friends and neighbors. Tell them sign up. Ok going on to monthly reports, Rhonda.

Rhonda North: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. As you mentioned earlier, we've been working on drafting a paper version of the BLA survey and an information sheet that we'll mail out soon. As you're aware, we've received a couple of FOIA requests working on those. The town attorney, the chief of police and I have met right before this meeting to talk about updates to the noise ordinance. Specifically, we're working out the penalty section and we hope to bring that back to council, the first meeting in July. And finally, the staff will be in training next week for our new SeeClickFix Software that's going to replace the CP Connect software, which will go live on the 17th. So those are just a few things that we've been working on.

Bridge Littleton: Any questions for Rhonda? Ali.

Ali MacIntyre: All right. Good evening, everybody. You have my report, so I just have a few highlights. First things first. We've been working on the MBPA memorandum or the MOA. Councilmembers Bernard and Pearson will be attending the July board meeting. I brought this up at the last MBPA board meeting to discuss the original proposed MOA and then to gather input and feedback on those updates. Next, the Willow is a new business in town. It's a salon. Another salon. They'll be celebrating their grand opening on Federal Street I don't have the exact address right now, next Friday, June 17th. Next, Miss North and I will be hosting our very first grant writing workshop next Wednesday, June 15th, from 8 to 10 a.m. at the Middleburg Community Center. And this has been advertised by public announcement at the May, and then next week at the June buzz, direct email outreach, Facebook event and shared posts. So we have right now about five attendees, but hoping for more. And then lastly, for social media metrics, as you can see in the report, our Facebook audience and engagement growth is six was successful compared to our competitors and our internal goals. And in our last discussion with the marketing firm, I'm working closely with them to restructure, ad spend an overall strategy to work to improve our Instagram metrics for the coming months.

Bridge Littleton: Any questions for Ali? Ok. Thank you, Tina.

Tina Staples: Okay. So you have my report. I'll say that the AP totals are a little bit higher than what they normally are because we paid out two large vendor payments that are working on projects in town. The radio read system is in the process of getting updated, so we're really hopeful that that will be up and running by the end of June. And if you'll indulge me for a moment, I just want to make a blanket statement that I treat all businesses in town the same. And if you owe taxes, I'm going to come after you. That's it. I always ask nice. The first couple of times. The third time it's not so nice, though. [off mic] Yeah. I will say it's hard sometimes if people do not self-report when businesses move in town to find them, it takes us time to find them. Usually it's word of mouth. So I would love to hear any information about new businesses if you will see them in town. Thank you. Do you have any questions?

Bud Jacobs: I'm afraid to ask any./

Tina Staples: You don't owe any taxes. You're okay.

Bridge Littleton: Are you sure? All right. Will.

Will Moore: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Members of council. You have my report. It is a very busy time. I will highlight just a couple of things. In addition to the infrastructure and land clearing work that's underway for the residences at Salamander. The HDRC just recently approved the first three certificates of appropriateness for the new homes. And as a reminder, this is not using the historic district design guidelines. There was a proffer that a specific set of design guidelines would be established in conjunction with the HDRC and the the applicant, and they're using those guidelines to evaluate those applications. So the first three are in. I'm expecting at least two more next month. So it's going to be a busy time for a while for that committee. The only other thing to highlight is our two sign projects Wayfinding and the Comprehensive Sign Replacement kicks off this coming week. Be working with Estee and Tim tomorrow on a game plan for some of the day to day workings we're going to do with the company working with Lieutenant Shaun on some

blocking of parking spaces that will be occurring Monday and Tuesday of next week along Washington Street to give them access to to dig footers and then pour concrete at some key locations. There will be some lane closures with flaggers on both Monday and Tuesday next week, and we'll be monitoring that closely. But just a reminder to the public in general, this is a town wide project. We will be on every street replacing every single street sign. So please be mindful of the crews and operate safely when you're in their vicinity. Please with that, happy to answer any questions.

Bridge Littleton: Any questions for Will. Bud.

Bud Jacobs: Just a quick one. Will, are you guys going to do some sort of blast notifying everybody about the wayfinding project?

Will Moore: We are. I think Estee was working with Ali on that and yes.

Bridge Littleton: Any more questions are Will. Will, thanks. [inaudible] saying that you're the one who picked it up.

A.J. Panebianco: Actually, anybody in Middleburg. It's one of the blessings we have probably 95% higher when somebody finds a wallet or a purse, it's returned with everything in it here. So blessed. I'll be very brief. A lot of things going on at the PD. Officer Jamie, who you met today, or swearing today he is being released from field training. We're getting a lot of compliments on his demeanor. Colleen and Shaun attended a two-day workshop to better acclimate themselves to our IBR reporting system, which is adding some components to it, which will make it easier for us to keep up with it. 5K was a success from the Boy Scouts and Art in the Burg came and went, and by all accounts it was a success. So thanks to Ali and her team for putting together another great event. Having speaking of that, Jamie, who we met tonight, had a quick response to an emergency situation. While we were there, young lady fell, was injured, passed out and his EMT training that he has kicked in. He did a great job of one, reviving her, keeping her calm and getting her to where she was able to be transported by the rescue squad. So certainly great for his quick actions and his response. Obviously, we're proud of Bill, who has been working full time. Most of you know that. But Bill has retired 53 years into the job and came back to work for us full time to help us staff shortage. So just can't be any more blessed with staff. I will address the question that was asked earlier about the crime that occurred this week. I'll do it in general terms because our matter of practice, we don't discuss ongoing cases we never have. And I don't want to start that now, but I answer some of the questions that I've been asked first. It was not a home invasion. And it was not a random or unknown suspect. Units from Middleburg and Loudoun both responded to the scene. We gathered the information that we needed. We shared it with other agencies in the region. Gave the descriptions an arrest was made in Fauquier County very quickly, for especially for something like this, they had a couple of crimes that occurred there. They obtained warrants for. We obtained warrants for the crimes that happened here. We obtained three warrants. They are public acknowledge. So I will say what they were. We had one warrant for a misdemeanor unlawful entry. We had two felony warrants for theft. There's not a known threat to the community or even any individual at this point. If there were we would have broadcasted that and would have upped patrols and everybody would have been working until this was resolved. So there is no ongoing threat.

J. Kevin Daly: For clarification, the warrants and the crimes were all committed by one person.

A.J. Panebianco: One individual. And we did. He has been arrested and we have served our warrants on him. Or our warrants were served on him. We didn't actually do it, I think. I think we sent them and they did it.

Bud Jacobs: Chief, if you can answer this question, this was an individual who was known to the homeowner. Yes, not. Not. Like a common everyday friend, but yes, very much known to the owner.

Bridge Littleton: Any other questions for A.J.? Ok. Thanks, A.J.. Real quickly, one thing I wanted to mention oh, I'm sorry, Martin. You've got yours. That's just on the second page. All right. Thanks.

Martin Crim: Thank you Mayor. Ready to answer any questions you may have.

Bridge Littleton: Any questions for Martin? [off mic] Martin, you're always so long winded. One quick thing I want to mention real quick. One quick, real quickly. I met you last time, but there's been two losses in the community in the last couple of weeks. I wanted to acknowledge one. Reverend Swann's wife, Sylvia, passed away a couple of weeks ago. She was 89 years old. You know, Reverend Swann lives up on Lincoln Road. He and and Smitty were the ones who, you know, changed segregation in Middleburg. It's a shame. She was a wonderful lady. They were married. It was, I feel like I'm getting it wrong. 63 or 60, 57 or 63 years of marriage. So if you do see Reverend Swann around town, you know, pass along your condolences. And then Danny told me other day and I did get it. I did talk to my dad yesterday Ann McMahon passed away. So, yeah, it was earlier this week. 88 years old.

Cindy Pearson: We have one more. Mary Lee, who she was an Aldie resident, but she did work here in the bank for some time. For so many years, she also passed away. Sorry. Tyler Gore's wife, Peggy Gore, also passed away. Yes. It's been about a week at least. Yes. And Tyler himself is not doing well. He is in the hospital.

Bridge Littleton: So yeah, like I said, if you see Reverend Swann or any other folks or anybody in the McMahon family, you know, just so you're aware. Ok next item on the agenda is the update on the town hall project Rhonda.

Rhonda North: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. So I'm just going to go over a couple items real quick, and then we're going to do the presentation on the furniture and fixtures that are being proposed for the facility. So the stormwater management system is almost complete, may actually be complete. They were pretty close to it today and the work on the footers is underway. We have hit some rock in a couple of places, so they'll be bringing in the hoe ram. But in the meantime, they're working in other areas on footers where they have not hit rock. They also started to work on the 12 inch water main today. Unfortunately, Dominion Power's contractors did not correctly mark the location of the electric line, that services are our water vault there. And so of course we hit it so called Dominion in so we could work to repair that. Tree trimming, as I reported earlier, we contracted with Tom Armstrong to help us do some tree trimming, work on the trees that line our property and the Poston property. They're going to be doing that work on Monday. Have alerted Kathy to that and I think she's excited that that's going to happen. We had our June site tour earlier this week. Now our next one in July falls on the 4th of July holiday. I don't know about the rest of you all. I'm not going to be here touring the town hall site. So we're going to be looking for for a new date for that. So I'm thinking either the previous Monday, which be June 27th or the Wednesday after July 4th, which would be July the sixth. So if anybody has a preference, if you could let me know. [off mic] The 6th. Yeah. Okay. Yeah.

Darlene Kirk: [off mic] And I mean it's very good, they were very in-depth on what's going on with the water system and they did a great job of answering great. He did a great job and they seem to be working really well with our team.

Rhonda North: Yeah. So, so hopefully by the next one we're going to start seeing some steel. We better be seeing some steel, let's put it that way.

Bridge Littleton: June 22nd.

Rhonda North: Okay. So let's move on to the furniture and fixtures.

Peter Leonard Morgan: The broken or the cut electric line, did that cause any issues?

Rhonda North: Well, I mean, it took out our SCADA system. So we they quickly called Dominion Power. And we're we're pulling them in to to do the repairs. And, you know, once they get the repairs done, we'll have to see what that did actually to the SCADA system. But they had marked the line as coming from the east when it actually came from the west. Whoops. So. When they mismarked the lines like that. It's their responsibility. Yeah. So the mayor asked that we just review with you what we've been proposing with regard to the materials here. So I'm just going to do just sort of a quick high level overview so as a reminder.

Bridge Littleton: Hey, Rhonda, hold you for a second. Does everybody? Does anybody have any concerns or questions about the materials or is it about the fixtures and the furniture? [off mic]

Rhonda North: Yeah. Yeah, like. Like the chairs that we just purchased for the dais they're going to be the chairs that we'll use in the flex conference room. [multiple speakers]

Bridge Littleton: Oh well then we can store them and use them in the garage.

Rhonda North: I can assure you they were not very expensive.

Bridge Littleton: All right. Well, then maybe I asked Rhonda and Danny to put this up here, because I just wanted to make sure. And let's go through it very quickly. But I want to make sure that everybody has looked at it and understands that this is what the interior of. It's really about the interior. The interior of the building is going to look like. So, you know, on a personal that's all comes down to Coke versus Pepsi. Right. So there's ell, exactly. And somebody else will say Pepsi. Right. It's we don't want to derail everybody and all the hard work that's been done. But we want to make sure that this is going to be here for 50 years. So if anybody's got any ooh, I really don't like that or that really doesn't feel right or it's over the top or whatever. Speak now because it will be forever hold your peace. So yeah, Bud.

Bud Jacobs: Yeah, Bridge, I read the materials that Rhonda sent out for this meeting, and I'm sure everyone else did. And I have absolutely no concerns at all one way or the other. And I'm not giving everything else we face this evening. I'm not sure it's worth wasting Rhonda's time or ours to go through it.

Bridge Littleton: Darlene.

Darlene Kirk: That's some sort of similar to what I was going to say, is that I mean, we can see it here, but not seeing it in the building is totally different. So we have to rely on what you all think is best. And you've done really well so far, so I have no problems either. Just do what you do and you did it well.

Bridge Littleton: So much for the just moving on, Chris.

Chris Bernard: Well no to follow up on that, I think and to add a little context, I mean, this stuff was put together by the architects and the designers and their professionals. They match it to what the outside looks like and what we went through extensively with them. So I'm inclined to trust their judgment.

Peter Leonard Morgan: I always said this, and I think some people put so much work into it. All right. Sure. No. I know you know, a lot of people put a lot of hard work into this. And my comment to Rhonda was, you know, thank you for everything it's starting to look great no changes.

Bud Jacobs: I'd also like to add that.

Bridge Littleton: I'd like to add you have nothing to add.

Bud Jacobs: Rhonda has made a significant contribution to the project management field by introducing threats as a device. And I applaud you. I applaud you. [laughter]

Rhonda North: Now, now, just because I chased a truck down the road one day, literally running after it.

Bridge Littleton: That's a story for another time when we're not on the record.

Cindy Pearson: Just felt like running. Yeah.

Bridge Littleton: So last thing I'll say is, if you do have any thoughts or input, just email them to Rhonda. Yeah, no, exactly. I mean, the next in the next day or two. Okay. So moving on, then. Any reports from town council members? You shot your bullet. Oh. Cindy.

Cindy Pearson: The only thing I want to say is when Will was talking about HDRC earlier and improving the houses that are that are started at Salamander. That committee is great, Tim and Bill, you know, they know the plans really well. They look at them well. They know what they're talking about well. It just that the committee works. Really. Yeah. Bill Anderson, you know, we're lucky to have that committee as it is. That's all.

Chris Bernard: So Ali and Cindy and I met the other day. She mentioned it quickly in her report to discuss the memorandum of understanding between the town and the MBPA. We are planning on attending. I think Cindy and Ali and I are going to go to their next meeting just to talk through some of the ideas that we had. It's more of a let's get everyone on the same page before we move forward. So if anyone has any input on that, reach out to any of us and just let us know. And it's really just how the the town and the MBPA are going to interface with each other to kind of reach some common goals.

Bridge Littleton: So I'm sure you've all done your homework and read the new draft Loudoun County Zoning Ordinance Update. I was going to read it for us and have put your comments into Encode Plus before the 18th. Just throwing it out there. This is your one time only.

Cindy Pearson: We're waiting for something from you to tell us how to do that.

Bridge Littleton: I actually said pull it up, read it and give it to me and I'll do it. I'll put it in for you. You'll never figure it out. It's. Well, you'll figure it out. It'll take you 25 hours, and then still it will take you 25 hours to do it. So no, but seriously, take a look. And just, you know, the chapter headings are actually pretty clear as to what they are. You don't to worry. I wouldn't worry about looking at the parking section, wouldn't really worry about the [inaudible] section, but certainly look at the rural zoning sections. Okay.

Peter Leonard Morgan: So the Middleburg Sustainability Committee, thanks to the scouts.

Bridge Littleton: I haven't gotten.

Peter Leonard Morgan: Handed out about about to 300 homes, two bags per home. But I did hear reports that some homeowners did not get them. So. Which is really strange because a lot of homes I thought did get them in your neighborhood. So the point is, we've got them here so people, folks can take them from here. We need to get the message out, I think, in the newsletter if possible. Virginia Lane was forgotten. So I'm going to do that. And on the 18th of June, between 11 and three, we'll have a table at Safeway where we'll be giving out bags to residents who come and ask for them. So we've got quite a few left. So in preparation, this is all in preparation for the July 1st introduction of the five cent disposable plastic bag tax in Loudoun County, which only applies to Safeway here.

Bridge Littleton: You know, I think it's actually kind of funny about that is that you go into Safeway and they are not changing their behaviors at all. use like one item per plastic bag. [off mic]

Chris Bernard: I don't know if you know Peter. What are they going to do about like self-checkout? I mean, how are they.

Peter Leonard Morgan: I have no idea.

Bridge Littleton: I know how they do it. You have to you have to sell.

Peter Leonard Morgan: Well, actually, it is. I think you're right. It's the honor system. It is. It is the honor system. But I will say that when we had the ribbon cutting at Safeway, the folks from head office had no idea there was a tax coming in. So it's it's really very local.

Bridge Littleton: Hey. That's on the business to do it or Tina.

Cindy Pearson: Give it to her.

Bridge Littleton: Yeah, exactly. All right. Consent agenda. Would anybody like to make a motion. [off mic]

Bud Jacobs: I move that we council approved the consent agenda as presented.

Peter Leonard Morgan: Second.

Bridge Littleton: All those in favor.

Everyone: Aye.

Bridge Littleton: Opposed abstentions. Ok. Next item Town Code Chapter 006 Special Events Permit.

Danny Davis: Mr. Mayor and council members. This was added to the agenda at the request of the mayor, and it came up because we had a situation a couple of weeks ago where two events were planned for the same night, the same time on the same corner, just across Route 50 from each other.

Bridge Littleton: It rained and both were canceled.

Danny Davis: It did storm. And so they were they were both canceled. However, it did raise the issue of continued work, continuing to improve communication of events throughout the town and what that looks like. And there are a number of ways. One of those is that Ali is working with MBPA on discussions about and that this may be part of the MOA as well, who kind of owns quote unquote the master calendar of events. And let's continue we'll continue trying to work that out and find a good solution. But the suggestion from the mayor was to consider whether we should require special events of a certain size, and that certain size can be determined to register with the town, even if there's no fee, even if there's no actual regulation around it, simply to say if you're going to hold an event, let's just say of 50 people or more, you expect that 50 people are going to show up. You need to let the town know so that we can keep that on a list. And that way we can let others know or say, well, do you realize there's also another event that's signed up in that essentially is a way to compel people to share that with us so that we can have an ongoing list. So I think that's the genesis of the conversation. Mr. Mayor, if there's anything else you want to add to it.

Bridge Littleton: Yeah, I mean, you know, the idea here was, again, you literally had two people having music concerts on the exact same night, 20 feet from each other and nobody coordinated. So, you know, MBPA is a not for profit organization and they do great. And, you know, but all organizations come and go, but government's going to be here forever. So is it something we want to have a regulatory framework around it that, you know, if you are going to have an event which you are going to be inviting people, not a private event, but you're going to be inviting people from the public. Doesn't matter if it's for for pay or for not that you.

Darlene Kirk: In public places right?

Bridge Littleton: No, on private property. Yeah, those were both on private property. But you got to get a permit and then we can assess whether or not there's an issue and do we have a first come, first serve kind of thing? Right. So if one files for the permit for a May 30th permit in April 1st and we say, yep, that's great, and the next person comes along three weeks later and says, We want to do the exact same night next door. We can actually say no, but also they can see the moment somebody files a permit, we can see it on the calendar, the public can see it on the calendar. So I just the more and more we're driving towards having events and the more and more other organizations are having events, this potentially is going to come up more and more often. Now, if it's two events, that one's on the East End and one's on the West, then no big deal, right? That's fine. But what we're trying to avoid is what happened earlier this month. So again, no decision, no action, just a question of do we want to think about this? And, you know, we're not trying to make it difficult on people, but that could have been a real disaster that night.

Darlene Kirk: Yeah. What type of music, did it go together?

Danny Davis: They were. They were quite contrary.

J. Kevin Daly: Are you sure this wasn't a Battle of the Bands event? Yeah.

Chris Bernard: How do you distinguish between a private event and an event where the. You know what I mean?

Bridge Littleton: When the public's invited. Sign up, anybody is invited. If it's a wedding, that's a private event.

Chris Bernard: Even if it's over 50, it doesn't matter.

Bridge Littleton: Well, I mean, and again, what's the threshold? Is it 50? Because what if these two concert events were 30 people, it still would have been a disaster.

Chris Bernard: That's kind of where I'm trying.

Bridge Littleton: I don't think it's about people. [multiple speakers] open to the public. You may only get ten people right, but you're holding it up to the public. That's what we're I think that was the concern I had. And I just want to see if it's a concern of council. If it is, is it something [multiple speakers] Well, that's the details. But do we want to even try to work on it. Bud?

Bud Jacobs: It's it's all pretty opaque to me, Bridge. Were these businesses?

Bridge Littleton: Both were non-profits.

Bud Jacobs: Nonprofits.

Bridge Littleton: The Community Center and the Sporting Library. They both did their concerts on the steps and concert on the lawn at the exact same time.

Danny Davis: Mr. Moore had given me a little bit of insight as well that a number of years ago the council. Oh, if you'd like to talk through it.

Cindy Pearson: I was just going to say, we've been there, done this. If my brain would just go a little bit clearer on the situation, I mean, to get this in the special events permit part here was quite an undertaking, needless to say. I don't quite I mean, I know the community center and the sporting library had that event that night, but the community centers was going to be back in the park, not on the front. It wasn't going to be on the steps. So truthfully, it wouldn't have been that big a deal just because actually people kind of enjoy that. It has happened one one other time where they listen to some of it at the community center and then they wandered over or vice versa. It was a nice evening, actually. I do get where the communication is a problem sometimes between nonprofits and events here in town, but trying to y'all use the word control because that's what we're doing with this. That issue is really, really difficult and having people try to give us their plans all the time, it's just like pulling teeth. I'm sorry. You know, not that it can't be done. It's just going to have to be gone at in a different way.

Bridge Littleton: Yeah, I think that was kind of the idea. If you're going to have an event, you got a permit, if you don't have a permit, \$500 fine, and they'll quickly next time they'll make sure they come and get a permit. And I'm not saying we have to do that or whatever. And again, I'm not I don't want to make a mountain out of a molehill, but. I would say from ten years ago. We have 300 times more events now than we did and, you know, especially in the summertime. And so and all these organizations want to have more events to generate revenue. I think it's going to we have the potential that it's going to be more and more of a problem going forward, not less of one.

Cindy Pearson: So Will might have remembered something that I didn't pass along here or Danny to add to that.

Danny Davis: I think the one of the conversations was putting more stringent requirements around special events globally and some of that entailing, you know, how to define. Right. Exactly what does require a permit, because there are sometimes legitimate reasons to go through that, which is at least for the current ordinance we have. Do you have sufficient number of porta potties? Right. Do you have trashcans, things like that. Now that again generally is typically focused on larger events. But there was a long conversation, as I understand it, between some council members, some community engaged persons, and then nothing ended up moving forward with that. So we do have some bones, you know, structure that we could maybe work off of if council is interested in in at least looking at this a little further, we can use some of that work that was done previously as at least a little bit of a starting point. Another option just to take kind of the opposite approach is if in working between our staff and MBPA, we can do a better job just broadly communicating those events. Maybe that solves the problem as well, and it's more of a communication issue than it is a registration or a permit type issue. So, you know, I'll leave that to council. I do think that we're putting a little renewed focus on if you see the MBPAs mailer that they put out, you know, very, very detailed and comprehensive about what's happening in the coming month. And maybe our one of our charges on that is to try to get people to let's make that a three month look ahead calendar, not just a one month look ahead. So.

Darlene Kirk: I just wanted to say that whatever we do, we don't want to make it. So staff has to go chasing after these people because it's not fun to do that. I've had it and [off mic].

Peter Leonard Morgan: I think what your point is on that one, if it had gone ahead, it would just been a nightmare for both parties. The noise.

Bridge Littleton: And the traffic and everybody at that same stop sign and drinking.

Peter Leonard Morgan: Right. So really, it's a service to help all the entities avoid those issues. There's not it's not to get money. It's not to be draconian. It's not to be draconian. It's to make it run smoothly.

Cindy Pearson: And to have enough police.

Philip Miller: I think if we're going to go down the road of permitting, we also have to think about the fact that we may come to a point where we want to deny a permit or do we have requirements that go along with that permit. So as Danny was saying about porta potties or traffic control, do we also ask for proof of insurance? You know, what other requirements would would fall in line with that permitting? Something to think about. But we do have a event committee, right? I wonder if they have any thoughts on that.

Cindy Pearson: The community. I'm going down when I sit on that. Oh, sorry. I was going events committee. It's not called, [multiple speakers]

Danny Davis: Cultural and Community events.

Bridge Littleton: You know what? Maybe that's the starting point. Hey, Danny. Maybe that's the starting point.

Danny Davis: Sure. Fair enough. They have a meeting in and they have a meeting in two weeks.

Bridge Littleton: Yeah. Yeah, this is the issue. What do you guys think? You know? Because we don't want anybody to have a failed event because they doubled on top of somebody else. And then both fail. And they get mad at each other.

Chris Bernard: And maybe the question to them isn't, what do we do or how do we do this? Start with should we do it? You know, it's something worth talking about, but I don't know. Yeah, maybe we should think about that first.

Bridge Littleton: Next item is budget amendment. Oh. It says Danny.

Danny Davis: You know, I don't when when I don't get to write the reports, I don't know who puts whose name where.

Tina Staples: Right. We gave you a brief overview in the memo. Most of this is just kind of some housekeeping at the end of the year. But we did ask to increase the general fund budget by \$32,950, and that's directly impacted to Lieutenant Jones applying for and receiving a grant to get new equipment in the police vehicles. And he wrote up the entire application and went, All I did was collect the money and submit a few reports. So my job was easy. He did all the hard work, so and we did we were able to purchase those Toughbooks and they are in the police vehicles now. [off mic]

Danny Davis: What one item that we don't have included in here, but the mayor raised to me maybe last week sometime was a desire for us to not only try to make amendments on the expenditure side, but also to do amendments on the revenue side. And so while those are not reflected in what you've seen here, we did meet with Sandy, our auditor, two days ago to prepare for the audit for this year. And we asked that question just to make sure that we could change our revenues for this year will be fairly significantly without any concern related to the audit or anything else. And she came back in affirm that there was no issue there. So what we will do is Tina and I will work before the end of the fiscal year to also amend the revenues that will be as close as we can estimate at this point to actual revenues for fiscal 22. And we will just report that to you either in a brief memo or an email just so you have that. But again, that falls under the authority that I have to make amendments within the budget.

Bridge Littleton: Any questions for Danny or Tina? Chris.

Chris Bernard: Do you have or have or happen to know the breakdown of number three, the financial advisor services? It looks like there's a couple of things in there.

Tina Staples: The the financial advisor services actually did not have a budget for this year, so the majority of that expense was used developing the supplemental bond for the town hall project. So we had to bring in the financial investors to discuss it and then we had to hire the bond counsel to handle the process. And I have done it myself once and it took me probably six months and they did it in 30 days. So they do a great job.

Chris Bernard: So that but but that 60 is split up amongst.

Danny Davis: That 57 the actual number I think there is 57,800 give or take. That's all Davenport, the [inaudible] Williams bond counsel, I think must have gone in a different line item.

Tina Staples: [off mic]

Danny Davis: Better attorneys.

Bridge Littleton: Part of the fees.

Danny Davis: Yeah. For attorneys. So but yes that was Davenport's fee for their analysis and support and putting that together..

Bridge Littleton: Any other questions for Tina. All right. Thank you. All right. Now it's time for Philip to read the closed session memo. Phil. God back.

Philip Miller: I move that council go into closed session as authorized in section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia from discussion or consideration of one, the potential sale of town owned property located within the town limits where discussing in an open meeting with adversely affect the negotiating position of the public body as allowed under subsection A3 and two the performance review of a town employee as allowed under subsection A1. I further move that council thereafter reconvene open session for action as appropriate.

Peter Leonard Morgan: Second.

Bridge Littleton: Any discussion? All those in favor say aye.

Everyone: Aye.

Bridge Littleton: All right. We're in closed session. All right. I ask that council certified to the best of each member's knowledge, one only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and two only such public business matters, as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting were convened, were heard, discussed or considered in the closed meeting. I would like to remind those present for the closed session that any discussion that occurred within it should be treated as confidential.

Chris Bernard: Yes.

Bud Jacobs: Yes.

Darlene Kirk: Yes.

Bridge Littleton: Yes.

Peter Leonard Morgan: Yes.

Cindy Pearson: Yes.

J. Kevin Daly: Yes.

Philip Miller: Yes.

Bridge Littleton: Meeting adjourned.