



MIDDLEBURG TOWN COUNCIL
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 23, 2022



PENDING APPROVAL

PRESENT: Mayor Trowbridge M. Littleton
Councilmember Chris W. Bernard
Councilmember J. Kevin Daly
Councilmember Morris E. "Bud" Jacobs
Councilmember Cindy C. Pearson

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

ABSENT: Vice Mayor Peter A. Leonard-Morgan
Councilmember C. Darlene Kirk
Councilmember Philip M. Miller

The Town Council of the Town of Middleburg, Virginia held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, June 23, 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 Jacobs advised that he was participating in the meeting remotely from home as he was in COVID quarantine.

Special Recognition

Resolution of Appreciation – Ann-Charlotte Robinson

Mayor Littleton read the resolution aloud. He expressed appreciation for Mrs. Robinson's service and for her work to enrich the art and cultural heritage of the town. Following its approval by Council, he presented a signed copy of the resolution to Mrs. Robinson.

Committee Member Daly moved, seconded by Councilmember Pearson, that Council adopt a Resolution of Appreciation for Ann-Charlotte Robinson's service on the Middleburg Arts Council from June 11, 2015 through June 14, 2022.

Vote: Yes – Councilmembers Bernard, Daly, Jacobs, and Pearson
No – N/A
Abstain: N/A
Absent: Councilmembers Kirk, Leonard-Morgan, and Miller
(Mayor Littleton only votes in the case of a tie)

Public Comment – Boundary Line Adjustment (BLA) Requests

No comments were offered during this meeting. Mayor Littleton reported that the Council would separately accept public comments on the two boundary line adjustment requests for one more meeting. He noted that a paper survey was being mailed to residents.

Public Comments – Other Town Items

Dr. Linda Deans, an education consultant with the Loudoun Freedom Center, reviewed her background in educational programming. She advised that she was working with the Center to develop programming for the local community that would benefit Middleburg. Dr. Deans advised that she supported Pastor Thomas and noted that she had a team in the form of the entire community supporting the Loudoun Freedom Center. She opined that a location was needed for the display of artifacts, as they were becoming a subsidiary of the Museum of Washington, DC. Dr. Deans advised that they would always produce programming that benefited individuals.

Terry Cooke, 602 W. Washington Street, thanked the Town for the water meter replacement and the wayfinding/comprehensive signage projects and opined that they went smoothly. He advised that he was appearing on behalf of the residents of the Ridgeview area to request a more robust speed enforcement program. Mr. Cooke encouraged the Town to fund an electronic speed monitoring sign for westbound traffic and advised that motorists tended to start picking up speed after they passed The Plains Road.

Larry Simms, a lifelong resident of Loudoun County, advised that as a history teacher, he was sad that the disposal of the Asbury Church had taken an inclusive direction. He expressed concern that having an historical marker at the Church was just another real estate opportunity for the rich and famous in Middleburg. Mr. Simms further expressed concern that the Council had not considered the purchase to be a priority opportunity to enhance Middleburg's cultural and historic past. He opined that the sale of the property could become a legal wedge between the Town and its new owner. Mr. Simms further opined that Middleburg could squander the opportunity to give back to its African American citizens, who played a major role in the community.

Dr. Dustin B. Sullivan, Pastor of the New Life Church of Loudoun, appeared before Council in support of the Asbury preservation project and Pastor Michelle Thomas. He expressed appreciation for the history of Middleburg and those who made up the town. Dr. Sullivan noted the need to preserve churches and advised that their history went beyond the buildings. He suggested it was time to come together. Dr. Sullivan noted that the church his father attended as a child was still standing and advised that it meant something to people who were trying to trace their heritage. He noted the need to preserve the Asbury Church and its history and expressed hope that the Council would support the efforts of Pastor Thomas.

Vanessa Allen, of Ashburn, read a letter from Carla Davis, a social science teacher, in support of the preservation of the Asbury Church. Ms. Allen advised that she personally was in support of the preservation of the Asbury Church and expressed hope that the Council was as well.

Hilary Highland, of the Steeplechase Run subdivision, advised that she and her neighbors were most affected by what would happen at the church. She noted that the Asbury Church was part of the heart of the community and advised that she was moved by what the Loudoun Freedom Center wanted to do there. Ms. Highland noted that while she had no doubts about the plans to use it as a museum and she supported the proposal, she was concerned about the proposals submitted by both parties. She opined that the Loudoun Freedom Center's proposal was vague with regard to funding and noted the need to ensure the money was available to restore the church. Ms. Highland expressed hope that the work would be completed as soon as possible and not in fifteen years. She expressed concern about the possible noise associated with an exercise studio if the other proposal was accepted. Ms. Highland expressed concern regardless of which proposal was accepted, about parking and drainage. She asked that the Council get each offerors' proposal in writing regarding how they planned to address the drainage issues.

Erica Obedelky, of Leesburg, appeared before Council in support of the Loudoun Freedom Center's proposal to restore the Asbury Church. She noted that she was interested in historic preservation and opined that Pastor Thomas would ensure the Asbury Church's history was understood, preserved, and shared. Ms. Obedelky opined that this could not be done with a plaque and suggested there needed to be an education component that provided context. She advised that she was in support of the Loudoun Freedom Center's proposal.

LeeAnn McNamara suggested the goal should be to preserve the Asbury Church. She further suggested it be used for school tours, community events and training sessions and opined that this described Middleburg at its finest. Ms. McNamara stressed the need to protect the church, its architecture, and its dignity.

J.J. McNamara, a resident of Loudoun County, advised Council that he has lived in historic buildings and opined that the Asbury Church needed to be preserved. He read a letter from the Waterford Foundation in support of the Loudoun Freedom Center's proposal.

Pastor Michelle Thomas, President and Founder of the Loudoun Freedom Center, opined that the issue was not about preservation but was about whether the Council wanted to keep the Asbury Church as a holy place and suggested it must remain so. She questioned why the Town would change what worked for the community. Pastor Thomas opined that the Asbury Church was the cornerstone of the African American community and advised that once the building was changed, this would be gone. She questioned what the Council would say to the ancestors of those who survived slavery and discrimination if they allowed that change to occur. Pastor Thomas asked that the Council help preserve the church by entering into a public-private partnership with the Freedom Center. She noted that they had a \$255,000 grant that would be used toward the upkeep of the building; pledges of support to match the \$255,000; and, another \$195,000 grant; therefore, money was not a problem. Pastor Thomas asked the Council to have mercy on the Asbury Church.

Rizwan Jaka, Chair of the Interfaith & Government Relations for the Adams Center and Chair of the Adams Compassionate Health Care Network, reaffirmed the comments he offered during the last Council meeting in support of the Loudoun Freedom Center's proposal to acquire the Asbury Church. He opined that it was important for the Council to consider that this was an African American church that must be preserved in a manner that benefited Loudoun County. Mr. Jaka encouraged the Council to consider the Loudoun Freedom Center's proposal.

Ebaadah Martinez-Jaka appeared before Council in support of the Loudoun Freedom Center's proposal to restore the Asbury Church. He reminded Council that the Center served as the host for the County's Juneteenth celebration. Mr. Martinez-Jaka advised that Pastor Thomas made things a discussion, created a special environment, and made people feel like they were represented and belonged. He noted that she led the community through good and bad times and was respected by the community. Mr. Martinez-Jaka advised that the Loudoun Freedom Center made a difference.

Mayor Littleton suspended the Public Comment period in order to allow IES to provide their monthly utilities report.

Staff Reports

Utilities Report

In response to inquiries from the Council, Stuart Will reported that the Town's water use was not even at 50% of capacity. He advised that the Town's permit allowed for production of 410,000 gallons/day, with the Town using between 130,000-140,000 gallons/day. Mr. Will further advised that the Town was good with regard to its wastewater treatment capacity.

Public Comments – All Other Items (continued)

Israfeel Martinez-Jaka appeared before Council in support of the Loudoun Freedom Center and the preservation and restoration of the Asbury Church. He advised that Pastor Thomas was an excellent community leader. Mr. Martinez-Jaka reminded Council of his Eagle Scout project which he described in the previous meeting. He suggested the need to remember history, even if it was horrible, so it would not be repeated. Mr. Martinez-Jaka asked that the Council consider gifting the Asbury Church to and supporting the efforts of the Loudoun Freedom Center.

Mikaeel Martinez-Jaka, of Boy Scout Troop 2019, reminded Council that he appeared before them during their last meeting. He noted that a Scout's duty was to God and country. Mr. Martinez-Jaka advised that in the U.S., people were given the right of religious freedom. He noted that the Asbury Church was a sacred space that was part of the African American community and asked that it be put in the hands of someone who was the most capable of preserving it and respecting and uplifting its history. Mr. Martinez-Jaka urged the Council to partner with the Loudoun Freedom Center to preserve the Asbury Church.

Resandra "Sisterella" Relia, of Ashburn, asked that the Council recognize African American descendants and noted that they were often erased in history. She opined that there was a body of people who were in charge of preserving her ancestors' history and opined that they were disregarding the fact that her ancestors existed. Ms. Relia demanded that the Council approve the Loudoun Freedom Center's proposal to take charge of the Asbury Church and its preservation.

Jibreel Martinez-Jaka, an Eagle Scout, appeared before Council to echo the comments of his fellow community members, as well as his brothers and sisters who spoke before him. He advised that he has worked with Pastor Thomas in the past to empower people. Mr. Martinez-Jaka opined that the funding, credibility, and community support were there for the Loudoun Freedom Center's proposal. He asked that the Council allow them to move forward with their preservation efforts.

Mayor Littleton recessed the Council meeting at 7:04 p.m. He called the meeting back to order at 7:09 p.m.

Staff Reports

Utilities Report (continued)

Deputy Town Manager Moore noted that at the last minute, the Town of Middleburg provided support to the Upperville Colt & Horse Show and the Loudoun Benefit Show by providing them with 400,000 gallons of water. He advised that this occurred at the same time the Town was supporting the Middleburg Community Center by filling its pool. Mr. Moore noted that it was tricky to balance this to ensure too much water was not being drawn from the system at once and commended Mr. Will for his efforts in doing so successfully.

Project Status Update

Deputy Town Manager Moore reported that the Wayfinding/Comprehensive Signage Project was almost complete. He advised that there were some punch list items that needed to be addressed, including the eastern gateway sign which needed to be refaced, as it had some damage. Mr. Moore recognized and thanked Facilities & Maintenance Supervisor Tim Cole and Planning & Project Associate Estee LaClare for their work on this project.

Deputy Town Manager Moore reported that the Town was in a holding pattern with regard to the Marshall Street Water Tank Rehabilitation Project. He explained that the contractor would work to do whatever could be done while the cellular antennas were still on the water tower. Mr. Moore advised that an issue had arisen with regard to the temporary cell tower and noted that he did not know whether the work that had an environmental impact could be completed before school was back in session. He advised that if it could not, the Town would delay the work until next year.

Councilmember Pearson expressed concern that the contractors' diesel trucks were left running the entire day, which was noisy.

Deputy Town Manager Moore advised that he would talk to the contractor; however, he noted that the Town had limited control over Dominion Power's personnel.

Mayor Littleton opined that the signs looked great and advised he had received nothing but positive comments on them. He noted that people were asking about the old signs and acknowledged that the staff was working on a program to dispose of them.

Consent Agenda

- A. Council Approval – May 26, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes; June 6, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes; June 9, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

Councilmember Bernard moved, seconded by Councilmember Daly, that Council approve the consent agenda as proposed.

Vote: Yes – Councilmembers Bernard, Daly, Jacobs, and Pearson
No – N/A
Abstain: N/A
Absent: Councilmembers Kirk, Leonard-Morgan, and Miller
(Mayor Littleton only votes in the case of a tie.)

Action Items

Council Approval – Investment Policy

Town Treasurer Staples advised that she started with a template from the Government Finance Officers Association, then compared it to other localities’ policies, and finally added in the State Code requirements. She noted that the policies were almost the same word-for-word. Ms. Staples reminded Council that the government was restricted on how it could invest its money. She advised that the policy included everything the Town could invest in. Ms. Staples suggested it may not want to use some of the options currently; however, it may wish to use them in the future. She reported that the policy was reviewed by the Strategic Finance Committee who recommended its approval, with the caveat that the staff get the auditors’ input, as well as Davenport Financial Advisors’ input before presenting the policy to the Council. Ms. Staples advised that Davenport did suggest changes, some of which she included.

Mayor Littleton noted that the Finance Committee, in particular Committee Member Sid Abrams, were very helpful in developing the policy. He opined that it included the best options for investing the Town’s money, while limiting the risk. Mr. Littleton thanked Town Treasurer Staples for her hard work on the policy.

Councilmember Daly moved, seconded by Councilmember Jacobs, that Council approve the proposed investment policy.

Vote: Yes –Councilmembers Bernard, Daly, Jacobs, and Pearson
No – N/A
Abstain: N/A
Absent: Councilmembers Kirk, Leonard-Morgan, and Miller
(Mayor Littleton only votes in the case of a tie.)

Project Status Report (continued)

In response to an inquiry from the Council, Deputy Town Manager Moore reported that he received one estimate on the repairs to the derelict house on Jay Street and was in the process of obtaining a second one. He advised that the first estimate was in the amount of \$28,000.

Discussion Items

2022 Form of Volunteer Appreciation

Town Clerk North reminded Council that for the past couple of years, the Town has been doing alternative forms of recognition for the Town’s board, commission, and committee members due to the COVID pandemic. She questioned whether the Council was interested in returning to the previous form, which was a reception. After some discussion, the Council agreed they were. They suggested the reception be held in November, as opposed to October.

Town Clerk North advised that she would begin organizing it and would get back to the members with a date.

Cancellation of August Meeting

After some discussion, the Council agreed to cancel the August 11th meeting.

Information Items

Councilmember Pearson commended the Town staff, including Lieutenant Jones, Business Development & Community Partnerships Director MacIntyre, and Deputy Town Manager Moore, for organizing the Juneteenth celebration. She opined that Reverend Nelson and his son did a great job. Ms. Pearson noted that she also attended the celebration at Ida Lee Park and opined that it was a good event that was well attended.

Councilmember Daly commended the Town staff on organizing the Juneteenth celebration so quickly after the other celebration failed to come together.

Mayor Littleton reported that the Mille Miglia was a good event and advised that he now had a better understanding of it. He explained that it was a national event in Italy and opined that it was well run. Mr. Littleton further opined that Middleburg was a good fit for the USA component of the race. He noted that it had approximately 450 participants, who had multi-million-dollar classic cars. Mr. Littleton advised that not only did the individuals own the cars, but they raced them themselves and loved sharing the history of the cars. He reported that the event organizers would return to Middleburg in mid-July to work on the October event. Mr. Littleton suggested that during the next Council meeting, they hold a discussion of possible routes, which involved driving 140 miles/day over a three-day period. He asked that the Councilmembers send him ideas for possible driving locations.

Closed Session

Councilmember Daly moved, seconded by Councilmember Bernard, 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) an appointment to the Middleburg Arts Council, (2) an appointment to the BZA, and (3) the performance review of a Town employee as allowed under Subsection (A)(1); and, (4) 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). Councilmember Daly further moved, seconded by Councilmember Bernard, that the Council thereafter reconvene in open session for action as appropriate.

Vote: Yes – Councilmembers Bernard, Daly, Jacobs, and Pearson

No – N/A

Abstain: N/A

Absent: Councilmembers Kirk, Leonard-Morgan, and Miller
(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.

Appointment to Middleburg Arts Council

Councilmember Pearson moved, seconded by Councilmember Bernard, that Council re-appoint Mary Ann Burns to the Middleburg Arts Council for a two-year term, said term to expire June 14, 2024.

Vote: Yes – Councilmembers Bernard, Daly, Jacobs, and Pearson

No – N/A

Abstain: N/A

Absent: Councilmembers Kirk, Leonard-Morgan, and Miller

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

Appointment to Board of Zoning Appeals

Councilmember Daly moved, seconded by Councilmember Bernard, that Council recommend to the Judges of the Loudoun County Circuit Court the appointment of Jonathan Gifford to fill a vacancy on the Board of Zoning Appeals due to the passing of Kathy Fisher, said term to expire December 31, 2025.

Vote: Yes – Councilmembers Bernard, Daly, Jacobs, and Pearson

No – N/A

Abstain: N/A

Absent: Councilmembers Kirk, Leonard-Morgan, and Miller

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

There being no further business, Mayor Littleton declared the meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Trowbridge M. Littleton, MAYOR

Rhonda S. North, MMC, Town Clerk

June 23, 2022 Middleburg Town Council Meeting

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Bridge Littleton: Blow it up. All right. We'll call the meeting to order. First item is Pledge of Allegiance.

Everyone: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

Bridge Littleton: Okay next item is Roll Call.

Chris Bernard: Chris Bernard.

Bridge Littleton: Bridge Littleton.

Cindy Pearson: Cindy Pearson.

J. Kevin Daly: John Kevin Daly.

Bridge Littleton: Bud?

Bud Jacobs: Bud Jacobs. I'm participating remotely because we're in COVID Quarantine.

Rhonda North: Rhonda North, Town Clerk.

Will Moore: Will Moore, Deputy Town Manager.

Bridge Littleton: Ok first item is a special recognition by Mayor and Town Council. Resolution of appreciation for r Ann-Charlotte Robinson. So, Ms. Robinson, you don't have to stand. That's okay. No, I was just saying, you know, welcome. [multiple speakers].

Ann-Charlotte Robinson: Take a bow.

Bridge Littleton: So, yeah, curtsy, you know. Yeah, exactly. So this is a resolution of appreciation for Ms. Robinson's service on the Middleburg Arts Council. So let me read it here real quickly. Whereas Ann-Charlotte Robinson was appointed to serve on the Middleburg Arts Council on June 11th, 2015. And whereas, Ms. Robinson brought an invaluable perspective on new Middleburg Art Council activities. And Whereas, Mrs.

Robinson was instrumental in bringing a theater component to the Arts Council events, including Art in the Burg and a Dickens of a Christmas. Using her connections in the Middleburg Theater community to make the first performance of A Christmas Carol possible, and recently serving as the Stage Manager for Art in the Burg, during which she used her theater skills to introduce events and keep the audience apprised of the schedule. And whereas, during her tenure, Mrs. Robinson also served as the Secretary for the committee handling duties, such as drafting the meeting minutes, and bringing insight into the history of Middleburg Art Council activities. And whereas, Mrs. Robinson's term on the Middleburg Art Council expired June 14, 2022. And whereas, Mrs. Robinson declined to seek reappointment as she and her husband are moving out of the area. And whereas, the Middleburg Town Council deem it appropriate to express its gratitude to Mrs. Robinson for her personal dedication and exceptional service to our community over the past seven years. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Mayor and Members of the Town Council of Middleburg, Virginia recognize and express our sincere appreciation for the exemplary services of Ann-Charlotte Robinson as a member of the Middleburg Art Council from June 11, 2015 through June 14, 2022. Be it further resolved that the Mayor and Members of the Town Council express our profound thanks to her and hope for her continued success in life. [applause]

Bridge Littleton: I just want to say a word.

Ann-Charlotte Robinson: Oh, OK.

Bridge Littleton: No, from everybody here, and especially from everybody on the Arts Council and, you know, the broader Middleburg community, we really do appreciate all your service. I mean, Art in the Burg and the Christmas Carol that we had for the first time. Those I mean, Art in the Burg has become a signature event. And the Christmas Carol was so well done that we know it's going to be here for years to come. And we truly appreciate all you've done for the community and enriching the art and cultural heritage of the town. So our hearts go out to you. We hate to see you leave, but we wish you all the best in your next endeavor.

Ann-Charlotte Robinson: Thank you so much.

Bridge Littleton: Mr. Daley.

J. Kevin Daly: If I may. Full disclosure. Ann-Charlotte and I are thespians, and we appeared together on stage with the Middleburg players. Therefore, it gives me great pride and pleasure to say I move that Council, adopt a resolution of appreciation for Ann-Charlotte Robinson's service on the Middleburg Arts Council from June 11, 2015 through June 14, 2022.

Cindy Pearson: Second.

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

All of Council: Aye.

Bridge Littleton: Opposed, abstentions? Okay.

J. Kevin Daly: Now we can [applause].

Ann-Charlotte Robinson: I guess I don't know all the procedures, but that's an awful lot of resolution. [laughter] I really appreciate that.

Bridge Littleton: Thank you so much.

Ann-Charlotte Robinson: Thank you so much. [multiple speakers]

Bridge Littleton: Here we go.

Ann-Charlotte Robinson: Yes.

A.J. Panebianco: The obligatory picture, please. Say cheese. Say Bridge. Say Chief's cool. [laughter] [multiple speakers]

Ann-Charlotte Robinson: Wow, that's beautiful. Thank you.

Bridge Littleton: Absolutely. Thank you. And if you like to say anything, you're more than welcome.

Ann-Charlotte Robinson: Just to say that it's been an absolute pleasure and an honor to serve in the committee for so long. I've seen it transformed. Very much. Thanks to Mary Ann Burns, who's come in to lead with such bold ideas and such incredible energy to make them happen. So thank you so much. It's been a joy, a pleasure.

Bridge Littleton: Thank you. And we'll see you back here every year for Art in the Burg.

Ann-Charlotte Robinson: Absolutely.

Bridge Littleton: As the manager.

Ann-Charlotte Robinson: Absolutely. Thank you for the extra resolution.

J. Kevin Daly: You're talking [inaudible].

Ann-Charlotte Robinson: I think I came by that naturally. [laughter] I can't claim any credit for that.

Bridge Littleton: I believe that's military training. [multiple speakers]

Ann-Charlotte Robinson: Okay. We'll write that one down.

Bridge Littleton: Oh, Goodness. Okay. Next, we're going to move on to the public comment. Real quickly because for the last couple of meetings and I think this meeting and one or two more, we're going to split the public comments into two different sections to allow the one that's lighter for folks not to have to wait. So my question is, how many folks here are going to speak tonight during public comment? If you are, just raise your hand. Ok. How many of those who raised their hand are going to speak on the boundary line adjustment annexation item? Okay. All right. I think we have some folks though called in, right?

Rhonda North: Yeah, I've got some folks on Zoom.

Bridge Littleton: So I tell you what we'll do. We will do the boundary line adjustment item first and then we'll have open public comment for any other topic that anybody wishes to speak on. So okay. So just a little ground setting again for the boundary line adjustment and annexation proposals. This is a public comment session for anybody who'd like to speak on that topic. As a reminder, we are having this split comment session for this item specifically. I think we plan to do it through mid-July.

Rhonda North: Oh, I thought this was the last one. [multiple speakers] You said July 4th?

Bridge Littleton: July 4th, yeah.

Rhonda North: So this is our last meeting before July 4th.

Bridge Littleton: Okay, so we may do it one more, but absolutely tonight. But well we can do it one more. So but again, this is for any public feedback anybody wants to give on the boundary line adjustment. So all the information on that item is on the town website and we continue to receive feedback and input from the community. And if you want to see it or add to it, just go to the town's website, put it in. We have also are putting in the mail that online form in paper. So if some folks actually in town don't have computers, they can actually just hand write it out and bring it by the town office and we will put it in for you, or you can call the town office and we'll take the notes and put it in for you. And again, all this information is on the town website. All these comments are updated every Friday. So as of midday on Friday, the freshest and most up to date public input is publicly available. We've been doing this now for about two months, and we're going to do a little bit more because we really want to get as much input as possible. So with that, I will open the public comment session for the annexation / BLA item. Is there anybody in the room who would like to speak on that? Going once, going twice. Ok. Rhonda, is there anybody online?

Rhonda North: No, the folks I have on online are for just general public comment.

Bridge Littleton: Okay. So we will close the public comment session. And just a quick note, if anybody is interested, right after public comment Council has a session point at which we discuss any information, items, input, feedback, whatever on the BLA. You know, during public comment we can't have conversations, so we always use that as an opportunity to actually be able to try to answer questions if we have the information. So if you are interested, want to stay for that, it'll be right after the next public comment session. Okay. We'll now open the public comment session on any other item. And just a quick reminder, just come to the front here. You can sit or stand. Just make sure you're close to the microphone. Give us your name, your address, the topic you want to speak on. We are using the three-minute rule which somebody will use judiciously. And the 3 minutes are yours on any topic you'd like. And then just remember too that Council can't engage or answer questions. It really is your 3 minutes to say whatever you'd like to say, and then we move on to the next person. So with that, we will open the public comments. And would anybody like to speak? Mr. Cook. Oh, I'm sorry. No, no, please, please, please. Ladies first. [laughter]

Dr. Linda Deans: I am Reverend Dr. Linda Deans, and I am an Education Consultant with the Loudoun Freedom Center. And I'm here to speak on behalf of our participation in your local community related to the Asbury Church. In my history, I have been gifted from God to produce educational programs that benefit the community. If you can remember, Allen Iverson from Hampton, Virginia was put out of high school and would not have become a Professional Athlete because he was put out of high school. I created an opportunity in Hampton, connected with Hampton University so that he could get a high school diploma and go on to college and become a professional athlete. I did the same thing with Michael Vick, who got in trouble with the dog fighting. I was able to give him a residence in Hampton so that he could play sports to get to college. So I am creative in educational programming. I was the first Principal of an Alternative School to have a JROTC unit, and that saved so many of my children. So I am working with the Loudoun Freedom Center to come up with those programs, even if it involves a yoga class. You all are supposed to laugh on that. [laughter] So that we can have programming in the local community that would benefit Middleburg. Now I know I just happen to know that here in Middleburg you have had famous people such as Jackie and Robert, or Jackie Kennedy. And you've had some others. Who are they? Where are they? You have had some others. And I want to let you know, if you allow Pastor Michelle C. Thomas to program or head the programming of Asbury Church, you have another famous person in the name of Michelle C. Thomas. So I am here to support her. And her team is not just a team. You think of a team of what, seven players, five players depending on the sport. Her team is the entire community. It is not in one place. For an example, we are becoming a subsidiary of the Museum in Washington, D.C., we just got to find somewhere to put our artifacts. So I just want you to know that we are not static. We are always on the move. We are always creating, and we are always producing programs that will benefit individuals from a community. I ask you to consider us.

Bridge Littleton: Thank you very much. Mr. Cook.

Terry Cooke: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Members of the council. My name is Terry Cooke. That's Cooke with an e on the end. I live at 602 West Washington Street here in the town of Middleburg. And just a couple of quick

kudos before I get to my point, and that is thank you all and all who were involved in the water meter replacement that seemed to go very well. I assume it's concluded now, but from what I could tell, it went very smoothly, as did the Way-finding project, which has been a long time coming. But boy, I think it looks terrific. Glad to see it. And again, thanks to you and all who had a hand in making that happen. My purpose in being here this evening is perhaps a little personal, but I think is a matter of great interest to my neighbors in Ridgeview, particularly on the west side of west Washington of Washington Street. We need a better, more robust speed limit enforcement. This has been bugging me for a long time. I keep meaning to come to this meeting and talk about it. But we have the electronic sign as you enter the town from the east, heading west, which is very effective. And I think I recently saw one on the west side of town as you're coming east. A couple of years back, we had one of those electronic signs almost in front of my home. It was in the 600 block of West Washington, and that was very effective. That sign went away, I think at the time it was being shifted around a different locations in town. We badly need that sign back. I mean, it is ridiculous. The speeding that goes on, everybody slows down as they come into town from the east because they're in the commercial center of town, lots of people on the sidewalks. But once they hit, I'd say the Plains Road going west, it's pedal to the metal. And it's I mean, I don't have one of those speed guns that the police have, but I'm sure there have been cars going by 70 miles an hour or greater sometimes. So the Chief is here, I know, so he's hearing this, but I'd really encourage the town to find the funds, if necessary, to put an electronic speed limit sign. They really do help. And to put it in the middle of town, going west from east, because that's the only thing I think is going to slow things down. So please give that some thought, maybe some extra boxes around from the largesse of the federal government. But whatever it takes, I would hope that you make it happen. So thank you so much.

Bridge Littleton: Thank you, Terry. Anyone else? Just raise your hand. Yes, sir.

Larry Simms: Okay. Sorry, I was a little late [off mic].

Bridge Littleton: No, your timing is perfect.

Larry Simms: And I want to say hello to my good friend Cindy Pearson sitting on.

Cindy Pearson: How are you?

Larry Simms: I am doing all right. I think maybe. Okay. My name is Larry Simms, a lifelong resident of Loudoun County and a 44-year teacher in the Loudoun County Public School System. And, of course, I coached, and I had the opportunity to coach a very, very, very good athlete. And that was Ms. Cindy's daughter for a number of years, right? [off mic] Yeah. [off mic] [laughter] And that didn't count. Well, I'm here to talk about the Asbury Church Project and just have a couple of points to make. Number one, it makes me very sad as a history teacher that this issue has gotten this far and taken an inclusive direction. Number two, a major historical marker is being discussed as just another real estate opportunity, maybe for the rich and famous. Middleburg Town Council has not considered this purchase as a priority opportunity to enhance its

cultural and historical past. This property could possibly become a legal wedge between the town and its new ownership. Now I know in the reading that the new ownership should celebrate the historical legacy of said property. Well, this is sort of a broad, bold statement, because if we celebrate the historical legacy of said property, that could mean a cheap, insignificant marker placed in front of the church. And finally, this county, or more important Middleburg, may squander the opportunity to give back to its African American citizens who played major roles throughout this [inaudible] country community. Thank you.

Bridge Littleton: Thank you very much. Please.

Dr. Dusty Sullivan: Good evening, everyone. Mr. Mayor, Town Council my name is Dr. Dustin B Sullivan. I am honored to be here with you on tonight. I represent the members of the New Life Church of Loudoun here in Loudoun County, where I'm honored to be their pastor. I come on tonight to yield my support, lend my support, rather, to the Asbury Preservation Project, as well as to Pastor Michelle Thomas. I am a Virginian through and through. I was born in Richmond, Virginia, educated at University of Virginia, even went to Camp High Road up here in Middleburg, Virginia. And so have a great appreciation for the history of this town and those that make up the town. And what I want to say on tonight is that as a pastor, the need to preserve our churches, our history is something that goes beyond a building. It goes to the building of a people and the building of a community. This is a shared story. It is not the story of one race. It is a story of how society has come together, how that church passed through hands so that people of faith could gather and express their beliefs. It's the place where we marry. It's the place where we bury. It's the place where we come together in times of need. And if ever there was a time in our community where that kind of coming together in historical celebration was necessary, this is the time. I'm honored to be a caretaker to my 80-year-old father, who was born in Edgefield, South Carolina, born on a plantation, born to parents who were sharecroppers. The place where he was born no longer exists, but the church where his parents raised him still stands. And that means something to a people that are trying to trace their history, their heritage, and pass on a legacy that the places and the institutions where we have valued and honored our faith and raised our families is preserved. And so on tonight, I drove all the way from Alexandria. I work in Alexandria, but I wanted to be here tonight because I have great respect for this town, and I have great respect for the preservation of history. And I'm hopeful that this council will see, as I see the need to continue to support the efforts of Pastor Michelle and those alongside her and the preservation of a great work. As a friend, I've known Pastor Michelle to be a woman of integrity, a woman of character, and a woman who has a way of bringing the best out of people to come along and support. And I know that just as she's done it in other projects, she'll do the very same tonight or it's the very same in this town. And so I thank you for this opportunity to speak to you on tonight and are prayerful that it will go forward in helping to preserve life for future generations, that they may know the greatness of Middleburg. Thank you.

Bridge Littleton: Thank you. Thank you. Next. Yes, ma'am.

Vanessa Allen: Good evening, Mayor, Town Council. My name is Vanessa W. Allen. I'm a Virginian. I was born and raised in Danville, Virginia. I've been in the Northern Virginia area for the last 40 years, probably

dating my age, but it's a good thing to be and I love Virginia. I am here to read a letter from a social science teacher. Her name is Karla Davis, and she is a social science teacher at Stonebridge High School. Let me just backtrack for a moment. I currently live in Ashburn, Virginia. I have been a resident of Loudoun County for the last 23 years. Okay. Bear me to read this. Members of the Town Council, this letter is to request consideration of the true purpose and intended use of the historic Asbury Church located at 105 North Jay Street. Not only is the Church eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, it is an integral part of local Loudoun County, history. That's public as a Museum of History. By definition, history, preservation involves protecting and conserving the history of the building. As it was originally used throughout its experience to restore the building with any other intended outcome would likely render it as a structure no longer able to convey the history it once held. The history is especially important to Loudoun's African American community since the church was the first African Methodist Episcopal Church in Middleburg and remained so until 1994. And I'm going to put a footnote here for a second, if you will. I am formerly a member of Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal Church in Washington, D.C. That is the oldest black AME church. All presidents who came into office, whether it's Republican or Democrat, has spoken at that historic church, a church that was founded by Richard Allen. So I support and I hope that you will help to preserve Asbury Church and Middleburg, Virginia. Thank you.

Bridge Littleton: Thank you. All right.

Hilary Highland: Good evening, Mayor and Town Council. I'm Hilary Highland and everyone's saying how long they've been here. I was like, oh my gosh. But I've lived. I moved here from Georgia 44 years ago. So I love this area and I'm a student of history and I live in Steeplechase Run. And so we are most affected with what happens at the church, and we all love the church. And I know that all of you, the Town Council, Mayor, I know you all love the church, too, because it's part of our heart it's part of our community, and we want what's best for the church. And I really, in my heart, I'm just so moved by what the Freedom Center wants to do at the church. I think, you know, making it a museum and I've read through both proposals very closely. I've thought of other things. We've been watching what's going on there. So I'll just outline a few concerns that we have, and I hope that everyone will listen. I'll just start with, first of all, the Freedom Center. I don't think there's any doubt on what they have planned there, what they want to do as far as the museum highlighting the African American history, which they absolutely should. It is all there, and I don't think anyone would support them on that. However, there are some concerns for both proposals and the one with freedom, as I read through. And, you know, perhaps later, I can be corrected on this, but it looks a little vague on the funding and financial when you get into pledges and grants, which I've worked with previously and companies I've worked for, just want to make sure that we know that the money is there to restore. And I think the biggest thing that I have concern with is 15 years possibly to doing that. That's construction traffic that's on and off. And again, we are right there next to it, our townhouse community, so that I would hope that the financing is there right up front. They could do it as soon as possible, but not 15 years. So hopefully that will be addressed with that. The other proposal, we were a little concerned on the noise factors and [inaudible] exercise studio, hopefully they would have that planned, you know, so a lot of people belong there that back up to the church work from home and so we just want to make sure windows are closed or whatever they have to do. Oh, my goodness.

And let me just say, since I've ran out of time here, that 3 minutes went fast. The biggest thing that we're concerned of besides parking I won't go into I know you all have, is drainage and I don't think that has been gone in enough at all. And that is probably the number one thing when you get past the history and all about that. But that needs to be addressed and I'd like to request that you have them both in writing, put what they would do about the drainage. And I saw that it was just re surveyed, but it's a real problem. So thank you very much.

Bridge Littleton: Thank you. And anyone who spoke tonight, if you have written comments or written notes or whatever, you're more than happy to give a copy to Rhonda and we'll make it available to everybody. Ok anyone else? Yes, ma'am.

Erica Obedelky: Hi. Good evening, Mr. Mayor and Council Members, thank you for opening up your chambers and soliciting public comment. My name is Erica Obedelky. I'm a resident in Leesburg. And 20 years now we've been in Loudoun County, and I'm here in support of the proposal that's been offered by Pastor Michelle and the Loudoun Freedom Center to restore the Asbury Church. As a community member with an interest in local history and the need to preserve that history, I've watched this organization and Pastor Michelle in particular take a very strong leadership role in our community to make sure that local history is understood and preserved and shared. And that the mission of an educational program that talks about the importance of of this location and this church and the history of Loudoun County, I think, is an important mission and one that should be supported. I was moved by the pastor who spoke earlier and talked about the central role of a church in a community and understanding that history and what this church provided to the local community, I think is something that's important to preserve. And you can't preserve that by a plaque just sitting in front of a building. I think about how many times I walk by plaques and don't even know they're there. So unless they're accompanied with explicit education that provides more information and context and an opportunity to talk about things and learn about things, you just don't learn about it from a plaque on the side of the road or next to a building. So again, just lending my support as a Loudoun community member for your consideration of their proposal. Thank you.

Bridge Littleton: Thank you. Yes, ma'am.

LeeAnn McNamara: Hi. Mayor, Town Council. My name is LeeAnn McNamara. I'm a resident of Loudoun County and I'm here to talk about Asbury Church. Community, a feeling of fellowship with others as a result of sharing common attitudes, interest, and goals. Preservation, the activity, or process of keeping something valued alive, intact, or free from damage or decay. When we pull back and envision Asbury Church restored, imagine school tours, community events taking place and training sessions taking place in this important building we are describing Middleburg at its finest Middleburg the community, Middleburg actively preserving black history in Loudoun County. Let's do the right thing. Protect this landmark. This landmark church, its architecture, and its dignity. Thank you.

Bridge Littleton: Thank you. Yes, sir.

JJ McNamara: Mr. Mayor. Council members. My name is JJ McNamara. I'm a Loudoun County resident since 1996, where my family and I moved into a restored historic log cabin more than 200 years old at the time. And so I've actually lived in a historical the preservation of history. And so actually living in it, it dealt a pretty significant blow. So I'm talking to you today on behalf of the preservation of Asbury Church. But I have a letter from a nearby town, the Waterford Foundation, and it is from Susan Manch. She says Distinguished Mayor and Members of the Town Council, I'm writing on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Waterford Foundation in support of the Loudoun Freedom Center's proposal to restore the historic Asbury Church. As Waterford is home to three historic churches, and the foundation is the owner of the John Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church. We firmly believe in the importance of preserving both the historic buildings and the African American history associated with them. The John Wesley Church is an important part of the Waterford community that is used by citizens regularly for lectures, weddings, and educational classes, among other things. It's clear that you've invested enormous amounts of time and money in your work to save the church to date. We believe that you have an excellent partner in continuing this work with the Loudoun Freedom Center. The foundation has worked with the Loudoun Freedom Center in the past. Like the Waterford Foundation, they are focused on both preservation and education, which is an important service to the community. We partnered with them on a project to raise funds for the preservation and renovation of the John Wesley Church, which was very successful and allowed the foundation to renovate the Fellowship Hall. The foundation I'm sorry, the Loudoun Freedom Center shared their plans for the renovation and preservation of the Asbury Church, and they look very sound. The Waterford Foundation is committed to the preservation of historic spaces and educational efforts of the African American experience. We support the Loudoun Freedom Center's proposal to restore the Asbury Church in furtherance of these goals. Yours truly, Susan Manch.

Bridge Littleton: Thank you. Thank you very much. Anybody else? I know we have some folks online, so.

Pastor Michelle Thomas: I'm Pastor Michelle Thomas with the Loudoun Freedom Center. I'm the President and the Founder. Tonight, I'm so inspired by many of our speakers as they share their sentiments to save the Asbury Church. But my question today is not really about preservation. Everybody, you know, we know how to do that, right? So our previous work shows a history in preserving sacred spaces. My issue is, do you want to keep this house of worship as a holy place? This is a holy place. It's set aside. It is not a yoga studio. It's not a fitness studio. This is not a place for a bowling alley. This is not a place that is just common. This is the Lord's House and must remain so. The Bible declares that upon this rock I'll build my church and the gates of hell should not prevail against it. I'm not telling you what to do. I'm telling you that this place is holy and therefore it resolves. It needs to have a holy response to it that the people that built this church, it desired for this church to be a place of worship. It has been a place of worship for so many different years. Why change it now? Why change it? It is working. It has worked and it will work for this community. The really specific thing about this church is the fact that it's shared work. It's together work. This work of faith is not just work with a white community or a black community. It's work with all the community coming together. It is the cornerstone of the last piece and parcel of the African American community in Middleburg this is it. Once we change it into a bowling alley or a yoga studio, this is it. What do you say to the ancestors that have survived slavery? What

do you say to the ancestors that has lived through Jim Crow and discrimination? Those persons who were forced to go to the Gant School, the segregated school at the corner, to only be able to play at the community center because they couldn't go to the community center that everybody uses. This is our holy ground. Help us preserve it. Let's partner. There are public private partnerships all the time. This can be one of them. I want to address the gentlewoman here that talked about our finances. Our finances are secure. We won a \$255,000 grant, which we will use towards the upkeep of this building. We have funders who have pledged their support in writing that they will also match our funding with 255. We have won over another \$195,000 of grants. Money isn't our problem. The problem is the will of this board. I pray and I ask this board to have mercy on Asbury and remember our church.

Bridge Littleton: Thank you. Anybody else in the room wish to speak? I know we have some folks online. We go to them second. Going once. Going twice.

J. Kevin Daly: [off mic] holding his hand [off mic]

Bridge Littleton: You know, I keep seeing he keeps raising it every single time. [laughter] He's the clock keeper.

Rhonda North: It's a clock.

Bridge Littleton: Okay Rhonda, I know we have some folks online. If you'd like to read them the rules and then we'll go with the folks online.

Rhonda North: Yes. So once I announce your name, for those who have already signed up in advance, I will unmute you. If you will then unmute your microphone. If you're on a telephone, you would press Star six to do that. Once we get through the folks who are on the list, if there's anyone else who wants to speak, we'll, I see I've got a couple of hands raised. We'll then call on you until we get through everyone who's online. So the first person that I have signed up and I do apologize if I pronounce any names, incorrectly is Rizwan Jaka. And let me unmute you.

Rizwan Jaka: Peace be with you. Thank you so much, Town Council Middleburg. We appreciate the opportunity to give feedback again, Rizwan Jaka I am the Chair of Interfaith and Government Relations for the Adams Center. We are a faith-based institution of over 25,000 people in the Northern Virginia area, many in Loudoun and also the chair of the Adams Compassionate Health Care Network, which we provide free health care to the under-served and uninsured. And so we've partnered with Pastor Michelle for many years, and I did speak on the ninth. And I just want to, you know, reaffirm the partnership with the Loudoun Freedom Center on Interfaith, Multi-Faith, Religious Freedom Work. Pastor Michelle and the team at the Loudoun Freedom Center are faith based focused as well as historic preservation experts working with people of all faiths and backgrounds. And just to reaffirm religious freedom. Right, it's so important. And that is a cornerstone in Virginia and in the United States. And, you know, the fact that this is a church, it is so important

that the council considered that it's an African American church, that must be preserved and the sanctity of it should be preserved. And so as we advocate for religious freedom and the preservation of this important history, Loudoun Freedom Center is the best positioned for that, you know, beautiful respect of this church and its history and connecting it with the community in a very respectful manner that will benefit Middleburg and Loudoun County and Virginia. So just wanted to continue to reaffirm that with again, Freedom Center does beautiful programs that help empower the youth like technology, education and working with scouts. And so just wanted to continue to reaffirm our encouragement of the town council to absolutely consider the Loudoun Freedom Center proposal and the expertise of Pastor Michelle and the wonderful team. Thank you so much. Peace be with you.

Bridge Littleton: Thank you very much. Rhonda, who's next?

Rhonda North: The next person is Ebaadah Martinez-Jaka, if you'll please unmute yourself.

Ebaadah Martinez-Jaka: Good evening, everyone. Good evening, Town Council. My name is Ebaadah Martinez-Jaka. I'm 15 years old and I live in Western Loudoun. I am here in support of the proposal of the restoration and adaptive reuse of the Asbury Church by the Loudoun Freedom Center and Pastor Michelle. I just want to mention that this past Monday, Pastor Michelle hosted along with the Loudoun NAACP branch and the Loudoun Freedom Center, a Juneteenth celebration. This included Senator Tim Kaine as the keynote speaker, remarks from other government officials among community leaders. And I want to talk about one of the many things that makes Pastor Michelle's leadership so unique. Whenever she hosts events, she invites people from all backgrounds, faith, and viewpoints to the event. It makes it not just a gathering, but a discussion, a place where we get to speak to each other, get to know one another, and celebrate our differences and similarities. She also creates a special environment, whether that's with music, with delicious food, with a place where we just get to speak our thoughts and be ourselves. It's a place where we feel like everyone has a chance to represent and we feel like we belong there, and we have a voice. And there are many examples of how Pastor Michelle leads our community through good and bad times, not just the good and not just the bad. She keeps everyone in a mindset of learning and praying while delivering actions and activities to back those up, which will then in turn benefit everyone. For me, it's rare to find a leader like this one that is willing to listen and willing to support anyone that needs it. Pastor Michelle is not only respected by our community but loved by us. Through Pastor Michelle people find the Loudoun NAACP and even in other counties, the NAACP branches, they find the Freedom Center and they get involved with these important restoration projects and many other gatherings that do make a difference. The Loudoun Freedom Center under her leadership and other amazing leaders are the perfect organization for the adaptive reuse and restoration of the historic Asbury Church. And I am here to speak in support for them in this. So that's all I have to say. Thank you so much for your time.

Bridge Littleton: Thank you. And Rhonda, real quickly, how many more people do we have online?

Rhonda North: I've got one, two, [off mic] two more that are signed up and then I've got it looks like one more that's not signed up but has raised her hand.

Bridge Littleton: Okay, so I tell you what I just realized Stuart's here. I'm going to suspend public comment real quickly. Let Stewart do his utility report, because I'm assuming that's going to be about 30 seconds, then he can go home.

Rhonda North: Okay.

Bridge Littleton: So we're going to suspend public comment for one second. Stuart I'm sorry, I should have let you go first.

Stuart Will: Bridge I'll sit through this. I mean, this is part of the.

Bridge Littleton: No, I got you. I got you. You got a long drive.

Stuart Will: It's fine. [off mic]

Bridge Littleton: Exactly. It's from last. Exactly.

J. Kevin Daly: You got 3 minutes.

Stuart Will: Let me see if I can break my record. Any questions?

Bridge Littleton: Anybody any questions for Stuart?

J. Kevin Daly: All right, Stuart. Where are we capacity wise for the current water in town for the current residents?

Stuart Will: We're not even at 50.

J. Kevin Daly: Not even at 50?

Stuart Will: Not even at 50 according to the Virginia Department of Health documentation I have we can safely produce approximately 410,000 gallons per day. And that's a lot of water. Right now, we're what 130-140,000 per day average.

J. Kevin Daly: So we're not even at full capacity?

Stuart Will: No, I'd be more concerned about the capacity of the wastewater plant at this point of 250,000 gallons a day discharge.

J. Kevin Daly: All right. How are we doing with that?

Stuart Will: Good. We're doing very good.

J. Kevin Daly: All right. I'm sure it probably was covered once before, but I'm a slow learner. That's why I ask questions several times.

Stuart Will: There's no such thing as a dumb question.

J. Kevin Daly: All right. Thank you.

Bridge Littleton: Will?

Will Moore: If I may, I don't want to waste time now, but on a utility note after public comment, if we can circle back [multiple speakers].

Bridge Littleton: Sure. Do we need Stuart?

Will Moore: No we don't.

Bridge Littleton: Okay. Anything else for Stuart? Bud, anything for Stuart? Okay, Stuart, thanks.

Stuart Will: Yes indeed. Have a good evening.

Bridge Littleton: Have a safe drive home. I apologize. I just hate having people wait if they got a quick one. So we will resume with the public comment. Rhonda, next person, please.

Rhonda North: Yes, the next person I have on the list is Israfeel Martinez-Jaka. If you could, please unmute yourself.

Israfeel Martinez-Jaka: Hi, how are you all? Just give me one second. Okay. Can you hear me now?

Rhonda North: Yes.

Bridge Littleton: Yes, we can hear you.

Israfeel Martinez-Jaka: Okay. Excellent. My name is Israfeel. I'm in Western Loudoun. I'm 19 years old. I'm an Eagle Scout. And I'm here to talk on behalf of Pastor Michelle and to advocate for the preservation and restoration of the historic Asbury Church by the Loudoun Freedom Center. I just wanted to mention some things, many things that already been said about Pastor Michelle. I just want to mention how she really engages the youth. And as [inaudible] said and Asbury church and restore it into the community space for worship and for [inaudible]

Bridge Littleton: Sir could you speak up we're having a hard time hearing?

Israfeel Martinez-Jaka: I'm sorry. Is this better?

Bridge Littleton: Yes. Just get as close to your microphone as you can.

Israfeel Martinez-Jaka: Okay. Got it. Okay. So. All right, so I was saying so Pastor Michelle, in my experience, she's been an excellent community leader and bringing in young people to lead projects such as my own for my Eagle Scout project too I was honored to work with the Loudoun Freedom Center to build a reflection area for Orion Anderson, who was 14 year old African-American boy who was lynched in 1889 horrifically by a white mob. So what I'm saying is this history was recently rediscovered. And Pastor Michelle reached out to the community to bring us together to work for the common good and to preserve this history that even though this is a very, very horrible part of our history, we must remember it because those who do not remember their history are doomed to repeat it. So Pastor Michelle allowed honored me with being able to lead my Eagle Scout project to create this reflection area over 1,200 volunteer hours, building this reflection area and bringing the community together of all faiths and backgrounds to work in the heat of the summer. And this marks the site of the Loudoun Annual Juneteenth Celebration that has had many elected officials and brought the community together to discuss action items for civil rights and equity going forward. And the Loudoun Freedom Center's commitment to showing the truth, such as with Orion Anderson and bringing the community together to volunteer in community service and to remember and preserve African American history is the most important factor to consider in the gifting of the historic Asbury Church. So I fully support the efforts of the Loudoun Freedom Center. So I hope that the board will decide to gift the historic Asbury Church to the Loudoun Freedom Center for Preservation. Thank you.

Bridge Littleton: Thank you very much. He's timing was perfect. [laughter]

J. Kevin Daly: He's an Eagle Scout. [off mic]

Bridge Littleton: Well, exactly. Ok and he couldn't even see the clock. That takes true skill. Rhonda anybody else?

Rhonda North: We do. We have Mikaeel Martinez-Jaka. If you'll please unmute yourself.

Mikaeel Martinez-Jaka: Hello, everyone. Are you able to hear me?

Bridge Littleton: We can hear you.

Mikaeel Martinez-Jaka: So hi again. My name is Mikaeel Martinez-Jaka from Troop 2019 in Leesburg, Virginia. I am an Eagle Scout. I was here at a previous town council meeting in person. Unfortunately, I could not be in person this time, but thank you for the time and listening to all of these comments, you know, from myself and my fellow scouts. So I wanted to talk about scouting as well as the United States. So in the scout oath and law, one of the most important points is duty to God and country. Those are those are the two duties that are scout God and country. So in the United States, we have religious freedom, and we respect religion and everyone's individual right and the sanctity of that. And we also have our duty to God as scouts. With this church it is a sacred space that has been a part of the black community in Loudoun County for decades, for several, several decades. And that is so important to respect that sanctity of that church and how important it is to the faith of the community. And because of that, it should be put in the hands most capable of respecting it, of uplifting it, properly preserving this history, the United States history, also respecting and doing our duty to God. Again, I mentioned this when I was here in person. My Eagle project was to uplift the African American burial ground for the enslaved at Belmont intersection of Belmont, Ridge Road, and Route seven. And a burial ground is also a sacred, spiritual place. And in my experience, these places can bring people together. There have been Juneteenth celebrations in past years near the burial ground to uplift their memory of the formerly enslaved. And the power of these sacred places is special. And in the United States, we have the religious freedom and the opportunity to preserve and do right by the people that used to be part of that community, that sacred community, and the people that still are, and the descendants of the people that were part of it or the family members and the people that are still alive today that were a part of it. So, again, I urge you all to partner with who, in my experience, is the most capable, the Loudoun Freedom Center to uplift and to preserve the historic Asbury Church, as well as Pastor Michelle Thomas. Thank you all for your time.

Bridge Littleton: Thank you. Rhonda is there anybody else?

Rhonda North: Okay so that's all the signed up. But I do have some folks with their hand raised. Sisterella, could you please unmute yourself?

Bridge Littleton: And please give us your name, address, and then you have 3 minutes.

Resandra Relia: Hi. My name is Resandra Relia. Most people know me as Sisterella. I am here and representing a multitude of organizations across the United States. However, I do live in Ashburn, Virginia, and I am representing both the Black History Committee, and I'm in support of the Loudoun Freedom Center with Pastor Michelle. I also, as an African American descendant or an American descendant of Freedmen, I am a descendant who is definitely in her very much so right and wanting this body to recognize the American descendants who are often erased throughout history. This month marked Juneteenth, the freedom of enslaved people who were freed down in Galveston, Texas. However, here in Virginia, it seems that history

seems to be repeating itself. Yet again, we are faced with a position where a body of people who are not melanated are in charge of preserving my ancestor's history and taking note of preserving my ancestor's history by disregarding the fact that my ancestors existed. And I am demanding and imploring this body to approve the Loudoun Freedom Center to take charge, in preserving the Asbury Church. Because that was one of the things after emancipation that my ancestors had, and that was their faith. And what's in the church building, the houses that they were able to go into were one of the things that they used even for schools and education. And so here in Loudoun as well as in Middleburg, I implore anyone under the sound of my voice to want to preserve the history of the African American being once known by a legislative body the American descendants of slaves who were also known as Freedmen. And I ask that this body take in that consideration and also take in the consideration of Pastor Michelle and the Loudoun Freedom Centers, preservation and restoration of history. So thank you so much for allowing me to speak. And again, I implore you to do the right thing in regards to history. Be on the right side of history in 2022.

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

Rhonda North: I've got Jibreel Martinez-Jaka.

Bridge Littleton: Didn't that person already speak?

Jibreel Martinez-Jaka: Good evening, everyone. Can you hear me fine?

Cindy Pearson: Yes.

Bridge Littleton: Yeah.

Jibreel Martinez-Jaka: All right. My name is Jibreel Martinez-Jaka. I am an Eagle Scout, Loudoun resident and local community member. I would like to echo the sentiment that my fellow community members and brothers and sisters have shared to speak in support of the Loudoun Freedom Center and Pastor Michelle in their restoration efforts to turn the Asbury Church that is an integral part of our community's history to the future into a place where people can gather for tours, community events and training, to educate and empower people, to honor those who came before us and to work towards a better future. I personally have worked with Pastor Michelle on many community events, including Eagle Projects of Remembrance to the recent Nova Data Center initiative to educate and empower people from underprivileged communities. Pastor Michelle has been a beacon of inspiration to everyone she has worked with, and this wholesale restoration and remembrance of the Asbury Church and its history will utilize this historic building to empower the next generation and not be burdened by the past, but to use it to create a better future. The funding is there, the credibility is there. The community support is here. The only thing left is for the Loudoun Freedom Center to be given the ability to move forward, something that sadly has been denied way too often to the marginalized people of this community and country of whom this church was a refuge to. I sincerely hope that the board chooses the Loudoun Freedom Center. Thank you all for your time.

Bridge Littleton: Thank you.

Rhonda North: That's it.

Bridge Littleton: That's it?

Rhonda North: That's everybody who was on the list.

Bridge Littleton: Okay. Is there anybody here who'd wish to address the Council on any other matter? Ok. We will close the public comment session. Why did I do that? Sorry. [laughter] Yeah meeting's over. [multiple speakers] Yeah exactly. Wait a minute we're back in session, so. No, I just want to say thank you to everybody who came and spoke tonight. We really appreciate it. The only way council has the ability to make the right decisions to be as fully informed as possible. And there's no such thing as bad information as long as it's accurate. Correct. And timely. Timely is important. So and everybody who called in online again, we thank you as well. So I tell you, what we will do is we will take a three-minute break in case anybody I mean, by all means, you are more than welcome to stay for the Water Utility Update, Town investment policy. Ooh. Let's see here. What else? Oh, project status updates. Okay, so. But if not, go ahead and take this moment to if you'd like to leave and then Council will proceed on with the meeting. All right. Where are we now? Staff reports we did, Stuart. Project status update. Oh, wait. Utility. I'm sorry. Will you wanted to mention on utilities?

Will Moore: Yes. So not captured in the IES report this month because that's really a report on May. But I think more timely, just to let you know, we were called upon kind of last minute to support the Upperville Colt & Horse Show and then subsequently the Loudoun Benefit Show when they faced a last-minute lack of water supply. So between the two shows, we were able to provide a little over 400,000 gallons of water in those two weeks, which results in some nice, unexpected revenue for us. But on top of that, it was also at a time when we were helping to support the community center pool to get filled. So we let Stuart go, but kudos to him for balancing that. It's tricky thing to balance to make sure we're not drawing too much at any one time. But we were fortunate.

Bridge Littleton: How many gallons is the pool?

Will Moore: I don't know.

Bridge Littleton: Ten to 20?

Will Moore: Yeah. No. Yeah, I think it's more than that.

Bridge Littleton: It's not 100?

Will Moore: I don't know.

Bridge Littleton: Never-mind.

Tina Staples: I can find it.

Bridge Littleton: Oh, no, Tina, don't.

Chris Bernard: The average pools like 20 in your backyard. So it's bigger.

Bridge Littleton: Okay. It's bigger than that. Okay. All right.

Tina Staples: [off mic] If you're interested.

Bridge Littleton: No, I'm not. Just, you know. Useless fact that we can move past. [multiple speakers] Okay. Will, thanks. I appreciate it. Ok Project Status Update, Mr. Moore.

Will Moore: Oh, sure. So I think as most of you have seen, we are almost finished with the Way-finding and Consolidated Street Signage Program. We do have some final inspections, some small punch list items. The largest item that needs to be rectified is the Eastern Gateway sign. There was an issue with the facing on that. So the company will have to return and we're working with them on a schedule for that to get that sign refaced but otherwise it was a really successful installation and big thanks to Tim Cole and Estee LaClare from the staff for helping out with the inspections that we're able to keep that project moving along. Otherwise, the big one that we're kind of in a holding pattern right now on the water tank rehabilitation. We are working with utility service company to get them mobilized to do some work that they can do while the cell antennas are still mounted. There was an issue with some of the soils and engineering on the community charter school property where the temporary cell tower is going to go. There's been a workaround figured out for that, but that's delayed building permitting for a little bit. But we will be able to get mobilized and get some work underway. But we are pressing USC for a final schedule now and are still awaiting that. I think Danny was in communication with their principal. Well we were trying to be in communication with him earlier today even.

Bridge Littleton: So is this going to get done before school goes back? Which is early August.

Will Moore: I don't know.

Bridge Littleton: We're running out of time.

Will Moore: I mean, the likelihood was that the project was not going to be complete by then, but the environmental impacts wouldn't have been done by then. But the [multiple speakers]

Bridge Littleton: That's all I'm cared about. That's all I care about. So that will be done before Intersession starts?

Will Moore: If we cannot be assured of that, then the project will go on hold.

Bridge Littleton: It'll have to until next year.

Will Moore: Correct.

Bridge Littleton: Okay. All right. Thank you. Any other questions for Will?

Cindy Pearson: I have just a quick one. When you're I don't know. I'm sure there's things about parking and stuff like that. But the trucks running all day, too that's a huge impact on the local people right there that you just hear that constant run of a diesel all day long. I mean, the reason I'm saying that is because when Dominion or whoever was doing work the other day, their trucks ran the whole day. What they were doing wasn't a problem. The traffic was taken care of well, but that constant sound of the diesel running right up next to your house is horrible. Don't know if there's anything to be done about it or not.

Will Moore: We can certainly work with our contractors on that. We have limited effect on Dominion, but with our contractors, we [off mic].

Cindy Pearson: Thank you.

Bridge Littleton: Anything else for Will? I just want to say, I think we said it earlier, but I want to say for the public record, that the signs look great. Everybody's very happy. I've gotten nothing but. [off mic] Ali, what's this? You weren't even here for it. Okay. She's over there stealing all your credit. So, no, the signs look great. Everybody's been very complimentary of them. And then everybody's also asked, I want to get one of my signs, so we'll have to figure that out. But I'm glad you guys are saving them. [off mic] Exactly. There you go.

Chris Bernard: We're so glad that did not get destroyed last night.

J. Kevin Daly: It certainly has made life a lot easier for me that we have actual names because now I don't have to tell people to turn left at 1112 T.

Bridge Littleton: What street starts with T. [laughter] You, what did you say a second ago?

Chris Bernard: [off mic] thank goodness they didn't get destroyed in the storm. [off mic] [multiple speakers]

Bridge Littleton: No there was something maintenance related. Okay. Anyway, moving on. All right. Next, we've got is consent agenda. Anybody like to make a motion?

Chris Bernard: I move that we adopt the consent agenda as proposed.

J. Kevin Daly: Second.

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

Chris Bernard: Aye.

Cindy Pearson: Aye.

Bud Jacobs: Aye.

J. Kevin Daly: Aye.

Bridge Littleton: Aye. Opposed abstentions? Okay. Consent agenda is approved. Next item is the Middleburg Investment Policy. Tina, you're up.

Tina Staples: Sorry, I was hiding in the back today. [off mic]. So I'm happy to kind of walk you through the process of how we develop the investment policy and then if you have any questions. So we started with a template from the Government Finance Officers Association that most localities use, and I compared that to other policies from towns and counties in the area. And it's almost similar, if not word for word. So I applied that template and then added in the Virginia code requirements. As far as investments go, Governments are very restrictive, which would of course make sense to what they can and cannot invest in. So I put in what the town code allows us to invest in. It doesn't necessarily mean that we would want to invest in some of those things, but I also can't speak for what's going to happen 20 years from now when they might. So at first, I went through the draft policy with Sid Abrahams from the Finance Committee. So he and I went through that a couple of times and then we did present it to the Finance Committee, and I think after talking through it, everybody was in agreement that they liked the policy and wanted to move forward with it, and they did recommend it for council approval. There was a couple of caveats that I needed to reach out to the auditors and to Davenport for their input. And we met with Sandy actually because we're getting ready for the audit, and she didn't have any changes. Davenport made a couple of suggestions. Two of those I incorporated and one, I did not, and I kind of passed along that information of why. It was adding a little bit more restrictions where I think it would cause more problem than good. So I'm happy to answer any questions that you have.

Bridge Littleton: Any questions for Tina? I will say the Finance Committee went through this several times and I think Sid was very helpful in helping us get it right. And as Tina mentioned, we're pretty restricted in what we can and can't do. But I think what the committee and Tina came up with is sort of the best options

that also limit the risk. So I really appreciate all the work that they did, and that Tina did to get this where it is so.

Tina Staples: Thank you.

Bridge Littleton: Yep. Kevin. Oh, wait Bud, did you have any questions? I'm sorry. I keep forgetting to look. Okay.

J. Kevin Daly: And then I am going, I move that the Middleburg Town Council. [off mic] I'm moving right here in Middleburg. I move that the Middleburg Town Council approve the proposed investment policy. Period.

Bud Jacobs: Second.

Bridge Littleton: [multiple speakers]. Any discussion? All's in favor say, aye.

Cindy Pearson: Aye.

Chris Bernard: Aye.

Bud Jacobs: Aye.

Bridge Littleton: Aye. All right, Tina, thank you. Will, I remember what it was? The derelict house where Kevin lives?

J. Kevin Daly: No. [off mic] [laughter]

Bridge Littleton: Who has the chair of their you know, HOA who is yet to do anything to really address this issue.

J. Kevin Daly: They put a lien on the house.

Bridge Littleton: What's the latest on on that? [multiple speakers]

Will Moore: Yeah. So we have been able to secure one estimate for the work. We're working with another contractor to get a second estimate just so we're covering our bases, but that is in process.

Bridge Littleton: What's the current estimate?

Will Moore: The first was roughly \$28,000 all in on the repairs.

Bridge Littleton: Ok. And I'm assuming it's like, you know, valid for a month and that's it.

Will Moore: Okay. It's a good point. [off mic]

Bridge Littleton: With all the prices changed. Yeah, exactly. So, no, I mean, you guys got to do it, right you know, so I understand that. Okay, that was my only question. Thanks. Ok. Volunteer Appreciation Reception. Ms. North.

Rhonda North: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. So last couple of years, we've kind of had some COVID interruptions.

Bridge Littleton: Really? Yes.

J. Kevin Daly: Some.

Rhonda North: So we've gotten a little creative in how we recognized our volunteers with gift certificates and little gifts, things like that. So it's time to start thinking about how we're going to recognize them again this year, particularly if we want to go back to the idea of doing a reception. I think we're out of the woods enough from COVID that we can probably return to doing a reception for those folks. But I just wanted to see how you all would like to proceed so we can start planning accordingly.

Bridge Littleton: Okay. I'm just going to say real quickly, I move that we do it and Bud, do it all.

J. Kevin Daly: I second. [off mic] [multiple speakers]

Bridge Littleton: Yeah, right. Bud.

Bud Jacobs: Done deal. Done deal. [laughter]

Cindy Pearson: I would suggest, though, not to have it in October. The October calendar is just, like, gone [inaudible]. So, like, the second week in November might be a better time.

Bridge Littleton: Or late September? Yeah.

Rhonda North: [off mic]

Cindy Pearson: That's even bad.

Rhonda North: [multiple speakers] We were having a fifth Tuesday in October, so there's no meetings on the fifth Tuesday. So that was working out very well. That's not happening this year. So, yes, we're probably going to have to look into maybe going into like November or something like that.

Bridge Littleton: Okay. No, I think it's great. And again, if anybody is concerned about COVID, they can bring a mask or we'll send them a you know, we'll send them whatever we're going to do to them directly. Okay. Excellent. Before we go to closed session, any information items from anybody?

Rhonda North: Mr. Mayor.

Bridge Littleton: Yes, ma'am.

Rhonda North: We did miss the item, Cancellation of the August meeting.

Bridge Littleton: Because we're not canceling it.

Rhonda North: We're not?

Bridge Littleton: No, I'm kidding. [multiple speakers] Hang on, hang on, hang on. We're getting there. We're getting there. Ok. So I got no problem. Anybody else? It's always about which one.

Rhonda North: I was going to say, do you have a preference for which one you'd like to cancel?

Bridge Littleton: So the meetings are either the 11th or the 25th. I would prefer to cancel the 11th if that works for everybody else, because I'm not going to be in town.

Chris Bernard: It doesn't matter.

Bridge Littleton: Kevin, good? Bud?

Bud Jacobs: Yep. Works for me.

Bridge Littleton: Cindy?

Cindy Pearson: Yeah.

Bridge Littleton: Awesome. Thank you all. I appreciate it.

Chris Bernard: Just do what Bridge wants.

Bridge Littleton: Yeah. Peter? Philip? Darlene? Oh, you too. Great. All right, perfect. See, they didn't say a word. [laughter] All right. Any information items?

Cindy Pearson: Just wanted to say how nice it was on Sunday down here for the Juneteenth Celebration that [off mic] [multiple speakers] Ali, Punkin, and whoever else showed up to do all that. You know it was very nice, short, sweet, very nicely done. Reverend Nelson did a good job. His son did, too. And I also had the pleasure of going to Ida Lee. It was on Saturday. That was cold. That was the day that it was so windy after Friday being 95. [multiple speakers] [off mic] It was nice. I only stayed about an hour and a half because it was that cold. But they had a good amount of [off mic]. They were just beginning, she told me as I was going out. She says, this is when they start coming and everybody just kind of comes all day and it fills up all of that [off mic] there and out there. So it's really nice [off mic].

Bridge Littleton: That's great.

Cindy Pearson: But [off mic] Fox did not play that day, [off mic] but it was very nicely done.

Bridge Littleton: Awesome. Any other information items? Kevin.

J. Kevin Daly: Not information but also wanted to give kudos to the whole crew for Juneteenth. The key is, is that this is probably the biggest community, Middleburg community event, alongside the National Night Out and you all put it together like that. When something was dropped, you picked it up and you ran with it. And I hope that next year we don't conflict on a Sunday with other services, because I know Father Gene wanted to be there, but we were already scheduled for services. So. [off mic] What? [off mic] No, I can't. We tried that walking. Yeah, yeah. I can't walk on water. I splash it around the ankles. But next year, bigger and better, we keep moving forward. Thank you.

Bridge Littleton: Thanks. The only quick info item I'll give is just a quick out brief from the Mille Miglia. It was a very good event. You know, they continue to tell us for the last two years. You've got to come and see. You've got to come and see it. You just won't get it into you until you go and see it and participate in it. And it's like, okay, yeah, I no, I understand what you're saying. You know, [inaudible], all that kind of stuff. But by the time it was done, it really was a okay yeah, now I get it. For them this event is, it is a national event in the sense that it's a part of their nationhood. So I have told people, I equate it to for some in this room, you will all remember in 1984 when the Olympics were happening, and they ran the torch through all 50 states. Remember, it came right through downtown Middleburg. Everybody came out to see it, you know, to witness the torch being run through town. That is what this event is like for every single one of those towns and villages across Italy. I mean, people stand at industrial roundabouts with an umbrella to keep the sun off them, just to see all the cars go by for 4 hours. So it's truly incredible. It is an unbelievably well-run event. And the one thing I actually really liked about it was and I think this is very much why Middleburg is such a good fit for them. The event so it's 450 participants in the event who have classic cars and every car is millions of dollars. You know, we saw one that was 20 million. But they run this race because they want to be a part of something special and they get dinged up and they get bumped and fendered and rocks and, you know, a third of them break down. I mean, literally a car, you know, the winning car was made in 1928, so it's almost 100 years old. But so you have all these people who own these cars, and they race them themselves and

they are worth oodles and gobs of money. And by and large, most everybody there are the most down to earth, humble, unpretentious people you would ever meet. They don't brag about their car. They love sharing the history of it with as many people as possible. And it's not about how they're better than anybody else because they have it. They actually want to share it with everybody else so that they can enjoy the same history of it. And I think we, I think our town's spirit is what we embody that. You know, for the most part and I think that's one of the things that made the connection between us and them, you know, so meaningful as well. So they're coming back. The preparation team is coming back over in mid-July to start doing some site locations. And what I'm going to do is I'm going to send everybody some pictures of where these different. And maybe what we should do is we should go over it at the next council meeting where. So the way it works is it's four days 250 miles a day, but you're never on a major road. I mean, you're up and down these mountains and all over these side roads, and I mean, the police, you'll have a two-lane road and a policeman will get in front of you if there's like a long train of cars. And he will literally push all the other cars out on the oncoming traffic into the bushes so that the classic cars can pass the trucks and get ahead. So, AJ, we expect you you know.

A.J. Panebianco: I will get right on that.

Bridge Littleton: Yeah, please do. [laughter] But no, what was really unique is, so you started about 7:00 in the morning. At 10:00, you make a time trial stop. So that's about 15 minutes and then at 2:00, 1:00 or 2:00, you stop for lunch. Then at 5:00, 6:00, you stop for another time trial and then 8:00 or 9:00, maybe a little bit later. I mean, some people didn't get in till midnight. You stop for dinner and that day is over. So it takes you 14 to 16 hours to drive that 250 miles. And it is rough, but every place they do these stops are so unique. I mean, they're historic and every one of them is in a big village square. So all the community comes out, that's going to be a little more challenging for us. But if any of you all can think of some ideas of where they could do their stops and their stops for them is just going to be one. Right? They're going to do 500 miles over three days. So that's about 140 miles a day. You know, like going out and going around and then going to downtown Winchester where they have the closed off downtown area. That would be great or if there's a historic site, like I was thinking Llangollen, you know, because they got that big long driveway, and the big circle. It's got to be something kind of far away. It can't be like across the street. So but if you have any ideas north of here, south of here, you know, whatever where that they could have that special kind of thing, you know, Berryville or whatever or Charleston, Charles Town. That would be great. So put your thinking cap on and send me ideas.

Cindy Pearson: We had a CCEC meeting right the other night and Jim Herbert was there and he actually spoke about that. He said they came up through Atoka.

Bridge Littleton: Atoka, yeah.

Cindy Pearson: Last time and how they enjoyed them going through there. He said it wouldn't work for the whole world to be there because their road is narrow and if you parked on the sides, they couldn't get through then.

Bridge Littleton: And that's so the reason they went there is there's this thing that they do. It's like it's each day they have one little section of it, and they have like these eight hoses, you know, air hoses that you go over, and you got to hit them at exactly the right time. So it's like you got to get from one to the next one. Within a minute and a half and then the next one within 28 seconds. And so you've got to judge how you're driving and the speed. And if you don't hit it exact, you go over under or you get points deducted and it's real complex. So. But yeah, they did it at Atoka Chase last time. So yeah, I think it's going to be a really great event and I'm looking forward to it. So and we really owe them a huge debt of gratitude. I mean, all we had to pay was to get over there. They covered everything else, which was awesome. Okay. Any other information items? If not, we're going to go into closed session. [inaudible], thanks for coming. Good to see you.

Unknown Speaker: Okay, my pleasure.

Rhonda North: Some of these [off mic].

Bridge Littleton: Motion, please.

J. Kevin Daly: I move that council go into closed session as authorized under section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia for the discussion of or consideration of one an appointment to the Middleburg Arts Council, two an appointment to the BZA. And three the performance review of a town employee as allowed under subsection A1, and 4 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 A3. I further move that the Council thereafter reconvene in open session for action as appropriate.

Chris Bernard: Second.

Bridge Littleton: Any discussion? All those in favor say aye. [multiple speakers] Bud you were muted.

Bud Jacobs: Aye.

Bridge Littleton: Aye. All right, we're in closed session. [off mic]

Bridge Littleton: Every week. Okay. I asked that Council certify to the best of each member's knowledge, one only public business matter lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under 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 a closed meeting. I would like to

remind those present for the closed session that anything discussed that any discussion that occurred within it should be treated as confidential.

Chris Bernard: Yes.

J. Kevin Daly: Yes.

Cindy Pearson: Yes.

Bud Jacobs: Yes.

Bridge Littleton: All right, Cindy, do you have a motion?

Cindy Pearson: I do. I move that Council re-appoint Mary Ann Burns to the Middleburg Art Council for a two-year term. Said term to expire June 14, 2024.

Chris Bernard: Second.

Bridge Littleton: Any discussion? All's in favor say aye. Aye. [multiple speakers]

Bridge Littleton: Kevin.

J. Kevin Daly: Indeed I do. I move that council recommend to the judges of the Loudoun County Circuit Court the appointment of Jonathan Gifford to fill a vacancy on the Board of Zoning Appeals due to the passing of Cathy Fisher said term to expire December 31st, 2025.

Chris Bernard: Second.

Bridge Littleton: Any discussion? All those in favor say aye. Aye. [multiple speakers]

J. Kevin Daly: Aye.

Bud Jacobs: Aye.

Bridge Littleton: Any other items? Meeting adjourned.