

Fairfax Town Council Minutes
Special Meeting
Wednesday, July 15, 2020
Via Teleconference due to COVID-19

Mayor Goddard called the Special Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance:

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Bruce Ackerman, Vice Mayor
Barbara Coler
Renee Goddard, Mayor
Stephanie Hellman
John Reed

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Garrett Toy, Town Manager
Michele Gardner, Town Clerk

Approval of Meeting Agenda and Affidavit of Posting

M/S, Coler/Hellman, Motion to approve the Agenda and the Affidavit of Posting.
AYES: Ackerman, Coler, Hellman, Reed, Mayor Goddard
(Through a roll call vote)

Regular Agenda

1. Convene the Community Listening Session; Discuss/consider the formation of a Racial Equity and Social Justice (RESJ) Committee to address issues of racial equity, social justice, systemic racial bias, and diversity; Discuss/consider the concept of having the RESJ Committee form a subcommittee to explore police practices, public safety alternatives and funding and other related issues; Provide policy direction to staff on the formation of committee(s)

Mayor Goddard gave a brief introduction and convened the Community Listening Session. The following people spoke:

1. Michael Mackintosh
2. Michele R
3. Harry Caldwell
4. Mireya
5. Tanya de R
6. Richard Applebaum
7. Christopher Morales
8. Luis Chavez Rodriguez

9. Amal
10. Mike Ardito
11. Maria Karkabi
12. Lisa Jimenez
13. Mimi Newton
14. Andy Peri
15. Deborah Benson
16. Elias K
17. Willow Thorsen
18. Jess Lerner
19. Erica Smith
20. Ryland Morgan
21. Tayu Neogy
22. Stephen Keese
23. Veronica Geretz
24. Erin Hall
25. Jesse Lumb
26. Nicoletta Price
27. Larry Bragman
28. Mike N
29. Anji Bodony
30. Naomi Alessandra Schultz
31. Patrece Bryan
32. Serena Campbell
33. Melinda Martin
34. Brian Poindexter
35. Han Mackintosh
36. Marissa Danney
37. Lisel Blash
38. Cathleen Ridley
39. Chance Cutrano
40. Joe McGarry
41. Sarah Jetton
42. Chad Clayton
43. Pamela Meigs
44. Frank Egger
45. Metzli Sanchez
46. Elizabeth P

Mayor Goddard thanked all of the speakers. She opened the Town Council discussion of the formation of a Town Racial Equity and Social Justice (RESJ) Committee, and the

concept of the Racial Equity and Social Justice Committee forming a subcommittee to discuss Police Practices and Public Safety Budget/Service Alternatives.

Staff was directed to move forward immediately with the regular application and interview process, so as not to lose any time. Applications would be available as soon as possible in both Spanish and English, with the deadline to submit them at 5:00 pm on August 5th. A Special Council meeting to conduct interviews would be scheduled at 5 or 5:30pm on August 12th. Depending on the number of applications received, appointments to the Committee would occur on either August 12th or at the September 2nd regular meeting.

M/S, Coler/Reed, Motion to form Racial Equity and Social Justice (RESJ) Committee and to authorize the Committee to form a subcommittee to explore police practices, police budget and service alternatives; to appoint Vice Mayor Ackerman and Councilmember Hellman to the RESJ Committee; to be eligible applicants must be either a resident of the 94930 zip code area, or an owner or employee of a business with a commercial location (storefront) in Town; the regular interview process will be used on August 12th with applications due on August 5th; the Town will retain a professional facilitator and commit staff resources; updates will be provided to the Council by the two councilmembers on the Committee; and the Council will hold a joint meeting with the RESJ at a time to be determined.

AYES: Ackerman, Coler, Hellman, Reed, Mayor Goddard
(Through a roll call vote)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Gardner, Town Clerk