



TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

November 9, 2022 @ 6:00PM in the Town Hall Conference Room

The following minutes are a summary of items on the agenda. This meeting may be viewed in its entirety by accessing the video of the same date online via the Town's website at www.frontroyalva.com.

ROLL CALL PRESENT: Mayor Chris W. Holloway
Vice Mayor Lori A. Cockrell
Councilman Gary L. Gillispie
Councilman Zackary Jackson
Councilwoman Amber F. Morris
Councilman Skip Rogers
ABSENT: Councilwoman Letasha T. Thompson

APPOINTED STAFF PRESENT: Deputy Town Attorney George Sonnett
Deputy Clerk of Council Mary Ellen Lynn

APPOINTMENT OF TOWN ATTORNEY – *Councilman Gillispie moved, seconded by Councilman Jackson, that Council appoint George M. Sonnett, Jr. as Town Attorney for the Town of Front Royal and ratify and approve his Employment Agreement dated November 9, 2022.*

Vote: Yes – Vice Mayor Cockrell, Councilmembers Gillispie, Jackson, Morris, and Rogers
No – N/A
Absent – Councilwoman Thompson
Abstain – N/A

ROLL CALL

Mr. Sonnett thanked the Mayor and Council for their 'vote of confidence' and expressed his excitement to serve and assist Council for the benefit of the citizens of the Town. He acknowledged his predecessors, Tom Robinett and Doug Napier, for their mentorship in local government law.

CLOSED MEETING – *Councilman Gillispie moved, seconded by Councilman Jackson, that Town Council convene and go into Closed Meeting for the discussion, consideration, assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body, specifically the Town Manager, pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia. I further move that Council may take further action in open session.*

Vote: Yes – Vice Mayor Cockrell, Councilmembers Gillispie, Jackson, Morris, and Rogers
No – N/A
Absent – Councilwoman Thompson
Abstain – N/A

ROLL CALL

Vice Mayor Cockrell moved, seconded by Councilwoman Morris, that Council certify that to the best of each member's knowledge, as recognized by each Council member's affirmative vote, that only such public business matters lawfully exempted from Open Meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act as were identified in the motion by which the Closed Meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the Closed Meeting by Council, and that the vote of each individual member of Council be taken by roll call and recorded and included in the minutes of the meeting of Town Council.

Vote: Yes – Vice Mayor Cockrell, Councilmembers Gillispie, Jackson, Morris, and Rogers

No – N/A

Absent – Councilwoman Thompson

Abstain – N/A

ROLL CALL

APPOINTMENT OF TOWN MANAGER – *Councilman Gillispie moved, seconded by Councilwoman Morris, that Council appoint Joseph Waltz as the Town Manager for the Town of Front Royal pending ratification of contract agreement dated the 21st day of November 2022.*

Vote: Yes – Vice Mayor Cockrell, Councilmembers Gillispie, Jackson, Morris, and Rogers

No – N/A

Absent – Councilwoman Thompson

Abstain – N/A

ROLL CALL

Meeting adjourned.

Approved by Town Council

Date: _____