



Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Brenden McHugh

ROLL CALL BY CLERK OF COUNCIL

PRESENT: Mayor Lori A. Cockrell
Vice Mayor Amber F. Veitenthal
Councilwoman Melissa DeDomenico-Payne
Councilman Joshua L. Ingram
Councilman H. Bruce Rappaport
Councilman R. Wayne Sealock
Councilman Glenn E. Wood

OTHERS PRESENT: Town Manager Joseph W. Petty
Town Attorney George M. Sonnett, Jr.
Clerk of Council Tina L. Presley

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Councilman Wood moved seconded by Vice Mayor Veitenthal that Council approve the Council Meeting minutes of the June 23, 2025 Regular Meeting, the July 7, 2025 Work Session and the July 14, 2025 Work Session, as presented.

Vote: Yes – Councilmembers Wood, Veitenthal, Sealock, Rappaport, Ingram, DeDomenico-Payne

No – N/A

Absent – N/A

Abstain – N/A

ROLL CALL

ADDITION/DELETION OF ITEMS FROM THE AGENDA OR REVISION TO ORDER OF BUSINESS – None

RECOGNITIONS/AWARDS/REPORTS

Recognition of Front Royal Little League 11 and 12 Year Old [12U] All Stars for Winning the 2025 Virginia State Little League Championship – Mayor Cockrell and Council congratulated the team for their achievement. She gave an update on the many businesses and community members who donated funds towards their trip to Georgia to play in the regionals. She encouraged the community to join in the “sendoff” tomorrow morning and watch them on ESPN+ on Thursday night at 7pm.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Special Use Permit for a Farmers Market Submitted by Julie Vaught on Behalf of Vaught Associates, LC at 515-B N. Commerce Avenue

Director of Planning Lauren Kopishke advised that the parking lot had been paved meeting one of the conditions.

Julie Vaught, applicant, handed out pictures of what the raised beds and striping of the parking lot looked like. She gave an overview of the many improvements to the property and her goals for the betterment of the community. She listed the many organizations she had been a part of and expressed her desire to give back.

Mayor Cockrell opened the public hearing and since there were no speakers closed the public hearing.

In furtherance of the purposes and objectives contained in Town Code §175-1(B), Vice Mayor Veitenthal moved seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenico-Payne that Council approve a Special Use Permit (SUP) for a Farmers’



Market submitted by Julie Vaught, on behalf of Happy Creek Antiques, at 515-B Commerce Avenue identified by tax map 20A4, Section 10, Lot 8. The property is zoned C-1, Community Business District.

Vice Mayor Veitenthal thanked Ms. Vaught for the pictures and expressed excitement at the market's opening.

Councilman Rappaport asked for clarification on the motion. Vice Mayor Veitenthal expressed appreciation for the conditions recommended by the Planning Commission but opined that they were not business friendly and removed them from the motion.

Councilman Sealock stated that the property looked better than it had in years. He disclosed that he was related to the family and would abstain from the vote.

Mayor Cockrell also disclosed that Ms. Vaught was her cousin and she had met with her previously with the Planning Department to discuss the plans for the Farmers Market.

Vote: Yes – Councilmembers Wood, Veitenthal, Rappaport, Ingram, DeDomenico-Payne

No – N/A

Absent – N/A

Abstain – Councilman Sealock

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENTS NOT RELATED TO PUBLIC HEARINGS

Teresa Brumbeck, 142 Rileyville, expressed the dire situation of starvation in Gaza, noting it was not political but humanitarian. She asked Council to pass a Resolution of Support for peace in Gaza and to not block greatly needed aid to the people there.

REPORTS

Town Manager Report – Mr. Petty announced the following: 1) ongoing construction on the 8th Street Bridge Renovation; 2) ongoing work on infrastructure on N. Royal Avenue; 3) *Warren County Fair* is open now through August 2nd; 4) *National Night Out* on August 5th; and 5) School begins on August 12th asking for the community to be aware of students, buses and school zones.

Town Council Reports

Councilman Rappaport attended the *Warren Heritage Society's Backyard Decades Party – 80s Night* and the virtually held VML Infrastructure Policy Meeting.

Councilman Wood congratulated the organization *Cars Changing Lives* for giving away their 75th car at the recently held Hike Kidz Foundation event. He attended the Fireman's Parade and worked in the food booth at the Fireman's Carnival emphasizing how fundraisers like these help the department buy much needed equipment. He attended the Joint Transportation Committee Meeting, the County Tourism Committee Meeting and served Town staff at their Annual Employee Appreciation Luncheon.

Councilman Ingram served Town staff at their Annual Employee Appreciation Luncheon. He attended two fundraising events to send our 2025 Virginia State Little League Champions to the regionals held in Georgia.

Councilman Sealock echoed Councilman Woods statements regarding the fundraising for the Fire Department. He gave kudos to the Police Department for putting together this year's *National Night Out*.



Vice Mayor Veitenthal congratulated the Little League Girl's Softball for doing a great job representing Front Royal recently. She explained why Council approved vape shops and how that compared to currently addressing the addition of data centers to the Town Code. She reiterated that the Council had not had any discussions with anyone regarding construction of data centers nor had they been approached by anyone wanting to construct one. She expressed pride in being part of the Hike Kidz Foundation, who helped raised money for our 2025 Virginia State Little League Champions to go to the regionals in Georgia. She concluded by expressing appreciation for the rain since this time last year Front Royal was in a drought.

Councilwoman DeDomenico-Payne reiterated that there was a lot of misinformation on social media and encouraged the public to let Council know of any concerns not only about data centers but anything that affected the community. She attended the Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission (NSVRC) Meeting, the VML Human Development/Education Policy Committee Meeting, the Hike Kidz Foundation *Day Youth Empowerment Program "I'm On My Way"* and served Town staff at the Annual Employee Appreciation Luncheon.

Report of the Mayor – Mayor Cockrell attended a meeting with a representative from the Town's Auditor Firm, the Town Fireworks Show, the Fireman's Parade, the Commonwealth Transportation Board's Two-Day Workshop, the Warren County Adult Recovery Center Meeting, the Hike Kidz Foundation *Day Youth Empowerment Program "I'm On My Way"*, the Annual Employee Appreciation serving staff and the Little League game in Caroline County, Virginia. She gave an overview of the activities surrounding the fundraising over the weekend for our 2025 Virginia State Little League Champions and encouraged the community to join the community in sending them off tomorrow morning to Georgia to play in the regionals. She advised that their tournament game would be Thursday, July 31st at 7:00pm on ESPN+. The Brickhouse Bar & Grill and On Cue Sports Bar & Grill were planning on hosting watch parties.; and that The River 95.3 Radio Station would be going with the team. She reminded the public of *National Night Out* on Tuesday, August 5th from 5-8 Downtown.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Deed of Easement from Green Pearl Hospitality LLC to the Town for Public Water and Sewer Easements for Town Water and Sewer Facilities off Rt. 522 N Corridor

Council approved and accepted a Deed of Easement conveying public water and sewer easements to the Town over portions of Tax Map Parcel 12J-2, owned by GREEN PEARL HOSPITALITY LLC and directed the Mayor to execute documents on behalf of the Town.

Purchase of In-Car and Body-Worn Camera Systems for the Police Department

Council authorized the purchase, through cooperative contracting a bundled package consisting of twenty-six (26) Motorola body-worn camera systems and fourteen (14) in-car camera systems for the Police Department in the amount of \$249,396.08.

Resolution and Energy Schedule for Tallgrass Power Purchasing Agreement with AMP

Council approved a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of 2027 Waste Heat Energy Schedule with American Municipal Power, Inc. (AMP) and Other Actions for Tallgrass Power Purchase, as presented, and authorizes the Town Manager to execute and deliver the 2027 Waste Heat Energy Schedule with such changes as the Town Manager may approve as neither inconsistent with this Resolution nor materially detrimental to the Municipality on behalf of the Town.

Reappointment to the Planning Commission

Council reappointed Andrew Brooks to the Planning Commission for a 4-year term beginning August 31, 2025 and ending August 31, 2029



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 for a limited time.

Councilman Ingram moved seconded by Councilman Rappaport that Council approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Mayor Cockrell advised that the Consent Agenda included reappointing Andrew Brooks to the Planning Commission.

Vote: Yes – Councilmembers Wood, Veitenthal, Sealock, Rappaport, Ingram, DeDomenico-Payne

No – N/A

Absent – N/A

Abstain – N/A

ROLL CALL

BUSINESS ITEMS - NONE

CLOSED MEETING

Vice Mayor Veitenthal moved seconded by Councilman Wood that Town Council convene a closed meeting, pursuant to Sections 2.2-3711 and 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia, for the following purpose:

1) pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(3) of the Code of Virginia, for discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body, more specifically, a portion of the Peyton Street Parking Area, and,

2) pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(8) of the Code of Virginia, for consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel, more specifically, the insolvency and disposition of assets of the Industrial Development Authority of the Town of Front Royal and the County of Warren, Virginia.

Vote: Yes – Councilmembers Wood, Veitenthal, Sealock, Rappaport, Ingram, DeDomenico-Payne

No – N/A

Absent – N/A

Abstain – N/A

ROLL CALL

Councilwoman DeDomenico-Payne moved seconded by Councilman Wood 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 – Councilmembers Wood, Veitenthal, Sealock, Rappaport, Ingram, DeDomenico-Payne

No – N/A

Absent – N/A

Abstain – N/A

ROLL CALL

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45pm.

Approved by Town Council

Date: 8/25/25