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HERNDON TOWN COUNCIL
Tuesday
June 11, 2019

The Town Council met in public session on Tuesday, June 11, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Herndon Council Chambers Building, 765 Lynn Street, Herndon, Virginia. In attendance were: Mayor Lisa C. Merkel; Vice Mayor Sheila A. Olem; and Councilmembers Jennifer K. Baker; Cesar del Aguila; Pradip Dhakal; Signe Friedrichs; and Bill McKenna.

Others present during the meeting: William H. Ashton II, Town Manager; Lesa Yeatts, Town Attorney; Elizabeth Gilleran, Director of Community Development; Page Kalapasev, Director of Information Technology; Cindy Roeder, Director of Parks & Recreation; John Irish, Deputy Director of Public Works; Captain Brad Anzengruber, Herndon Police; Danilo Ruiz, Legislative Assistant; and Margie C. Tacci, Deputy Town Clerk.

Mayor Merkel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., all members present, and with Mayor Merkel presiding.

Mayor Merkel led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vote on May 7, 2019 Work Session Minutes

On motion of Councilmember McKenna, seconded by Councilmember Friedrichs, and carried by unanimous vote, the minutes of the May 7, 2019 work session were approved. The vote was: Councilmembers Baker, del Aguila, Dhakal, Friedrichs, McKenna, Vice Mayor Olem and Mayor Merkel voting "Aye."

Vote on May 14, 2019
Public Hearing Minutes

On motion of Vice Mayor Olem, seconded by Councilmember del Aguila, and carried by unanimous vote, the minutes of the May 14, 2019 public hearing were approved. The vote was: Councilmembers Baker, del Aguila, Dhakal, Friedrichs, McKenna, Vice Mayor Olem and Mayor Merkel voting "Aye."

Vote on May 21, 2019
Work Session Minutes

On motion of Councilmember Dhakal, seconded by Councilmember Friedrichs, and carried by unanimous vote, the minutes of the May 21, 2019 work session were approved. The vote was: Councilmembers Baker, del Aguila, Dhakal, Friedrichs, McKenna, Vice Mayor Olem and Mayor Merkel voting "Aye."

Vote on May 28, 2019
Public Hearing Minutes

On motion of Vice Mayor Olem, seconded by Councilmember McKenna, and carried by unanimous vote, the minutes of the May 28, 2019 public hearing were approved. The vote was: Councilmembers Baker, del Aguila, Dhakal, Friedrichs, McKenna, Vice Mayor Olem and Mayor Merkel voting "Aye."

Vote on June 4, 2019
Work Session Minutes

On motion of Councilmember Friedrichs, seconded by Vice Mayor Olem, and carried by a 6-0 vote, the minutes of the June 4, 2019 work session were approved. The vote was: Councilmembers del Aguila, Dhakal, Friedrichs, McKenna, Vice Mayor Olem and Mayor Merkel voting "Aye." Councilmember Baker abstaining.

PRESENTATIONS

3. **Proclamation, to recognize "Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender (LGBTQ+) Pride Month," June 2019.**

Mayor Merkel stated it was her great privilege to read "LGBTQ+ Pride Month" into the record.

Following comments from Council, Mayor Merkel recognized Supervisor John Foust, Dranesville District, who provided comments about the town and Fairfax County's recognition of Pride Month.

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Mayor Merkel stated that Senator Jennifer Boysko, 33rd District, Senate of Virginia and Delegate Ibraheem Samirah, 86th District, House of Delegates, had planned to attend tonight's presentation, but were unable to be here. They asked Mayor Merkel to send their regards to all those in attendance and that they are huge proponents of the LGBTQ+ issues.

Mayor Merkel recognized Suellen Evans, President, Dulles Triangles and Kyle Rohen, who each provided comments.

Delegate Samirah arrived at approximately 7:12 p.m. and provided comments on the proclamation.

The proclamation was presented to Delegate Samirah; Supervisor Foust; Jenny Phipps, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Foust; Kyle Rohen; Suellen Evans, President, Dulles Triangles; members of Dulles Triangles and NOVA Pride; and other members of the community who wished to show their support.

TOWN OF HERNDON, VIRGINIA
PROCLAMATION
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender (LGBTQ+)
Pride Month
June 2019

This year marks the 50th anniversary since the Stonewall Inn Uprising, where members of the LGBTQ+ community defied an unjust policy, stood for human rights and awakened a nascent movement. Out of this resistance, the LGBTQ+ rights movement in America was born and we now honor every brave leader who stood up, sat in, and came out, as well as the allies who supported them along the way.

Lesbian, gay, bisexual & transgender (LGBTQ+) Americans have made, and continue to make, great and lasting contributions that strengthen the fabric of American society. LGBTQ+ individuals come from all regions, ethnicities, religions, backgrounds, and socioeconomic statuses, and contribute greatly to our community across all professions and family structures. The nature of that intersectionality further enriches us all with enhanced awareness of, and appreciation for, the diversity that makes our community more vibrant, more welcoming, and more American.

For more than two centuries, our nation has struggled to transform the ideals of liberty and equality from founding promise into lasting reality. LGBTQ+ Americans have worked tirelessly on the next chapter of that history ~ from the patrons of The Stonewall Inn; to service members who can be honest about who they love; to marriage equality; to brave young people who come out and speak out every day. Each day, support for LGBTQ+ equality is growing, led by a generation who

understands that ~ in the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. "...injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

Therefore, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Herndon, Virginia, hereby proclaim the month of June 2019, as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender (LGBTQ+) Pride Month; recognize the difficulties and prejudice the LGBTQ+ community has worked to overcome; encourage the work of advocates who dedicate their time and efforts to the equality of all persons; recognize the impact that LGBTQ+ individuals have on our community; and commit to standing in solidarity with the LGBTQ+ community in the pursuit to eliminate prejudice everywhere.

4. **Proclamation, to recognize the 40th Anniversary of the Herndon Centennial Golf Course, June 30, 2019.**

Councilmember Friedrichs read the proclamation recognizing the 40th Anniversary of the Herndon Centennial Golf Course into the record.

There were brief comments from Council.

Gene Fleming, Director of Golf, provided brief comments and expressed his appreciation for Council recognition. He recognized Jay Hadlock, who helped the golf course receive Audubon certifications and awards.

Jay Hadlock, 515 Alabama Drive, Herndon, provided comments on behalf of those who have monitored the eastern bluebird nestbox trail on the golf course. He stated that the environment created by the golf course staff has been very beneficial to the bluebirds, which he monitors along with his wife, Carol, and Bill and Ella Brown. He provided further comments about the bluebirds and the golf course.

The proclamation was presented to Mr. Fleming; John Lane; Mr. and Mrs. Hadlock; and members of the Herndon Centennial Golf Course staff.

Following the presentation, the following individuals came forward to provide comments:

- John Lane, 786 Third Street, Herndon, avid golfer, who thanked staff and provided personal comments about the golf course; and

- Richard Downer, 815 Branch Drive, #308, Herndon, who discussed being on Council when the golf course started. He provided personal comments about the golf course and its history.

June 11, 2019
(public hearing)

TOWN OF HERNDON, VIRGINIA
PROCLAMATION
40th Anniversary
Herndon Centennial Golf Course
June 30, 2019

On June 30, 2019, the **Herndon Centennial Golf Course (HCGC)** will celebrate its 40th anniversary of leading golf's introduction to the greater Herndon area. The HCGC is an 18-hole, par 71 championship layout that features undulating greens; gently rolling fairways; beautiful landscaping; and tree-lined meandering creeks and ponds ~ providing an enduring green space and pleasing views for surrounding property owners and those traveling on the W&OD Trail.

The HCGC has grown to be recognized as one of the premier public golf courses in the Washington D.C. metropolitan area, establishing the town as a destination. It has attracted national attention and was used as a case study at the 2010 Symposium on Affordable Golf; featured at the 2011 Golf, Inc. conference; and selected as a four-time host of United States Golf Association Public Links Sectional Qualifiers. The HCGC has hosted numerous junior tournaments including ~ the U.S. Kids; Middle Atlantic PGA Junior Tour; Capital Area Golf Tour; Plantations Tour; and the Virginia High School League championships.

In partnership with the Virginia Department of Conservation & Recreation; Virginia Bluebird Society; Virginia Department of Environmental Quality; Boy Scouts of America; Audubon International; Organic Material Review Institute; United States Golf Association Greens Section; and the Virginia Department of Forestry, the HCGC takes great pride in caring for its land, water, wildlife and natural resources. The HCGC has committed to environmental sustainability by advancing conservation best practices, including ~ wildlife & habitat management; utilizing organic sources; adhering to a soil test based nutrient management plan; integrated pest management; water conservation & water quality management; and using hybrid equipment. The HCGC was designated a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary in 2009 and remains one of only 900 such designated courses in the world.

Therefore, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Herndon, Virginia, hereby recognize and congratulate the **Herndon Centennial Golf Course** on the occasion of their 40th Anniversary and acknowledge their contributions to strengthening the community.

Further, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Herndon, Virginia, hereby thank the HCGC for providing recreational experiences and promoting health and wellness to the citizens, businesses, community organizations and visitors of the town ~ while operating in a manner that protects and enhances the environment.

5. COMMENTS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

William H. Ashton II, Town Manager, provided comments about Mr. Fleming's leadership and management of the Herndon Centennial Golf Course. He stated that when someone calls about the golf course land, they are always surprised to hear that the golf course fund is self-sustaining. This is the exception to most municipal golf courses. He attributes this to Mr. Fleming's management and his staff.

6. COMMENTS FROM THE TOWN COUNCIL

Councilmember McKenna: Offered kudos to the 2019 graduates from Herndon High School, which was this week.

Councilmember McKenna stated that there was still food insecurity in the community during the summer when school is out and students do not have access to school lunches. He encouraged those interested to donate to food pantries during the summer.

Councilmember Friedrichs: Echoed Councilmember McKenna's comments regarding food insecurity and donating to food pantries. She stated that there was information on Facebook on a website that showed where you could donate food in your area. She stated that in Herndon, food donations were accepted at the Herndon Neighborhood Resource Center, Monday through Thursday.

Councilmember Friedrichs provided comments on the 80th anniversary of the Herndon Rotary Club, which would be celebrated tomorrow. She congratulated her fellow Rotarians, including Mr. Downer, who was in the audience.

Councilmember Friedrichs stated that Jay McClendon wanted to be at tonight's presentation for LGBTQ+ Pride Month, but he was unable to attend. He wanted to support the proclamation recognizing Pride Month.

Councilmember Friedrichs stated that her backyard was full of bluebirds, thanks to Mr. Hadlock's efforts.

Councilmember del Aguila: In the spirit of tonight's proclamations of love and unity, he stated that every now and again, he has the chance to meet and talk to those who are new in town. He introduced two young men that knocked on his door from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Elder Wilson and Elder Neebeker. He was impressed with their story and stated that they had put off college for two years, leaving their homes and families, to serve the people of Herndon. He encouraged the Herndon community to get to know these individuals, talk to them, and offer them water. Councilmember del Aguila stated that he also spoke with Bishop Mike Hunsaker, congregation leader of the Herndon Ward, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Bishop Hunsaker had not been to a Council meeting in years, and Councilmember del Aguila welcomed him to tonight's meeting .

Councilmember del Aguila stated that the United States Women's National Soccer team made their debut in the Women's World Cup, beating Thailand today, 13-0. He wanted to make his comments ~ which were about unity, team work and togetherness ~ the theme for what was talked about this evening. It shows what can be achieved as a community, a people, and a nation if we learn to respect, talk with, and understand each other. He stated this was important to him because some individuals were upset when the town printed something in Spanish. He wanted to oppose that view with what was seen this evening, which was inclusive and welcoming. He encouraged those who were afraid of seeing other languages to learn another language. He stated that there would likely be more things in other languages, since this Council was committed to reaching as many people as possible.

Mayor Merkel welcomed Elders Wilson and Neebeker and Bishop Hunsaker.

Councilmember Baker: Provided comments on the proclamation on the Consent agenda, recognizing the 25th season of Friday Night Live! (FNL), which she would read at the FNL concert on June 28. The presentation was scheduled for tonight's meeting, but at the request of Doug Downer and FNL, it would be presented at the later event. She congratulated FNL on their 25th season, which would run through August, and encouraged those interested to attend the concerts, especially on June 28.

Councilmember Baker encouraged those interested to see NextStop Theatre's performance of "Singing in the Rain," which would go through June 23.

Councilmember Baker offered kudos to staff and the Department of Parks and Recreation for a successful Herndon Festival. She received different feedback regarding the new location, and it seemed to her that once people went to the Festival, they liked it. She stated that it was nice to have more room at the carnival for those with strollers or with mobility challenges. There were pros and cons for the downtown businesses for the new location. Councilmember Baker stated that there was always room for improvement. She encouraged those who attended the Festival to fill out the town's survey. She stated that she was really impressed with the execution of it and was happy with the good weather, which lasted until almost the very end of the Festival.

Councilmember Baker stated that the next Community Roundtable would be on Tuesday, June 18.

Councilmember Baker stated that she just returned from her trip with the Herndon High School (HHS) band to Normandy, France this evening, where the band played for the 75th anniversary of D-Day. She encouraged those interested to view photos and videos from the trip at herndonband.org, The Pride of Herndon's Facebook page, and her Facebook page. She stated that one of the things she loved about the trip was that it solidified the relationship between the town and the USS Herndon, which were both named after the same naval commander. She also learned that the USS Herndon was commissioned on December 20, 1942, and 40 years later, the town gave honorary

citizenship to those that served on the ship who were still alive at the time. It was an amazing connection between the town, HHS and the USS Herndon. Councilmember Baker also got to spend a lot of time with Jim Clermont, who was 19 during D-Day and who served on the USS Herndon. She stated that he was a great individual and she enjoyed watching him tell stories about the ship. There would be more information about the HHS Band's trip to Normandy at a later Council meeting. Councilmember Baker stated that she learned the USS Herndon was nicknamed the "Lucky Herndon," since it was the lead ship in the D-Day invasion and three of the six destroyers in the battle did not make it back. The captain of the ship volunteered for the position and was given only 10 percent odds that they would make it back. Every one of the 301 men on the ship made it. She provided further comments about the HHS Band's schedule and performances during the trip, which were available online.

Councilmember Dhakal: Stated that he attended the White House Conference for Local Community Leaders earlier that day. He met local leaders from Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, and West Virginia. It was a great opportunity to learn about what the federal government is doing, from affordable housing to community revitalization, to federal bonding programs, and workforce development. He stated that he would share more information with Council at a later meeting.

Councilmember Dhakal stated that he, Vice Mayor Olem, and Councilmember Friedrichs attended the ribbon cutting for White Hart, LLC this afternoon. This was a massage and holistic therapy business. He encouraged those interested to visit it.

On Friday, June 7, Councilmember Dhakal attended a ribbon cutting for Optimal Motion, which was a physical therapy business.

Councilmember Dhakal provided comments on Stuff the Bus, which would be held by Fairfax County. This was coming to Herndon on June 22 at the Elden Street Safeway and would provide food donations. He encouraged those interested to bring food to the event to fight hunger.

Councilmember Dhakal stated there would be a potluck picnic organized by the Nepalese community in Herndon at Lake Fairfax on Saturday, June 16, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. He stated that everyone was invited.

Councilmember Dhakal echoed Councilmember Baker's comments on the upcoming Community Roundtable on June 18. He encouraged those interested to attend and to bring ideas, questions and concerns about the town to the meeting.

Vice Mayor Olem: Echoed Councilmember Friedrichs' comments about the 80th anniversary of the Rotary Club of Herndon tomorrow night at ArtSpace.

Vice Mayor Olem echoed Councilmember Baker's comments about the Herndon Festival, which she stated was wonderful. Her mother was able to attend the Festival as

well. The feedback she received from her son and his friends, who went downtown to the local restaurants after the Festival, was positive.

Vice Mayor Olem echoed her colleagues' comments about the Community Roundtable on June 18. It would be held at the Neighborhood Resource Center. She encouraged those interested to attend.

Mayor Merkel: Reminded those present that the next public hearing would be on Tuesday, July 9.

Mayor Merkel reminded those present that the town's annual 4th of July Celebration would be on Thursday, July 4, starting at 6:30 p.m. at Bready Park. She stated that the fireworks would start at 9:30 p.m.

7. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

The following member of the audience provided comments:

- Richard Downer, 815 Branch Drive, #308, Herndon, provided comments on the proclamation listed on the Consent agenda, recognizing the 25th Season of Friday Night Live! (FNL). He discussed the history of FNL, which was started by his son, Doug Downer. He stated that he was very proud of his son and all his work on FNL.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Councilmember Baker, seconded by Vice Mayor Olem, and carried by a unanimous vote, the following Consent agenda item was approved, without comment. The vote was: Councilmembers Baker, del Aguila, Dhakal, Friedrichs, McKenna, Vice Mayor Olem and Mayor Merkel voting "Aye."

TOWN OF HERNDON, VIRGINIA
PROCLAMATION
25th Season
Friday Night Live!

In 1994, Doug Downer, then first vice president of the Herndon Chamber of Commerce, developed the idea of **Friday Night Live!** to attract more people to downtown Herndon. The first **Friday Night Live!** was held the following summer with the backing of the Herndon Chamber of Commerce. The annual summer concert series is still run and financed by the Herndon Chamber of Commerce, with help and support from the Town of Herndon, Herndon Optimist Club, Herndon Woman's Club, and many corporate sponsors.

2019 will mark the 25th season of the event series, with 406 scheduled concerts to date. Over 550,000 people have attended what has regularly been named the

Washington, DC area's "Best Free Concert Series." **Friday Night Live!** contributes to the town's overall appeal and serves as an economic development tool that brings people to downtown Herndon and promotes the town as a place to visit and live.

The success of **Friday Night Live!** can be linked to its many dedicated volunteers, who have provided over 35,000 hours of service ~ including more than 90 volunteers per concert. As a dedicated community partner, **Friday Night Live!** has contributed more than $300,000 to community organizations in the past 25 years. The organizations receiving contributions include ~ Herndon High School's All Night Grad Party, Sports and Band Boosters; Herndon Optimist Club; Herndon Woman's Club; Herndon area PTAs; Downtown Herndon Light program; Holiday Lights Program; Veterans Memorial Project; Boy Scouts; Herndon Fraternal Order of Police; and many others.

Therefore, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Herndon, Virginia, hereby congratulate **Friday Night Live!** on the occasion of their 25th season and extend best wishes for its continued success in the future.

Further, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Herndon, Virginia, hereby express their appreciation to the **Friday Night Live!** organizers, the Herndon Chamber of Commerce, and the hundreds of volunteers for their hard work, involvement, and valuable contributions to the Herndon community.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Lisa C. Merkel
Mayor

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Amanda M. Kertz
Deputy Town Clerk

Minutes approved by Town Council: July 9, 2019.