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**HERNDON TOWN COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 15, 2022**

The Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, November 15, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Herndon Council Chambers Building, 765 Lynn Street, Herndon, Virginia. In attendance were: Mayor Sheila A. Olem; Vice Mayor Cesar del Aguila; and Councilmembers Naila Alam, Pradip Dhakal, and Signe Friedrichs. Councilmember Jasbinder Singh was absent. Councilmember Sean M. Regan joined the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Staff present during the meeting: William H. Ashton II, Town Manager; Lesa Yeatts, Town Attorney; Kirstyn Barr Jovanovich, Town Clerk; Scott Robinson, Director of Public Works; Page Kalapasev, Director of Information Technology; Marjorie Sloan, Director of Finance; Dave Bracamonte, Systems Manager; and Officer Eric Rodgers, Herndon Police.

CALL TO ORDER

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Olem led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Mayor Olem called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked Kirstyn Barr Jovanovich, Town Clerk, to call the roll for attendance. Following the roll call, Mayor Olem confirmed a quorum was present, with Councilmembers Regan and Singh absent.

Mayor Olem reminded those participating to follow the town’s meeting guidelines, which include: refrain from participation unless and until recognized by the chair; be respectful; refrain from threatening or intimidating language; profane, vulgar, obscene, or threatening remarks are not permitted; and attacks or other harmful are not tolerated.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES**Vote on August 3, 2022****Town Council Work Session Minutes**

On motion of Councilmember Friedrichs, seconded by Vice Mayor Del Aguila, and carried by a 5-0 roll call vote, the minutes of the August 3, 2022 Town Council Work Session were approved. The vote was: Councilmembers Alam, Dhakal, Friedrichs, Vice Mayor del Aguila, and Mayor Olem voting "Aye." Councilmembers Regan and Singh were absent.

Vote on August 9, 2022**Town Council Public Hearing Minutes**

On motion of Councilmember Dhakal, seconded by Councilmember Friedrichs, and carried by a 5-0 roll call vote, the minutes of the August 9, 2022 Town Council Public Hearing were approved. The vote was: Councilmembers Alam, Dhakal, Friedrichs, Vice Mayor del Aguila, and Mayor Olem voting "Aye." Councilmembers Regan and Singh were absent.

Vote on September 6, 2022**Town Council Work Session Minutes**

On motion of Vice Mayor Del Aguila seconded by Councilmember Alam, and carried by a 5-0 roll call vote, the minutes of the September 6, 2022 Town Council Work Session were approved. The vote was: Councilmembers Alam, Dhakal, Friedrichs, Vice Mayor del Aguila, and Mayor Olem voting "Aye." Councilmembers Regan and Singh were absent.

Vote on September 13, 2022**Town Council Public Hearing Minutes**

On motion of Councilmember Dhakal, seconded by Councilmember Friedrichs, and carried by a 5-0 roll call vote, the minutes of the September 13, 2022 Town Council Public Hearing were approved. The vote was: Councilmembers Alam, Dhakal, Friedrichs, Vice Mayor del Aguila, and Mayor Olem voting "Aye." Councilmembers Regan and Singh were absent.

Mayor Announcements

Mayor Olem stated that loose leaf collection within the town will continue through December 9, 2022. She reminded the public that there will be no yard waste collection the week of Thanksgiving, November 21 through 25, 2022.

Mayor Olem stated that earlier in the day she had the honor of attending events celebrating the much-anticipated opening of the Metro Silver Line Phase 2, which began its first passenger trains in the afternoon. She invited the community to attend the Town's

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celebration of the opening of the Herndon Metrorail Station on Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. The Town will be hosting a ribbon cutting event to officially kick-off Silver Line's first full day of service.

Mayor Olem stated that the Herndon Parks and Recreation's Turkey Trot 5-K race returns this year on Saturday, November 19, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. There is still time to register through the Town's website. As this is a road race, there will be temporary road closures on the race route.

Mayor Olem stated that Town offices will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, November 24, and Friday, November 25, 2022. The next Town Council meeting is a work session on December 6, 2022.

COMMENTS

3. Comments from the Town Manager

Mr. Ashton introduced the new Finance Director Marjorie Sloan.

4. Comments from the Town Council

Councilmember Alam: Stated that she appreciated the opportunity to attend the grand opening of the second phase of Metro's Silver Line.

Councilmember Dhakal: Wished the community a happy Thanksgiving. He thanked the community for voting in the recent Town election. He stated that he appreciated the opportunity to attend the ribbon cutting event for the opening of the second phase of Metro's Silver Line.

Councilmember Friedrichs: Echoed her colleague comments regarding Thanksgiving and the opening of the second phase of Metro's Silver Line.

Councilmember Regan: No comments.

Vice Mayor del Aguila: Commented on the opening of the second phase of Metro's Silver Line stating, "Ride the Silver Wave."

Mayor Olem: Thanked everyone who ran for Town Council and recognized their willingness to volunteer to serve the community.

Mayor Olem stated that she attended the Arts Fairfax Arts Awards at Capital One Hall a few weeks ago and was delighted to be named as a member of the Honorary Committee for the event.

Mayor Olem stated that on November 21, 2022, the last "Metro Monday" event will be held.

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Mayor Olem stated that the Town held a ribbon-cutting event for the newly constructed Herndon Metrorail Bus Bay Facilities on November 3, 2022. She noted that Senator Jennifer Boysko, Delegate Irene Shin, Fairfax County Supervisor John Foust, as well as Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTa) staff attended the ceremony. She thanked all of the Town's federal and local partners, as well as Town staff's work in bringing this project to fruition. She stated that the Town was very excited to mark the completion of this project, which was made possible through the cooperation of staff, NVTa, and other federal, regional, and local grants.

5. Comments from the Audience

Mayor Olem reviewed the process and asked those who wanted to provide Comments from the Audience to come forward.

There were no comments from the audience.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Friedrichs moved to adjourn the November 15, 2022 public hearing at 7:12 p.m., and Councilmember Regan seconded the motion. The question was called on the motion, which carried by a 6-0 roll call vote. The vote was: Alam, Dhakal, Friedrichs, Regan, Vice Mayor del Aguila, and Mayor Olem voting "Aye." Councilmember Singh was absent.



Kirstyn Barr Jovanovich
Town Clerk



Minutes approved by Town Council: January 10, 2023