

Town of Louisa
Town Council Monthly Meeting
August 19, 2025

Present:

Matthew Kersey, Interim Mayor;
Vicky Harte, Vice-Mayor;
Danny Crawford, Roger Henry, Sylvia Rigsby,
John J. Purcell IV Council members;
Jeff Gore, Legal Counsel.
Craig Buckley, Interim Town Manager.

Also in Attendance:

Stephanie Dorman, Clerk;
Franchesca Mall- Padilla, Treasurer
Anthony Larry, Public Works Director
Martin Nachtman, Chief of Police.

**All copies, including reports, handouts, and documents
can be found following the minutes.**

Mayor Kersey called the Louisa Town Council Meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

AGENDA AMENDMENT:

- Move "Video Recording" to the first topic.
- "Approval of Festival Permit" to new business.
- Add "§2.2-3711 (A)(1), §2.2-3711 (A)(7), and §2.2-3711 (A)(8)" to closed session.

Motion to approve amended agenda.

Motion made by Harte, Seconded by Henry.

Voting For: Crawford, Harte, Henry, Purcell, Rigsby

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Video Recording:

1 The Town Manager presented that staff can now successfully record meetings and
2 suggested video storage options.

3 Motion to start recording meetings.

4 Motion made by Henry, Seconded by Harte.

5 Voting For: Crawford, Harte, Henry, Purcell, Rigsby
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7 Mayor Kersey provided the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

8 **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:**

9 Nobody from the public signed up to speak.

10 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

11 Minutes Amendments:

- 12 • Change Knuckles to Nuckols.
- 13 • Change Danna to Dana throughout.
- 14 • Change Burts to Virts.

15 Motion to accept Consent Agenda.

16 Motion made by Rigsby, Seconded by Purcell.

17 Voting For: Crawford, Harte, Henry, Purcell, Rigsby.
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19 **PUBLIC HEARING:**

20 **1. SUP 2025-01**

21 The Town Manager presented an overview of the application to Council.

22 Council member Purcell, as the liaison for the Planning Commission, advised that the
23 Planning Commission approved this application with provisions.

24 The Mayor opened the public hearing at 6:27 pm.

25 The applicant did not have anything to add and yielded his time to answer questions from
26 Council.

27 Currently, the applicant does not currently have a plan for the commercial lot.

28 Council and the applicant discussed traffic and the need for a deceleration lane.

1 The applicant advised that he will not need elevators.

2 Council and the applicant discussed timing for the construction phases.

3 **Public Comment:**

4 **Larry Kavanagh**, a Louisa resident, wanted to put in a good word for the applicant as they
5 have been good neighbors. He also suggested putting a time limit on permits.

6 **Rick Myers**, a Louisa resident, likes the plan but would like to see studies about the runoff.

7 The Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:43 PM.

8 The lack of a commercial lot raised concerns for Council member Crawford. He would like
9 to see the original SUP.

10 **2. SUP-2025-02**

11 The Town Manager presented an overview of the application to Council.

12 The Mayor opened the public hearing at 7:11 pm.

13 The applicant presented her goal of transforming the house into a rehabilitation center and
14 the benefits of having such a facility in the Town. She further explained the type of care and
15 services residents would receive.

16 Council and the applicant discussed the safety improvements that would need to be
17 completed for this house to be ADA compliant.

18 Council asked the applicant about meals clients will receive, the age of the clients as well
19 as the types of clients that will be receiving services, and the plans for the smaller house.

20 **Public Comment:**

21 **Kathy Wise**, has known the applicant for 15 years in both a professional and personal
22 manner. They are currently working together on their non-profit venture. She spoke highly of
23 the applicant and the project.

24 The Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:41 PM.

25 Council member Henry has concerns about fire safety which was addressed by legal
26 counsel.

27 **NEW BUSINESS:**

28 **1. Discussion/Action on SUP 2025-01**

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2 Motion to defer action until next regular meeting.

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4 Motion made by Rigsby, Seconded by Purcell.
5 Voting For: Crawford, Harte, Henry, Purcell, Rigsby.

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7 **2. Discussion/Action on SUP 2025-02**

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9 Council member Purcell, as the liaison for the Planning Commission, advised that the
10 concerns the Planning Commission had with the site plan have been corrected.

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12 Vice- Mayor Harte confirmed that the ap
13 Motion to approve SUP-2025-02.

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15 Motion made by Purcell, Seconded by Rigsby.
16 Voting For: Harte, Purcell, Rigsby.
17 Voting Against: Crawford, Henry.

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20 **3. Strategic Planning Retreat for Council**

21 This item is to be combined with “Strategic Planning Discussion.”

22 Council scheduled a meeting on October 4, 2025, from 8:30am – 2:30 pm to discuss
23 annexation, Main Street, and the Fireman Fairgrounds.

24 **4. Chamber of Commerce updates**

25 Mayor Kersey requested information of involvement with the EDA be presented at next
26 month’s meeting.

27 **5. Discussion and appointment of Planning Commissioners**

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29 Council and the Town Manager discussed the multiple vacancies on the Planning
30 Commission.

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32 Motion to appoint Maxine Butcher to the Town of Louisa Planning Commission.

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34 Motion made by Crawford, Seconded by Henry.
35 Voting For: Crawford, Harte, Henry, Purcell, Rigsby

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37 **6. Strategic Planning Discussion**
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This item was combined with “Strategic Planning Retreat for Council.”

7. Approval of Festival Permit

The Town Manager presented the festival permit, and it is in compliance.

Motion to approve festival permit.

Motion made by Purcell, Seconded by Henry.

Voting For: Crawford, Harte, Henry, Purcell, Rigsby

OLD BUSINESS:

2. Discussion on lighting options for the Town’s entry signs

Action to happen at next regular meeting.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Legal:

The Committee is working on the Code and Charter revisions. A copy of the draft Charter has been submitted to the attorney for review.

Council had a discussion regarding public works job titles.

STAFF REPORTS:

Police:

Martin Nachtman, Chief of Police, provided the Police Report.

In addition to his written report, he advised that the Police Department would like to host an additional public safety event.

Council congratulated the Police Department on a great job hosting National Night Out.

Public Works:

Anthony Larry, Public Works Director, provided the Public Works Report.

In addition to his written report, he advised his staff have completed fire hydrant repair training. He continued that the pump house is running better.

Counsel:

Counsel is in receipt of the Charter and will have it to the Council by the next meeting.

1 **Treasurer:**

2 Franchesca Mall-Padilla, Treasurer, provided the Treasurer report.

3 She reported that she is still trying to piece together information.

4 **Clerk:**

5 Stephanie Dorman, Clerk, provided the Clerk report.

6 In addition to her written report, she advised that she received and denied a FOIA under the
7 same provision listed in her report.

8 **Manager:**

9 Craig Buckley, Interim Town Manager, provided the Town Manager report.

10 He reported that outside resources came to help train the Treasurer. The Public Works
11 Director is taking the lead on a grant application.

12 The Town will be conducting interviews for the Town Manager on the 21st.

13 **CLOSED SESSION:**

14 Council convened in closed session pursuant to §2.2-3711 (A)(1) for the discussion of
15 personnel performance, and §2.2-3711(A)(7) and (A)(8) for advice from the town attorney
16 regarding the process for such appointment and for discussion of pending litigation.

17 Motion made by Purcell, Seconded by Harte.

18 Voting For: Crawford, Harte, Henry, Purcell, Rigsby.

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20 **Certification:**

21 Motion to certify closed session and to come back into session.

22 Voting to certify closed session:

23 **ADJOURNMENT**

24 Motion to adjourn.

25 Motion made by Purcell, Seconded by Rigsby.

26 Voting For: Crawford, Harte, Henry, Purcell, Rigsby.

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1 Council adjourned at 9:54 PM.

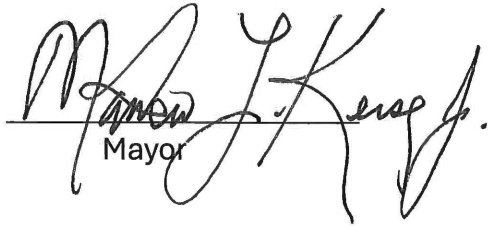
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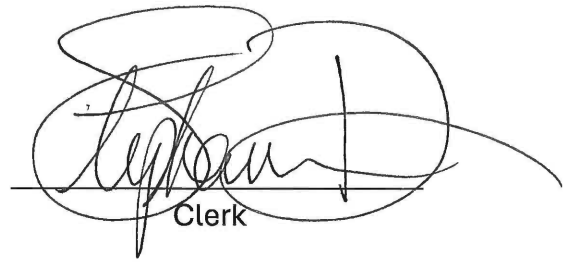
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Mayor


Clerk