

**Town of Louisa
Town Council – Special Meeting
July 8, 2025**

Present: Vicky Harte, Acting-Mayor; Danny Crawford, Roger Henry, John J. Purcell IV, Council members; Craig Buckley, Interim Town Manager, Anthony Larry, Public Works Superintendent.

Absent: None

Also in Attendance: Mr. Joel Michael, Mr. Matthew Kersey, Jr., Mrs. Kersey, Mrs. Patsy Thompson, Mr. Rick Meyer

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

Acting Mayor Harte called the Louisa Town Council Special Meeting to order at 6:31 PM. She provided the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

AGENDA ADOPTION:

Council member Purcell made the motion to approve the Agenda at 6:33 PM. Council member Henry seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: 4-0 in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Presentation of Interim Mayor Candidates:

At 6:34 PM, Mr. Joel Michael, the spouse of Ashley Michael, spoke on her behalf because she was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Michael spoke for approximately two and one-half minutes and provided details on his spouse's background and desire to serve the community.

At 6:37 PM, Mr. Kersey spoke for approximately forty seconds to highlight his history of service to the Town.

1 At 6:37 PM, Mr. Purcell IV spoke for approximately three minutes
2 discussing his service to the Council and his reasons for seeking the
3 Interim Mayor position.
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5 At the conclusion of Mr. Purcell's speech, Mrs. Thompson stood to
6 ask questions of the candidates. She first asked Mr. Purcell to clarify
7 his reasons for wanting to be an Interim Mayor and the reason he
8 would want to resign from his Council seat. Mr. Purcell repeated that
9 he had recently purchased a home out of town, but that the home
10 required remodeling before he could move into it. The remodeling
11 would take several months, and it could be December or a little later
12 before he could move into the home. If he resigned now and became
13 the Interim Mayor, the Town would still have time to do a special
14 election to fill his vacant seat.
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16 Mrs. Thompson also asked Mr. Kersey questions regarding any
17 possible conflicts with him being on the Louisa County Planning
18 Commission. Mr. Kersey responded by saying that he did not foresee
19 any conflicts and that as Mayor he would always put the Town first.
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21 Mr. Rick Meyer stood to discuss issues of importance to the
22 Tanyard neighborhood and stated that he plans to work in a positive
23 way with the candidates.
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25 Council member Crawford spoke to let people know that the Council
26 members do get along with each other and respect each other, but
27 they do not always agree. He made this statement in reference to a
28 perception in the community that the Council members are at odds
29 with each other.
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31 Council member Henry spoke to each candidate about the
32 importance of being able to negotiate and work with Louisa County
33 and other entities.
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35 Acting Mayor Harte closed the public hearing at 6:59 PM.
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ADJOURNMENT

Council member Purcell made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 PM. Council member Rigsby seconded the motion.

Mayor

Clerk