

Town of Dumfries Council Meeting Packet



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September 6, 2022



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DUMFRIES TOWN COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2022 AT 7:00 PM COUNCIL CHAMBERS

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Moment of Silent Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Awards and Proclamations
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 - C. Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) Update – Councilwoman Cydney Neville, NVRC Chairwoman
- IX. Action Item
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- X. Adjournment



PROCLAMATION PROTECTING REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

WHEREAS, in the case of *Dobbs v. Jackson* the United States Supreme Court abandoned longstanding precedents and overturned *Roe v. Wade* as well as *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*; and

WHEREAS, there is no decision more important for a woman than whether and when to have children; and

WHEREAS, for more than 50 years the right of women to reproductive choice has been recognized and protected at the Federal level; and

WHEREAS, abortion is an essential reproductive health service and its availability is an important part of ensuring every American's right to safe and accessible health care; and

WHEREAS, that right to a safe abortion has proven essential to the ability of women across this nation to protect their health, their lives, and the financial stability of their families; and

WHEREAS, that right to reproductive choice also impacts the liberty, health and financial security of transgender men and non-binary Americans; and

WHEREAS, it is not possible to ban abortion, but only to ban safe and legal abortions, as evidenced by the many people harmed or killed by illicit procedures in the years before *Roe v. Wade*; and

WHEREAS, limiting access to safe abortion has been shown to increase incidents of domestic abuse, and laws criminalizing abortion can have profoundly negative impacts on women who suffer miscarriages; and

WHEREAS, the negative impacts of limiting access to safe abortion disproportionately affect low-income women, women of color, transgender and *non*-binary Americans, and survivors of child abuse, sexual assault or domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, *Roe v. Wade* and its progeny were foundational decisions codifying the right to privacy, and their repeal places in jeopardy many other essential rights and freedoms enjoyed by the American people; and

WHEREAS, women's reproductive rights are human rights and the majority of the American people support the right of women to make these personal decisions without the intervention of their government; and

WHEREAS, despite the decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson* the right to a safe abortion remains protected by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia as they currently stand, though that right has been and will continue to be under legislative attack in the General Assembly of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Dumfries has a vested interest in protecting and promoting the health and the rights of its residents, including the right of women to reproductive choice and the right of all residents of Dumfries to privacy;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF DUMFRIES, VIRGINIA, THAT we affirm our opposition to the imposition of restrictions on reproductive choice by the governments of the Commonwealth or the United States.

By Order of Council:



Derrick R. Wood, Mayor
Town of Dumfries
September 6, 2022

**DUMFRIES TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2022**

MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

A video recording of this meeting is available on the Town's Website at www.dumfriesva.gov and YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IOkR-TLgLmc>

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

At 7:00 PM, Mayor Wood called the meeting to order. The following members were recorded as present: Fields, Miles, Nickerson, and Wood; Councilman Brown, Councilwoman Neville, and Councilman Peet were absent.

II. Moment of Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance

A moment of silent prayer was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Adoption of the Agenda

On a motion made by Councilwoman Miles, seconded by Councilman Field, to adopt the agenda as presented. Vote 4-0-0 (Yes: Fields, Miles, Nickerson, and Wood; No: N/A; Abstain: N/A)

IV. Awards and Proclamations

A proclamation recognizing service was presented to Steven G. Liga, Action in Communities (ACTS) Executive Director.

V. Approval of the Minutes

On a motion made by Councilwoman Miles, seconded by Councilman Fields to approve the minutes of the July 5, 2022 Town of Dumfries Council meeting. Vote 4-0-0 (Yes: Fields, Miles, Nickerson, and Wood; No: N/A; Abstain: N/A)

VI. Citizen Comment Period

VII. Mayor and Council Comments

VIII. Adjournment

Mayor Wood adjourned the meeting at 7:37 PM.



VIRGINIA RAILWAY EXPRESS

FARE-FREE SEPTEMBER

**BEFORE THE DUMFRIES TOWN COUNCIL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2022**

**Presented by Joe Swartz
Director of Government & Community Affairs**

Rationale for Fare-Free September

The intent of Fare-Free September is to:

- Thank our loyal riders for sticking with us throughout the pandemic
- Welcome new and returning passengers
- Help mitigate the effects of an upcoming shutdown of six stations along Metrorail's Blue and Yellow lines in Northern Virginia.



Northern Virginia Service
Plan your trip at NoVaRides.org

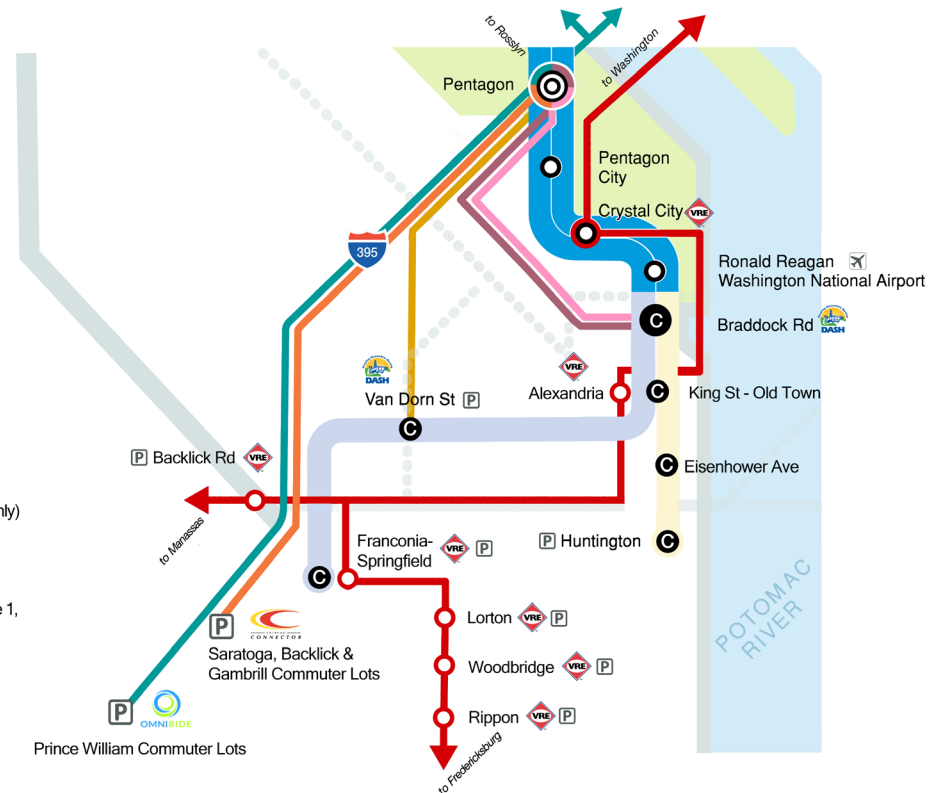
Metro Station Closed Sept 10 - Oct 22

DASH (Alexandria) Fare-Free
103 & 104 (Weekday Rush Hour Service Only)
35 (7 Days/Week)

Fairfax Connector
393/394 & 395/396 (Weekday Rush Hour Service Only)

OmniRide
D-100, D-200, D-300, L-100, L-200, RS South Route 1, MC Montclair (Weekdays Only)

Virginia Railway Express (VRE)
Trains to L'Enfant and Union Station (Weekday Rush Hour Service Only)



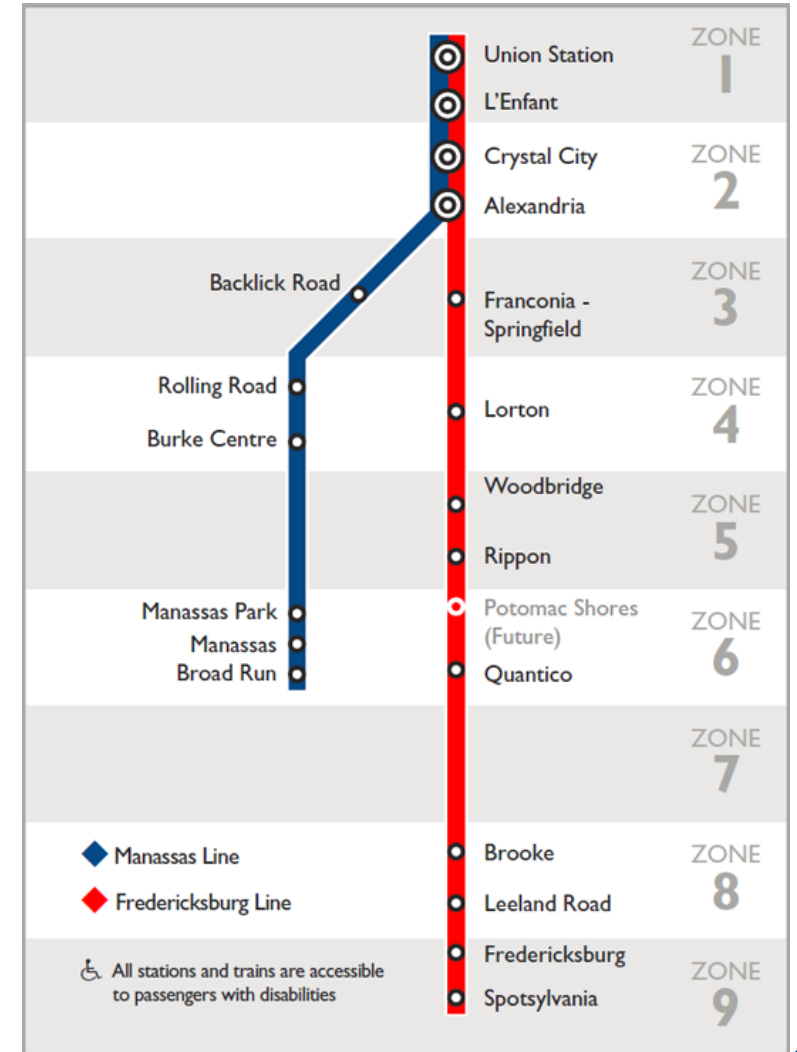
About VRE

- **2 lines**
Fredericksburg and Manassas
- **32 daily trains**
(generally northbound in the morning and southbound in the afternoon/evening)
- **19 stations**
(with Rippon north and Quantico south of Dumfries)
- **14 stations with free parking**
- **60 minutes**
travel time between Rippon and Union Station
- **70 minutes**
travel time between Quantico and Union Station



Fares After September

- Fares are based on distance traveled
- Multi-trip passes offer discounts over single-ride tickets by as much as 34 percent
- Example: The cost per ride using a 31-day pass is \$3.15 between Rippon and Union Station while a single ride is \$5
- Reduced fares are available for senior citizens, students, and persons with disabilities
- The federal government and many private employers offer transit benefits that may cover up to the full amount of a VRE commute



QUESTIONS?

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HireGround, Inc.

Hireground's career education assistance program

Presented by Jinnæ Monroe, Founder



HireGround, Inc.

Introduction

Who we are



HireGround, Inc.

- We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization
- Founded in 2015
- Entrenched in the Community via VFG at high schools, Perkins Grant for CTE, JDC-PWCLibrary, American Red Cross, PWC Human Services Alliance, and more...



What services do we offer?

We provide career and professional development opportunities, specifically for individuals looking to get back into the workforce

Additionally, we provide our services to young people in high school looking to pursue a non-traditional education path




HireGround, Inc.



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Career education assistance program


2022 - HireGround Inc. began an initiative to service Prince William County residents impacted by the pandemic

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- Cyber Security
 - Information Technology
 - Real Estate Exam Prep Course
 - Real Estate Pre-Licensure Course

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- HVAC/R
 - Plumbing Apprenticeship
 - Electrician Apprenticeship
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Training

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- Certified Nursing Assistant
 - Certified Medication Aide
 - Barber School

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- Cosmetology
 - SoftSkills Training
 - Professional Development Services

Our progress

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Current Student
Impact

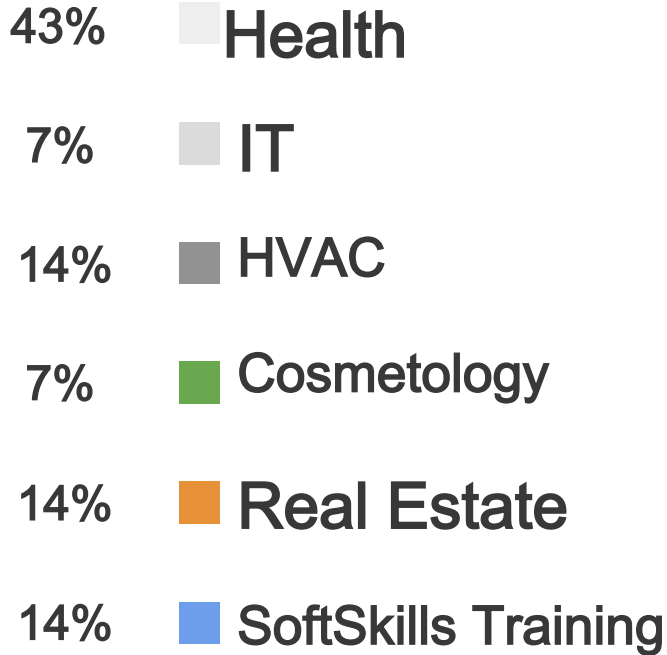
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Current Dumfries
Residents

7

Business
Partners

Dumfries Residents



Distribution of the 14 dumfries residents in ceap

How can you help?

- In order for our program to be utilized to best serve Prince William residents, people must know the opportunity is available
- We are looking for assistance in getting more visibility in the Dumfries community
- Spread the information of this opportunity through your communication channels
- Provide opportunities that we can table at

Thank YOU

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AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE DUMFRIES TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON SEPTEMBER 6, 2022 : ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY _____, AND SECONDED BY _____, THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE DUMFRIES TOWN COUNCIL WITH THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Tyrone A. Brown, ____;
Brian K. Fields, ____;
Selonia B. Miles, ____;
Cydney A. Neville, ____;
Monae S. Nickerson, ____;
Shaun R. Peet, ____;
Derrick R. Wood, ____;

RESOLUTION TO INITIATE AND AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER TO SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT ZTA2022-001, TO CHAPTER 70, SECTIONS 70-1 ,70-14(j) AND 70-535. (15) TO ADD THE DEFINITION, APPROVAL PROCESS, AND REGULATIONS OF A COMPREHENSIVE SIGN PLAN TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS, whenever the public necessity, convenience, general welfare, or good zoning practice require, Town Code Sec. 70-646 and general law permit Town Council to amend Chapter 70 by a Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA); and

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires the Department of Planning & Community Development to provide a staff report and recommendation to the Planning Commission and to the Town Council for proposed ZTA2022-001; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires ZTA2022-001 be forwarded to the Planning Commission for public hearing, review, and recommendation to Town Council; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the requirements in the Town Code and all other applicable laws, the Town Council further desires to deliberate upon and review ZTA2022-001 and provide the public the opportunity to be heard on proposed Zoning Text Amendment.

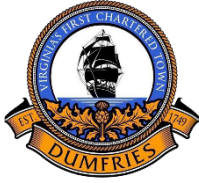
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Town Council that the Town Manager is authorized to advertise public hearings to consider action on proposed ZTA2022-001 before the Planning Commission and the Town Council, respectively.

By Order of Council:

Derrick R. Wood, Mayor

Attest:

Tangi Hill, Town Clerk



AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

Item Type

Award Proclamation Resolution/Ordinance Motion Discussion

Statement of Purpose

Initiating Resolution to Schedule a Public Hearing for ZTA2022-001 with Town Council Public Hearing Date of September 20, 2022

Background/References

Resolution to initiate and authorize the Town Manager to schedule public hearings for zoning text amendment ZTA2022-001, to Chapter 70, Sections 70-1, 70-14(j) and 70-535.(15) to add the definition, approval process, and regulations of a comprehensive sign plan to the zoning ordinance.

Fiscal Impact

N/A

Suggested Motion

Approve the Resolution to Allow the Town Manager to Schedule a Public Hearing on September 20, 2022 for ZTA2022-001

Requested Meeting Date

September 6, 2022

Attachments

- *For awards and proclamations, please attach desired language*