

# Town of Dumfries Council Meeting Packet



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June 7, 2022



## DUMFRIES, VIRGINIA

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### **DUMFRIES TOWN COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2022 AT 7:00 PM COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Moment of Prayer – Pastor Mason Phillips, River of Life Church Virginia
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Adoption of Agenda
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- VIII. Mayor and Council Comments
- IX. Adjournment



**Proclamation Recognizing June as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning, and More Pride Month**

**WHEREAS**, we are a nation founded upon and guided by the principles of equality, justice and freedom for all; and

**WHEREAS**, the Prince William County Board of Supervisors resolved to proclaim June as LGBTQ+ Pride Month in 2018 and 2019;

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Dumfries' Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning and More (LGBTQ+) residents are a vital part of our community and contribute greatly to the economic and social wellbeing of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Dumfries is strengthened by and thrives upon the rich diversity of ethnic, cultural, racial, gender and sexual identities of its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Center for Disease Control recognizes that negative perceptions of the LGBTQ+ community result in increased risk of experiences of violence, mental health and substance abuse against and amongst its members; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Dumfries added protections in its Equal Opportunity Employment policy based on gender and sexual orientation in 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, June is widely recognized in the United States as LGBTQ+ Pride Month; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Dumfries recognizes the importance of equality and freedom from discrimination; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Dumfries believes that our power lies in our diversity and acceptance of ALL;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Dumfries hereby proclaims the month of June to be Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning and More Pride month.

By Order of Council:

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Derrick R. Wood, Mayor  
Town of Dumfries  
June 7, 2022



## **Proclamation to Commemorate Juneteenth**

**WHEREAS**, the Emancipation Proclamation, effective January 1, 1863, established that all enslaved people in Confederate states in rebellion against the Union “shall be then, thenceforward, and forever free”; and

**WHEREAS**, this order was largely ignored by southern slave owners; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 19, 1865, Major General Gordon Granger informed a reluctant community in Galveston, Texas, that the Emancipation Proclamation had freed enslaved Americans in rebel states over two and a half years earlier; and

**WHEREAS**, on this date, Major General Gordon Granger's General *Order No. 3* was read to the people announcing in pertinent part that “The people of Texas are informed that in accordance with a Proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free.”; and

**WHEREAS**, this announcement resulted in widespread celebration amongst freed men and women; and

**WHEREAS**, the descendants of African slaves continue the tradition of celebration each year on June 19<sup>th</sup>, recognized as Juneteenth, a celebration of liberation from chattel slavery; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Dumfries recognizes the significance and importance of Juneteenth; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of Dumfries declared Juneteenth as an official holiday in the Town of Dumfries in 2019.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Juneteenth will be celebrated on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 in the Town of Dumfries.

By Order of Council:

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Derrick R. Wood, Mayor  
Town of Dumfries  
June 7, 2022



**Proclamation Declaring the First Friday in June as  
National Gun Violence Awareness Day  
Mayor's Against Illegal Guns**

This proclamation declares the first Friday in June to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day in the Town of Dumfries to honor and remember all victims and survivors of gun violence and to declare that we as a country must do more to reduce gun violence.

**WHEREAS**, every day, more than 110 Americans are killed by gun violence, alongside more than 200 who are shot and wounded, and on average there are nearly 16,000 gun homicides every year; and

**WHEREAS**, Americans are 26 times more likely to die by gun homicide than people in other high-income countries; and

**WHEREAS**, Virginia has 1,065 gun deaths every year, with a rate of 12.2 deaths per 100,000 people. Virginia has the 34<sup>th</sup> highest rate of gun deaths in the US; and

**WHEREAS**, gun homicides and assaults are concentrated in cities, with more than half of all firearms related gun deaths in the nation occurring in 127 cities; and

**WHEREAS**, cities across the nation, including in Dumfries, are working to end the senseless violence with evidence-based solutions; and

**WHEREAS**, protecting public safety in the communities they serve is the mayors' highest responsibility; and

**WHEREAS**, support for the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens goes hand-in-hand with keeping guns away from people with dangerous histories; and

**WHEREAS**, mayors and law enforcement officers know their communities best, are the most familiar with local criminal activity and how to address it, and are best positioned to understand how to keep their citizens safe; and

**WHEREAS**, gun violence prevention is more important than ever as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to exacerbate gun violence after more than two years of increased gun sales, increased calls to suicide and domestic violence hotlines, and an increase in city gun violence;

**WHEREAS**, in January 2013, Hadiya Pendleton was tragically shot and killed at age 15; and on June 3, 2022 to recognize the 25th birthday of Hadiya Pendleton (born: June 2, 1997), people across the United States will recognize National Gun Violence Awareness Day and wear orange in tribute to Hadiya Pendleton and other victims of gun violence; and the loved ones of those victims; and

**WHEREAS**, the idea was inspired by a group of Hadiya's friends, who asked their classmates to commemorate her life by wearing orange; they chose this color because hunters

wear orange to announce themselves to other hunters when out in the woods and orange is a color that symbolizes the value of human life; and

**WHEREAS**, anyone can join this campaign by pledging to wear orange on June 3rd, the first Friday in June in 2022, to help raise awareness about gun violence; and

**WHEREAS**, by wearing orange on June 3, 2022 Americans will raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives of gun violence victims and survivors; and

**WHEREAS**, we renew our commitment to reduce gun violence and pledge to do all we can to keep firearms out of the wrong hands, and encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our children safe.

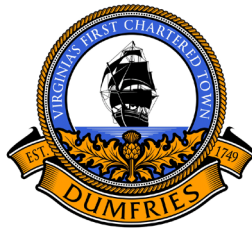
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Dumfries declares the first Friday in June, June 3, 2022, to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day. I encourage all citizens to support their local communities' efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives.

By Order of Council:



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Derrick R. Wood, Mayor  
Town of Dumfries  
June 7, 2022



## **Proclamation Declaring the First Friday in June as National Gun Violence Awareness Day**

This proclamation recognizes the first Friday in June to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day to honor and remember all victims and survivors of gun violence and to recognize that we as a country must do more to reduce gun violence.

**WHEREAS**, every day, more than 110 Americans are killed by gun violence, alongside more than 200 who are shot and wounded, and on average there are nearly 16,000 gun homicides every year; and

**WHEREAS**, Americans are 26 times more likely to die by gun homicide than people in other high- income countries; and

**WHEREAS**, communities across the nation, including the Town of Dumfries, are working to end the senseless gun violence with evidence-based solutions; and

**WHEREAS**, protecting public safety in the communities they serve is local government's highest responsibility; and

**WHEREAS**, support for the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens goes hand-in-hand with keeping guns away from people with dangerous histories; and

**WHEREAS**, gun violence prevention is more important than ever as the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated gun violence with more than two years of increased gun sales, increased calls to suicide and domestic violence hotlines, and an increase in community gun violence;

**WHEREAS**, in January 2013, Hadiya Pendleton was tragically shot and killed at age 15; and on June 3, 2022 to recognize the 25th birthday of Hadiya Pendleton (born: June 2, 1997), people across the United States recognized National Gun Violence Awareness Day and wore orange in tribute to Hadiya Pendleton and countless other victims of gun violence; and to the loved ones of those victims; and

**WHEREAS**, the idea of recognizing this day was inspired by a group of Hadiya's friends, who asked their classmates to commemorate her life by wearing orange and they chose this color because hunters wear orange to announce themselves to other hunters when out in the woods and orange is a color that symbolizes the value of human life; and

**WHEREAS**, by wearing orange on the first Friday of June, Americans will raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives of gun violence victims and survivors; and

**WHEREAS**, anyone can join this campaign by pledging to help raise awareness about gun violence; and

**WHEREAS**, we renew our commitment to reduce gun violence and pledge to do all we can to keep firearms out of the wrong hands and encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our residents safe.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Dumfries recognizes the first Fridays in June to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day.

By Order of Council:



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Derrick R. Wood, Mayor  
Town of Dumfries  
June 7, 2022





## **Proclamation Recognizing the Friends of Dumfries Slave Cemetery**

**Whereas**, the Friends of the Dumfries Slave Cemetery strive to preserve, restore, and maintain the Slave, free Black, and Freedmen Cemetery located in the Town of Dumfries, Virginia.

**Whereas** the Friends of the Dumfries Slave Cemetery are dedicated to memorializing this sacred site as a burial ground for Slaves, free Blacks, and Freedmen who lived in Dumfries.

**Whereas**, the Friends of the Dumfries Slave Cemetery 's mission is to memorialize African Americans who labored as Slaves in Dumfries and to give them a dignity in death they were denied in life.

**Whereas**, the Friends of the Dumfries Slave Cemetery promote education and awareness of the historical role African Americans have played in the Town of Dumfries and its surrounding area.

**Whereas**, the Friends of the Dumfries Slave Cemetery is committed to honoring the culture and vital contributions of generations of African Americans to our Nation.

**Therefore, Be It Resolved** that The Town of Dumfries recognizes, appreciates, and supports the continued efforts of the Friends of the Dumfries Slave Cemetery as the organization works to honor, respect, and preserve the sacred space in our community.

By Order of Council:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Wood", is written over a horizontal line.

Derrick R. Wood, Mayor  
Town of Dumfries  
June 7, 2022

**DUMFRIES TOWN COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022**

***MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS***

*A video recording of this meeting is available on the Town's Website at [www.dumfriesva.gov](http://www.dumfriesva.gov) and YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lOkR-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: Brown, Fields, Peet, Neville, Nickerson, and Wood; Councilwoman Miles was 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 Neville, seconded by Councilman Peet, to adopt the agenda with the addition of Mayor and Council Comments after the Citizen Comment Period, as requested by Councilman Fields. Vote 6-0 (Yes: Brown, Fields, Neville, Nickerson, Peet, and Wood; No: N/A; Abstain: N/A)

**IV. Awards and Proclamations**

The following proclamations were presented: Proclamation Recognizing Menstrual Hygiene Month and Proclamation Recognizing the Town of Dumfries as a Stroke Smart Town.

**V. Approval of the Minutes**

On a motion made by Councilman Peet seconded by Councilman Fields to approve the May 3, 2022 Town of Dumfries Council meeting minutes. Vote 5-0-1 (Yes: Brown, Fields, Neville, Nickerson, and Peet; No: N/A; Abstain: Wood)

**VI. Citizen Comment Period**

**VII. Mayor and Council Comments**

Comments from the Mayor and Council were heard.

## **VIII. Reports and Presentations**

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financial Update

Finance Director Kimberly Goodwin presented a financial update for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Finance Director Goodwin addressed questions from the Council.

### Property Use Plan for 3800 Graham Park Road

Town Manager Rogers presented the use plan for the property located at 3800 Graham Park Road. Town Manager Rogers addressed questions from the Council.

### Town Manager's Report – Town Manager Keith Rogers, Jr.

Town Manager Rogers presented his report and addressed questions from the Council.

## **IX. Action Items (Public Hearing)**

### Consideration of an Ordinance Authorizing the Town Manager to Execute a Lease Agreement for Town Owned Property at 17739 Main Street

Following the public hearing on a motion made by Councilman Fields, seconded by Councilwoman Neville, to adopt the Ordinance Authorizing the Town Manager to Execute a Lease Agreement for Town Owned Property at 17739 Main Street. Vote 6-0 (Yes: Brown, Fields, Neville, Nickerson, Peet, and Wood; No: N/A; Abstain: N/A)

## **X. Adjournment**

Mayor Wood adjourned the meeting at 7:59 PM.