

**Council Work Session**  
**August 20, 2012**  
**8:00 p.m.**

Present: Mayor M. Jane Seeman  
Council Member Laurie Genevro Cole  
Council Member Laurie DiRocco  
Council Member Edythe Frankel Kelleher  
Council Member Michael J. Polychrones  
Council Member Carey J. Sienicki  
Council Member Howard J. Springsteen

Also present: Mercury T. Payton, Town Manager  
Steve Briglia, Town Attorney  
Greg Hembree, Director of Planning and Zoning  
Dennis Johnson, Director of Public Works  
Carol S. Waters, Deputy Town Clerk

**( 1 ) Meeting with Chamber of Commerce**

Three representatives from the Vienna Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce came to the meeting to speak on their decision to move out of Vienna and change their name, citing economic pressures. They confirmed that they will henceforth be named the Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce, and their new offices will be on Jones Branch Drive in Tysons.

**Recommendation:** No action required at this time.

**( 2 ) Vacating of Town Property**

Mayor Seeman opened the discussion about street and alley rights-of-way of which the Town will consider possibly giving up possession. These dedicated rights-of-way are odd lots that are not buildable.

Council discussed their desire to standardize a policy and procedure for vacation and abandonment of Town owned property, which will guide Town staff in exploring the issues and gathering the pertinent information before the request for vacation is presented to Council for a decision.

Steve Briglia noted that all the parcels of land are different, each one with its own challenges and unique characteristics, and some are more problematic than others. He said that owners of some of the adjoining properties have expressed interest in purchasing sections of the rights-of-way.

Dennis Johnson responded to questions from Council and commented that sometimes it would be acceptable to break the rights-of-way into pieces. He said the Town would never build anything on the lots and there are no utilities in them. About the proposed \$100.00 application fee, Mr. Johnson reported that regardless of the number of parties involved, only one application fee per alley would be required by the Town.

**Recommendation:** Schedule this item for the Council Meeting of September 10, 2012 with regard to the \$100.00 application fee. Councilmembers are requested to forward their comments to staff to incorporate them into the policy and procedure document.

The Town Council Work Session Meeting of August 20, 2012 adjourned at approximately 7:45 p.m.

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Mayor M. Jane Seeman

Signed / Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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Deputy Town Clerk