

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FARMVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON APRIL 22, 2026

At a special meeting of the Farmville Town Council held on Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at 6:00 PM, in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall, located at 116 North Main Street, Farmville, Virginia, there were present Mayor Brian Vincent, presiding, and Council members Sallie Amos, A.D. “Chuckie” Reid, Dan Dwyer, Tommy Pairet, Adam Yoelin, Donald Hunter, and John Hardy.

Staff present were Town Manager Scott Davis, Deputy Town Manager/Finance Director Julie Moore, Town Attorney Gary Elder, Community Development Director and IT Support Ashley Atkins-Austin, Chief of Police Andy Ellington, Captain William Hogan, and Clerk of Council Mary McKay.

Mayor Vincent called the Special Meeting (Budget Work Session) to order, and guests were welcomed.

The Clerk called the roll, noting all Council members were present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Reid made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. Hunter, and with all stating “aye” in favor, the motion passed.

DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal interest made.

DISCUSSION: PROPOSED FY2026-2027 TOWN BUDGET

Mr. Pairet made a motion to move forward with a Public Hearing on a proposed budget that includes the additional cuts and a 1% Lodging Tax Increase, seconded by Mr. Hunter, and with a recorded vote of Council members Hunter, Hardy, Amos, Reid, Dwyer, Pairet, and Yoelin stating “yes”, the motion passed.

BACKGROUND: The Town Manager reported that the proposed budget originally was built on a 1% increase in the meals tax and a 1% increase in lodging tax. The initial cuts made to the budget were reviewed in detail: (\$24,000) extrication tools, (\$400,000) street sweeper, (\$120,000) dump body pickup truck, (\$75,000) phase two of the Public Works building renovation, and line item cuts for a cumulative total of (\$868,039), and would cover the proposed employee raises (3%) and directors (2%) to offset some of the health insurance increases and have contingency funds remaining in the budget. Public Hearings were held on April 8, 2026, and after those hearings, the

Town Manager worked with Finance Director Julie Moore on a budget solution without the meals and lodging tax increases. Additional proposed cuts were reviewed: (\$50,000) Pause on Wayfinding signage in coordination with the Farmville Downtown Partnership, (\$33,700) Hold off until after this next budget year of House demolition of Properties, (\$24,000) Outsourced IT Consultant, (\$35,000) Part-time position-Police, (\$9,000) Donations [\$3,000 Heart of Virginia Festival, \$1,000 Children's Book Festival, \$5,000 Fourth of July Fireworks], (\$113,548) Incentivizing an early retirement and/or freeze current positions, (\$48,509) Employee benefits, \$100,000 Increase in Meals Tax from two new businesses opened after revenue was projected, \$60,000 Sanitation Increase for businesses from \$11 to \$33/month since pick-ups are made 3x/week, leaving an excess for contingency in the General Fund of \$57,492.

Council members asked questions and discussion was held on several items:

- Grant for wayfinding signage project
- Clarification of two retirements or one retirement and freezing two positions for a year
- Contingency vs. fund balance
- Books and subscriptions line item
- Leasing of police vehicles
- Suggestion made to review evaluation contracts for dump site
- Paving and street maintenance line items
- Funding held by the Farmville Industrial Development Authority to use if an economic development opportunity arises
- Sanitation fee charges - A suggestion was made at the Town Hall Community Meeting for businesses to pay \$33/month for 3x/week trash pickup.
- \$40,000 cost for tree clearing at Farmville Regional Airport

Town Manager Davis provided a review of upcoming items:

- A Public Hearing at the May meeting on the proposed ordinance for the sanitation fee increase for businesses.
 - A Public Hearing at the May meeting on the FY2026-2027 Town Budget and CIP.
 - A vote at the May meeting on the proposed ordinance for the lodging tax increase.
- A Public Hearing was held at the April 8, 2026, Regular Meeting on the proposed Ordinance No. 244 - Tax on Transient Lodging to increase from seven percent to eight*

percent with no input received from community members.

- A vote at the May meeting on the proposed ordinance for the sanitation fee increase for businesses.
- A vote on the proposed resolution for the new Pay Plan.
- A vote on the proposed resolution for the Career Development Program for Public Safety.
- A vote on the proposed resolution for the FY2026-2027 Town Budget and 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan to be held at least one week after the public hearing is held.

Mrs. Amos offered an additional comment clarifying she would not approve of any kind of frivolous spending.

Discussion continued on the 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan. The Town Manager advised that the first year is in the FY2026-2027 Town Budget. The plan is a guide for future years of capital projects, as it correlates with the budget, and includes projects such as for recreation and for water and sewer. It was noted that the first item in the asset management plan was for certain manholes in poor condition to be refurbished or reconstructed with the installation of new lids to eliminate infiltration and is in this year's budget and CIP. It also includes the next four years of paving projects.

The Town Manager reported that the Public Safety Career Development Program also is included in the proposed budget.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

No additional information was provided.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL

Mr. Hardy thanked the Town Manager and Finance Director for their hard work with the budget.

Mr. Yoelin thanked community members for attending and participating, acknowledged the learning curve involved, and expressed hope for continued community engagement. He credited the hard work of Town Manager Davis, Finance Director Moore, and staff in running the Town of Farmville in such an excellent fashion.

Mayor Vincent also thanked Mr. Davis and Ms. Moore for working on the budget and finding additional cuts to make. A thank you was expressed for the public interest as the Council chambers was opened up an hour early for the town hall community meeting. He emphasized

again that the Council is accessible and open to communication with continued engagement encouraged.

With no other business to discuss, Mr. Dwyer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Reid, with all stating “aye” in favor, the meeting adjourned at 6:52 PM.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Brian R. Vincent, Mayor

Mary H. McKay, Clerk of Council