



TOWN OF
BUCHANAN
VIRGINIA

Sue Way, Mayor
James Manspile, Vice Mayor
Marlon "Marty" Rickman
Edith "Sissy" Austin
Shean Bowers

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Town Council

Buchanan Town Hall
July 29, 2026
7:00 PM
Agenda

1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Roll call
- b. Establishment of quorum

2. MOMENT OF SILENCE

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of Minutes: March 31, 2026 - Special Meeting

6. CITIZEN COMMENT AND PETITIONS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

- a. This time is reserved for comments and questions for issues listed on the agenda. Comments shall be directed to Council and not exceed 3 minutes

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. None

8. OLD BUSINESS

- a. None

9. CITIZEN COMMENTS AND PETITIONS REGARDING NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- a. This time is reserved for comments and questions for issues not listed on the agenda. Comments shall be directed to Council and not exceed 3 minutes

10. CLOSED MEETING: Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(8), this time is reserved for consultation with legal counsel

11. ADJOURNMENT OF SPECIAL MEETING



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Buchanan Town Council
Special Meeting Minutes
March 31, 2026

Attendance:

Present Council: Mayor Sue Way, Vice Mayor James Manspile, Edith "Sissy" Austin, Marlon Rickman, Shean Bowers

Present Staff: Town Manager Tim Mack, Town Clerk Hannah Crawford

Present Public: 5

1) Call to Order:

- a. Mayor Sue Way called the March 31, 2026, Special Town Council Meeting to order at 7:00pm. Clerk Crawford took roll call.
- b. A quorum was established with five members present.

2) Moment of Silence

3) Pledge of Allegiance

4) Approval of Agenda

- a. Vice Mayor Manspile moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Council Member Austin and carried 5-0.

5) Consent Agenda

- a. Mayor Way moved to approve the Minutes of the March 17, 2026, Special Meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Manspile and carried 5-0.

6) Presentation

- a. None

7) Citizen Comments/ Petitions Regarding Agenda Items

- a. Thomas Ayres, 165 Gorge Rd, expressed concerns about the height of the new crosswalk curbing and suggested VDOT roll the curbing and adjust the sign placement.
- b. Sidney Thompson, 358 1st St, expressed concerns that the new crosswalk may interfere with the storm drain, potentially preventing proper drainage on the Stop-In side of the crosswalk. Thompson also noted that the crosswalk signs appeared crooked.

8) Old Business

- a. None

9) New Business/ Action Items

a. Lowe Street Crosswalk:

Andrew Thorpe and Brian Blevins of VDOT attended the meeting to discuss the recent ADA improvements to the Lowe Street/Main Street crosswalk and address concerns from Council and the public.

Blevins and Thorpe explained that the project was designed to meet current ADA accessibility standards, including required ramp slopes, landing areas, and warning surfaces for pedestrians with visual impairments. They noted that the improvements were intended to enhance pedestrian safety while complying with state and federal requirements.

Council members expressed concerns regarding drainage, traffic flow, delivery truck access, snow removal, oversized vehicles, parking, visibility, and the potential impact on pedestrians and motorists. Thorpe and Blevins stated that drainage improvements had been incorporated into the project, roadway widths remain above minimum standards, and new crosswalk signage had already been installed to alert motorists to the crosswalk. Pavement striping would be installed in the coming weeks, weather permitting.

Council discussed possible improvements, including reflective paint, delineator posts, and flashing pedestrian signs. Thorpe and Blevins agreed to review several of the concerns, including the possibility of modifying portions of the curb and evaluating additional safety measures after the pavement markings are installed.

Mayor Way thanked Thorpe and Blevins for attending the meeting and responding to Council's questions.

b. Town Manager Mack requested that Council schedule a budget work session for April 16 to review budget items and the Capital Improvement Plan. Council agreed to the date.

10) Citizen Comments/ Petitions Regarding Non-Agenda Items

a. None

11) Council Member Reports/Comments

a. None

12) Adjournment

a. Vice Mayor Manspile moved to adjourn the Special Called Meeting at 7:57 PM. The motion was seconded by Council Member Austin and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Hannah Crawford, Town Clerk

Sue Way, Mayor