



**TOWN OF INDEPENDENCE
Special Called Meeting
August 26, 2025
6:00pm
Independence Police Department/Public Works
136 East Main Street
Independence, VA 24348**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Mark Miller, Vice Mayor Joan Collins, Jason Cassell, Buddy Halsey, Kit Marshall, Lance Hart, Aaron Davis (arrived late).

COUNCIL ABSENT: None.

TOWN STAFF PRESENT: Kim Farmer, Town Clerk.

CITIZENS & GUESTS: None.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Mark Miller called the special called meeting to order this 26th day of August 2025 and declared a quorum present. Mayor Miller stated that the meeting was called to discuss personnel and contract negotiation. Mayor Miller reminded council of the committee meeting to be held on Thursday, September 4, 2025, 6pm at 136 East Main Street upstairs. Mayor Miller asked for a motion to go into closed session.

COUNCILMAN JASON CASSELL made a motion for Council to go into closed session citing VAFOIA Section 2.2-3711, to discuss personnel and contract negotiation asking the Town Attorney to stay if he becomes available. COUNCILWOMAN KIT MARSHALL seconded; motion carried with all ayes.

Councilman Jason Cassell made a motion for Council to go into open session citing VAFOIA Section 2.2-3712 that only matters in closed session were convened for and permitted under was discussed. Mayor Miller asked for a roll call vote:

**Jason Cassell-I So Certify
Lance Hart -I So Certify
Joan Collins-I So Certify**

**Buddy Halsey-I So Certify
Kit Marshall-I So Certify
Aaron Davis-I So Certify**

With no action taken Mayor Miller closed the special meeting.