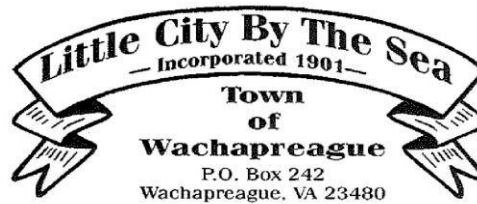




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**Absent:** Robert Hipple, Councilman  
Charles Elliott, Mayor

**Town Council Present:**

Sandie Puchalski, Vice Mayor  
Robert Bilicki  
Craig L. Baker  
Aileen Joeckel  
Glen Schagelin

Clerk: Susan Springer

**TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES**  
**May 14, 2026**  
**VIMS Seaside Hall**

**Town Council Meeting**

Meeting began at 6:30 pm

I. Vice Mayor Puchalski called the workshop to order.

II. Discussion of the proposed FY27 Budget:

Discussion was given to the Town Marina budget and no need for change or adjustment.

Discussion was given to the Town Budget with the closing of the Island House Restaurant and the subsequent loss of income. Discussion included reduction of salary and office supplies volunteered by the Town Clerk, and the subcategory of IT under office supplies, which included the cost for codification of the Town's Ordinances. Further discussion of IT initiatives touched on the possibility of remote participation of elected officials, it was noted and agreed upon that the Town was too small at this time to pursue and funding was removed. Discussion then moved to the funding sources and fiscal year for the previously approved new light box and travel guide costs, and it was noted there was no funding available for Town Holiday events unless some of FY26 reserve could be used for the already approved light box then tourism could possibly fund some Town Holiday events. Discussion then moved to the volunteer reduction of hours worked offered by the Town Clerk as a cost saving measure, and clarification was made that Town Hall hours would remain as is for months that are busier and slightly less during the months that are slower. The discussed budget adjustments were reviewed once more and Council agreed to submit them to the Town Treasurer for the final version to be advertised in accordance with State Code and voted on at a Public Meeting June 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in VIMS Seaside Hall.

Workshop adjourned at 7:00 PM.