



**Urbanna Town Council  
Work Session  
AGENDA  
Town Council Chambers  
390 Virginia Street Suite B  
Thursday, May 11, 2023 7:00 PM**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Presentation
  - a. Virginia Municipal League-Essay contest winner-Viktoria Gobush-VML
  - b. Taber Fund-Investment Options-Brian Manetz-Davenport
6. Public Comment
7. Public Comment Response
8. Matters of the Town Council
  - a. Ordinance 23-01
  - b. Memorial Day service
  - c. Pool update
  - d. Well #6 update
9. Action Items
  - a. Taber Fund
10. Announcements
11. Adjourn

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**Agenda Item Summary  
May 11, 2023**

**Agenda Item:** 4-Approval of Agenda

**Staff Recommendation:** Approve

**Council Action Requested:** Yes

**Sample Motion(s):**

***Motion to approve agenda as presented***

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## **Agenda Item Summary May 11, 2023**

### **Agenda Item: 5a-Presentation of Award-VML Essay Contest Winner-Viktorija Gobush**

**Background:** The Virginia Municipal League (VML) recently held the “If I Were Mayor” Essay Contest. The contest, hosted by VML, drew hundreds of entries from seventh graders throughout the state. The challenge to the students was to identify an issue in their locality, talk to others about possible solutions, and then identify what solution would best address the issue.

Urbanna’s Viktorija Gobush, a student at St. Clare Walker Middle School was the Region 8 winner. Her winning essay is attached.

All the winners identified an issue affecting their community and proposed actionable solutions that demonstrated a grasp of what could be accomplished given available resources and public sentiment. In every case, the essayists came to the problem from the perspective of an individual who genuinely wished to make their locality a better place for all. In addition to a plaque, each regional winner will receive a gift card for \$150.

**About VML’s “If I Were Mayor” Essay Contest** The annual “If I were Mayor Contest” invites seventh graders from throughout Virginia to submit essays describing what they would do if they were mayor of their hometown. The essay contest is a key component of VML’s civic education programming, which seeks to teach school children and adults how local government works and how they can become involved in making their communities better places to live, work and play.

**About VML** The Virginia Municipal League is a statewide, nonprofit, nonpartisan association of local governments established in 1905 to improve and assist local governments through legislative advocacy, research, education and other services. For more information visit [www.vml.org](http://www.vml.org).

**Council Action Requested: Not at this time.**

**Sample Motion(s): NA**

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# Region 8 Winner

## Viktorija Gobush

St. Clare Walker Middle School  
Locust Hill, VA (resident of Urbanna)



### If I Were Mayor

By Viktorija Gobush

Have you ever wondered what teenagers do for fun in Urbanna, VA? Well, if you ask me, there is not much for them to do here. Currently, teenagers just go to the park to hang out, watch their siblings play, and eat junk food. If that sounds boring, you are correct.

If I were the mayor of Urbanna, I would create a multipurpose teen center. It's important to keep teenagers busy and active in our community. Building a teen center would do both of those things.

This multipurpose teen center should be a large enough space for games and activities such as board games, pool tables, air hockey, computers, sports equipment, etc. Also, it should have cozy furniture, big TVs, music, and cool decor such as posters and LED lights. Local teens should have a place to hang out and have safe fun. While this center is primarily for teens, it could be used for other events in the community, such as local meetings, exercise classes, and parties.

You may be wondering who will pay for this. After speaking with locals about this issue, I came up with some fundraising ideas. Local teens could start a GoFundMe page on social media. We could also reach out to local businesses and corporations to ask for donations such as money, time, furniture, or skills. Also, we could organize fundraisers such as bake sales, car washes, and dog walking.

Where would this multi-purpose teen center be located? Well, Urbanna seems to have a handful of empty buildings. One of these buildings could be converted into a teen center. The building could be purchased or rented with fundraising money and/or donations. Locals could also volunteer their skills, time, furniture, and games.

Our town needs more space and activities for teens. Local teens do not want to hang out at Tabor Park all the time. A teen center would give them freedom and space to do fun things together. Fundraising could be challenging, but not impossible with good planning and help from the community. Local teens could work at the teen center to keep it running, organized, and clean. A multipurpose teen center would be a positive thing for all Urbanna.



BETTER COMMUNITIES THROUGH  
SOUND GOVERNMENT

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**Agenda Item Summary  
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**Agenda Item: 5b-Presentation-Taber Fund Investment Options**

**Background:** The Taber Fund is managed by Davenport Investment Firm and has historically had the funds placed in primarily one investment account. Brian Manetz, the Town's Investment coordinator is addressing Town Council to discuss the feasibility of diversifying the Taber Funds thru the use of "no cost" options.

**Council Action Requested: Discussion and action to take place later in agenda**

**Sample Motion(s): NA**

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## **Agenda Item Summary May 11, 2023**

### **Agenda Item: 8a-Ordinance 23-01**

**Background:** There is a need to amend the Town's zoning ordinance to allow (as a by-right use) the construction, modification and operation of residential apartments and /or condominiums within in the B-1 district (Commercial.) There exist a few such apartments currently in the district but they were grandfathered in because their use was established prior to the adoption of the Zoning Code. There is a need for additional apartment rentals in the Town in general and modernizing the Zoning Code to allow this additional use by right will help ease that shortage. The proposed amendment would limit the number of such dwellings to not more than 6 per lot.

**Council Action Requested: Not at this time** – A public hearing is scheduled to be held on this amendment on May 25 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall after proper notification is posted in The Southside Sentinel.

**Sample Motion(s):** NA

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**Agenda Item Summary  
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**Agenda Item: 8b-Memorial Day Service**

**Background:** The Town will be holding its Memorial Day Service on May 29, 2023 at 11:00 AM at the Town Marina. Mayor Bill Goldsmith, Delegate Keith Hodges, Reverend Eddie Heath will be speaking. (See attached program.) The band "Jubal" will be providing music. The American Legion will present the flag.

**Council Action Requested: Not at this time.**

**Sample Motion(s): NA**

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**Town of Urbanna  
Memorial Day Service  
May 29, 2023 11:00 AM  
Order of Service**

<b>Presentation of Colors</b>	American Legion Post 241, William Bagby, Commander
<b>National Anthem</b>	Jubal
<b>Invocation</b>	Rev. Eddie Heath, Urbanna Baptist Church
<b>Wreath Laying</b>	American Legion Post 241, William Bagby, Commander
<b>Keynote</b>	The Honorable Keith Hodges, Delegate VA General Assembly
<b>Music</b>	Jubal
<b>Proclamation <i>Day of Prayer</i></b>	Mayor Bill Goldsmith, Town of Urbanna
<b>Benediction</b>	Rev. Eddie Heath

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## **Proclamation Memorial Day - Day of Prayer**

**WHEREAS**, the Congress, in a joint resolution approved May 11, 1950, provided that Memorial Day should be set aside as a day of prayer for permanent peace; and

**WHEREAS**, Memorial Day each year serves as a solemn reminder of the scourge of war and its bitter aftermath of sorrow; and

**WHEREAS**, this day has traditionally been devoted to paying homage to loved ones who lie in hallowed graves throughout the land, having sacrificed their lives that war might end; and

**WHEREAS**, in tribute to these silent dead it is fitting that we lift up our voices together in supplication to Almighty God for wisdom in our search for enduring peace; and

**WHEREAS**, Today, and every day, let us remember the servicemen and women we have lost and let us honor them by rededicating ourselves to strengthening our Nation's promise. With love, grace, and reflection, let us honor our fallen fellow Americans, known and unknown, who sacrificed their freedom to ensure our own.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, William Goldsmith, Mayor of the Town of Urbanna, Virginia, do hereby proclaim Memorial Day, Monday, May 29, 2023, as day of Town-wide prayer for permanent peace.

In commemoration of this event, urge all citizens to join together in their homes, places of work and places of worship to pray for the permanent peace and to continue to pray for our Town, our County, our state and our nation.

**PROCLAIMED** this 29th day of May 2023.

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**The Honorable William Goldsmith  
Mayor  
Town of Urbanna, Virginia**

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**Agenda Item Summary  
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**Agenda Item: 8c-Pool update**

**Background:** Garth Wheeler will give a brief status update on the Taber Park Pool

**Council Action Requested: Not at this time.**

**Sample Motion(s): NA**

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**Agenda Item Summary  
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**Agenda Item: 8d-Well #6 update**

**Background:** The contractor for the Town's new well # 6, Toano Well and Pump service has begun operations at the designated well site. An observation well was required to be dug to permit monitoring to ensure that water flows would be adequate. That well has been dug and accepted by the Virginia Department of Health. Construction was begun on the operating well the beginning of this week.

**Council Action Requested: Not at this time.**

**Sample Motion(s): NA**

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## **Agenda Item Summary May 11, 2023**

### **Agenda Item: 9a-Taber Fund**

**Background:** The Taber Fund is managed by Davenport Investment Firm and has historically had the funds placed in primarily one investment account. Brian Manetz, the Town's Investment coordinator is addressing Town Council to discuss the feasibility of diversifying the Taber Funds thru the use of "no cost" options.

**Council Action Requested:** Yes

**Recommended Action:** Council vote to refer this matter to the Finance Committee for review and recommendation to Town Council.

**Sample Motion(s):** Motion to refer the review of possible diversification of Taber Funds to the Finance Committee for further study and return to Council with a recommendation.

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