



Town Council Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2022

Present: Mayor Jeffrey Schomisch, Vice Mayor Jeannette Ripley, Councilmembers Joe Williams, Kathleen Walker, Mike Walker, Rommel Pazmiño and Todd Over, Chief Robert Liberati and Office Assistant Jackie Villela.

Call to Order

Mayor Schomisch called the April 18, 2022, Town Council Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Schomisch asked that all rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Agenda

Mayor Schomisch introduced the next item, Approval of the Agenda. He asked that the agenda be amended under number 10 to move letter d, "Email Business", down to letter e and letter d then become "Legal Consulting Contract" and also add letter f "Meeting Time." There were no further amendments offered. Councilman Williams moved to approve the agenda as amended. Councilman Over seconded the motion. All present voted aye and the Agenda was approved as amended (7-0).

Close Session

Motion: I move that the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Landover Hills recess the Council Meeting and go into a Closed Meeting in accordance with General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland §3-305 (b) (1) to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of an appointee, employee, or official over whom it has jurisdiction; or (ii) a personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.

The Motion to recess the Town Council Meeting and go into Closed Session was made by Councilman Mike Walker and was seconded by Councilman Joe Williams.

The vote to go into closed session was as follows:

Vice Mayor Ripley – Aye
Councilman Williams – Aye
Councilwoman Walker – Aye
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Councilman Over – Aye
Councilman Pazmiño – Aye
Mayor Schomisch – Aye

No one voted against the motion. No abstentions. The meeting closed at 7:35 p.m. at which time the Closed Meeting began in the meeting room at Town Hall.

The following staff members were in attendance: Office Assistant Jackie Villela and Chief of Police Robert Liberati. No other individuals were in attendance.

The Mayor and Council discussed the position of Town Manager as well as the employment status of a specific employee. The Closed Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Mayor Schomisch moved to the Consent Agenda. The Mayor called for a motion to approve the March 21, 2022, Town Council Meeting Minutes as amended. Councilman Walker made the motion and Councilman Over seconded the motion. All present voted aye and the March 21, 2022 meeting minutes were approved (7-0).

The Mayor then called for a motion to approve the March 21, 2022, April 7, 2022, and April 8, 2022, Closed Session Minutes. He provided time for all to review since they were not distributed previously. There were no corrections. Councilman Walker moved approval and Vice Mayor Ripley seconded the motion. All present voted aye and the March 21, 2022, April 7, 2022, and April 8, 2022, Closed Session Minutes were approved (7-0).

Correspondence and Announcement

Mayor Schomisch announced that the next PGCMA meeting will be held in person in College Park. He also reminded the Council that the upcoming Multigenerational meeting will be held via zoom.

Reports

Finance Report: A copy of the finance report was distributed.

Police Report: Chief Liberati presented the police report, a copy was distributed to the Mayor and Council.

Code Enforcement: The code enforcement report was distributed.

Public Works: The public works report was distributed.

Public

There was no one from the public who attended the meeting.

Unfinished business:

- a. Food Distribution. Chief Liberati discussed traffic issues with the monthly food drive at St. Mary's Church. He reminded the Council that they previously motioned to stop blocking off the road for the St. Mary's food drive in order to cut down on employees' overtime cost. The Mayor then requested a motion to continue blocking off the road in

order to ease traffic problems. Councilman Over moved to continue providing support and to continue blocking off the road for the St Mary's Church food drive if we send a letter explaining how much it costs to support their food drive. Councilman Walker seconded the motion. All present vote in favor and the motion was passed (7-0).

New Business

- a. **Town Manager Transition.** Council decided there is nothing further to discuss at this time.
- b. **Stipend for Interim Town Manager.** Mayor Schomisch entertained a motion to provide a stipend for Chief Liberati and Town Treasurer, Mike Thompson, for the extra work they have done as we transition managers. Councilman Williams motions to provide a \$1,000 stipend for Chief Liberati and Mike Thompson. Councilwoman Walker seconded the motions. All present voted aye and the motion was passed (7-0).
- c. **Consulting Contract for Ms. Kathleen Tavel.** The Mayor called for a motion to create a consulting contract for former manager, Kathleen Tavel, in order to assist the Town on an as-needed basis. Councilman Williams made the motion and councilman Over seconded the motion. All present vote in favor and the motion was passed (7-0).
- d. **Legal Consulting Contract.** The legal consulting contract with Karen Ruff was distributed to all members of the Council and Mayor Schomisch provided time to review. He then called for a motion to sign the contract as written. Councilman Walker made the motion and Councilman Over seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion was passed (7-0).
- e. **Email Business.** Mayor Schomisch discussed issues that everyone has been having with the email system Network Solutions. He suggested that the Town find a different email provider to switch to. The Mayor then said he will research the matter and provide more information at the next meeting.
- f. **Meeting Time.** The Mayor called for a motion to change the Town Council Meeting time to 7:00 p.m. instead of 7:30 p.m. Councilman Over made the motion and councilman Williams seconded the motion. All present voted aye and the motion was passed (7-0).

Adjournment

Mayor Schomisch called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Councilman Williams and was seconded by Councilwoman Walker. All voted aye and the meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.