



Town Council Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2024

Present: Mayor Jeff Schomisch, Vice Mayor Jeannette Ripley, Councilmembers Joe Williams, Kathleen Walker, Mike Walker, Glenda Johnson, and Todd Over. Also in attendance were Town Manager Rommel Pazmino, Chief of Police Robert Liberati, Town Treasurer Fredy Aguilar, and Code Enforcement Michael Thompson.

Call to Order: Mayor Schomisch called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked all to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Agenda: Mayor Schomisch asked if there were any corrections to the agenda. Hearing none, he entertained a motion to approve the agenda as written. Councilman Williams moved to approve the February 20, 2024, Agenda as written and Councilman Over seconded. All present voted in favor (7-0).

Approval of the Consent Agenda

- a. **January 22, 2024, Town Council Meeting Minutes:** There were no corrections or additions.
- b. **February 5, 2024, Town Council Workshop Meeting Minutes:** Councilman Over mentioned that he was not in attendance for the February 5 meeting, but his name was written as present.

Hearing no further corrections or additions, Mayor Schomisch entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda with the amended February 5 minutes. Councilman Over moved to approve the consent agenda as amended and Councilwoman Walker seconded. All present voted in favor (7-0).

Correspondence and Announcements

- **PGCMA:** Mayor Schomisch explained that Prince George's County Municipal Association had their meeting on February 15. One item discussed during the meeting was that they are planning another annual meeting with county executives. Only two representatives from each municipality can attend. They do not have a set date yet. Councilwoman Walker asked if the meeting was going to be in person. Mayor Schomisch answered yes.
- **MML Summer Conference:** The Maryland Municipal League summer conference will be in June. Early bird registration will begin April 2 and the deadline to apply is May 31.

Reports:

Finance: Town Treasurer Fredy Aguilar presented the monthly financial report.

- Mr. Aguilar stated that the closing documents for the Bank of America account are ready to be signed.
- The audit has been completed.
- Mr. Aguilar explained that the TD Bank account had a significant drop in checks in January. He thinks this could be a trend for the beginning of the year, he will continue to monitor and report next month.

Police Report: Chief Liberati presented the police report. He went over all the calls for service for the month of January.

- Chief Liberati stated that the drug arrest that occurred on Halloween day has not been prosecuted by the State Attorney's Office. He is working diligently to try to at least get the driver involved charged with a misdemeanor.
- Chief Liberati announced that he had a phone conference with County police, Takoma Park police, and Montgomery County Police to discuss the recent car rallies.

Code Enforcement Report: Micheal Thompson presented the Code Enforcement Report

- Mr. Thompson announced that the Town Attorney has agreed to attend court with him for two separate code violation cases.

Public Works Report: The Public Works report was passed out ahead of time for all to review.

- Town Manager Rommel Pazmino announced that he has already hired a contractor to assess the pothole on 71 Ave. If they believe it is related to water lines, they will contact WSSC.
- Mr. Pazmino announced that a bench broke in the playground, but Playground Specialist Inc. has already come to fix it.
- Mr. Pazmino stated that the preliminary work on putting fencing along the north and east sides of the playground is nearly complete. Once the design is finished, he will present it to the Council.
- Mr. Pazmino announced that the mural is going to be added to the Town's insurance policy in case it is vandalized. He is awaiting the written appraisal.

Public Comment:

Chief Roberts, Landover Hills Volunteer Fire Department: Chief Roberts handed out a flyer from the Capital Improvement Program from 2014. He briefly discussed a meeting he had with the Prince George's County Fire Chief.

Unfinished Business:

Dominium Hearing Update: Mayor Schomisch briefly discussed the February 15 hearing he attended for Dominium Apartments. At the meeting, they stated that they will have three more reviews, two of which will be reviewing parking and traffic.

Annexation Update: Mayor Schomisch updated the Council on where we stand with the annexation. He stated that he sent letters to all property owners and an ad has been posted on the Prince George's Post to promote the public hearing.

Mayor Schomisch informed the Council that the Town Attorney suggested holding the Annexation Public Hearing on March 18 but not actually approving and signing the Annexation Resolution that day, since two councilmembers will be absent. The Council agreed to have a special meeting on Tuesday March 19 to approve and sign the Annexation Resolution.

Animal Ordinance Update: Mayor Schomisch informed the Council that the Town Attorney had sent the Animal Ordinance draft, and a copy was distributed to all. Mayor Schomisch suggested that everyone read over it in their own time and discuss it at the next meeting.

New Business:

There was no new business discussed.

Adjournment:

Mayor Schomisch entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Williams moved to adjourn the meeting and Councilman Over seconded. All present voted in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.