



## **Council Workshop Meeting Minutes Monday, February 6, 2023**

**Present:** Mayor Jeffrey Schomisch, Vice Mayor Jeanette Ripley, Councilmembers Joe Williams, Mike Walker, Kathleen Walker, and Glenda Johnson. Also, in attendance were Town Manager Rommel Pazmino, Chief of Police Robert Liberati, Town Attorney Karen Ruff, and Office Assistant Jackie Villela.

**Excused Absence:** Councilmember Todd Over.

### **Call to Order**

Mayor Schomisch called the February 6, 2023 meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### **Announcements:**

- **Purple Line Update:** Mayor Schomisch updated the Council on the next purple line construction. There will be a new traffic pattern on Riverdale Road starting March 6, 2023.
- **PGCMA:** Mayor Schomisch informed the Council of the next Prince Georges County Municipal Association meeting, which will take place in Laurel on February 23, 2023.
- **1<sup>st</sup> Amendment Auditor Training:** Mayor Schomisch explained to the Council that last week, he and Town employees attended a training on First Amendment Auditors. The training explained that these are people who want to get a reaction out of government employees to post online for views. The training explained how to properly react if these people were to enter Town Hall.
- **Easter Egg Hunt:** Town Manager Pazmino informed the Council that the Easter Egg hunt will be on Saturday, April 8, 2023 at 10 a.m.

**Ordinance O-01-2023:** Mayor Schomisch entertained a motion to adopt Ordinance O-01-2023 on Cable Communications. Councilman Walker moved to adopt Ordinance O-01-2023 as written. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. All presented voted aye (6-0).

**Noise Ordinance O-04-2022:** Noise Ordinance O-04-2022 was distributed and discussed in detail by Council, Mayor, and Town Attorney. Town Attorney Ruff will make the changes discussed and provide a revised version at the next meeting.

**Code Chapter 35, Garbage:** Mayor Schomisch explained that this should look familiar to the Council because he emailed this to them over the weekend. Mayor Schomisch, Council, and Town Attorney Ruff proceeded review Town Code Chapter 35 and made several changes. The revised version will be provided by Town Attorney Ruff at the next meeting.

**Chapter 24, Code of Ethics:**

Town Attorney Ruff explained the revisions she made to Chapter 24: Code of Ethics. Mayor and Council decided to revisit this at the next meeting because it was getting late in the evening. Mayor Schomisch entertained a motion to table the Code of Ethics discussion. Councilman Williams made the motion and Councilwoman Walker seconded the motion. All present voted aye and the motion was passed (6-0).

**Proposed Charter Amendments:**

Mayor and Council decided to revisit this at the next meeting because it was getting late in the evening. Mayor Schomisch entertained a motion to table the Proposed Charter Amendment discussion. Councilman Williams made the motion and Councilman Walker seconded the motion. All present voted aye and the motion was passed (6-0).

**Adjournment**

Mayor Schomisch entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Williams motioned to adjourn, and Councilwoman Walker seconded. All presented voted aye and the Council Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. (7-0).