



Town Council Workshop Minutes

February 7, 2022

Present: Mayor Jeffrey Schomisch, Vice Mayor Jeannette Ripley, Councilmembers Joe Williams, Mike Walker, Kathleen Walker, Rommel Pazmino; Town Manager Karen Ruff and Chief Robert Liberati.
Excused absence: Councilmember Todd Over.

Call to Order

Mayor Schomisch called the Town Council Workshop to order at 7:01 p.m.

New Banking Relationship

Mayor Schomisch explained the difficulties that the Town has had with the bank in which the Town has its primary/operating bank account. He and the Town Manager described their latest trip to the bank and the difficulties encountered. The Mayor called for a motion to move the Town's primary bank account to TD Bank. Councilwoman Walker moved that the Town move its primary/operating bank account to TD Bank. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. Mayor Schomisch called for a vote. The motion passed 6-0.

Outlaw Kitties

Mayor Schomisch introduced Ms. Marsha Dabolt with Outlaw Kitties. Ms. Dabolt described the services that Outlaw Kitties provides. Ms. Dabolt then explained an existing grant of \$7,200 that the group received to trap, neuter/spay, provide various shots and return 120 cats to their environment. Ms. Dabolt explained that the Town could enter into a similar arrangement with Outlaw Kitties. Mayor Schomisch called for a motion. Councilwoman Walker moved to direct staff to negotiate a contract with Outlaw Kitties along the lines of the existing grant and to develop a program for the Town of Landover Hills. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion. Mayor Schomisch called for a vote. The motion passed 6-0.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Update

Town Manager, Karen Ruff, reviewed with Council all of the programs to which the Town has committed ARPA funds, identified those prior Town expenses for which the Town will be seeking reimbursement, and explained those items that the Town would like to purchase with the remaining funds. None of the future expenses identified in the report were approved. The document outlining the information Ms. Ruff presented is attached to these minutes.

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MML Sumer Conference

Mayor Schomisch reminded the Council of the upcoming MML Summer Conference June 12-15, 2022. He also reminded them that they must make hotel arrangements if they will be attending.

Closed session

Motion to go Into Closed Session

Motion: I move that the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Landover Hills 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; and (ii) a personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.

The Motion to adjourn the Town Council Workshop of Monday February 7, 2022, into closed session, as stated above, was made by Councilman Williams and was seconded by Councilwoman Walker.

The vote to go into closed session was as follows:

Vice Mayor Ripley – Yes	Councilman Over – ABSENT
Councilman Williams – Yes	Councilman Pazmino – Yes
Councilwoman Walker – Yes	Mayor Schomisch – Yes
Councilman Walker – Yes	

No one voted against the motion. No abstentions. The meeting closed at 8:30 p.m. at which time the Closed Meeting began in the meeting room at Town Hall.

The following staff members were in attendance: Town Manager Karen Ruff. No other individuals were in attendance.

The Mayor and Council reached a consensus that it would terminate its relationship with the current Town Attorney and search for a replacement. The Closed Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Adjournment

The Mayor and Council did not return to open session after the closed session.

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