



Town Council Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2022

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

Call to Order

Mayor Schomisch called the January 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. It was noted that the numbering of the items after 8 "Town Snow Removal" on the Agenda was incorrect. The numbering was corrected. Also, given that we are now in 2022, Ordinance O-06-2021 should be renumbered O-01-2022 since it was not introduced in 2021. There were no other amendments to the Agenda. Mayor Schomisch called for a motion to approve the Agenda. Councilwoman Walker made a motion to approve the Agenda, which was seconded by Councilman Over. All present voted aye and the Agenda was approved (6-0).

Auditor Presentation of Town of Landover Hills Financial Statements June 30, 2021

The Auditor, Bob Diss, appeared virtually via Zoom. Mr. Diss summarized the Town's audit report and took questions from the Mayor and Council.

Correspondence and Announcements

Mayor Schomisch made the following announcements:

- The Prince George's County Municipal Association January meeting is January 20, 2022. It was decided that the Mayor and Council would participate in the meeting individually rather than meeting as a group. Also, three people submitted nominations for Secretary: Cynthia Mills and Phelecia Nembhard from New Carrollton and Quianna Taylor from Brentwood. Ms. Taylor is the only one who submitted a letter/email introducing herself and asking for Town support. The Mayor and Council agreed that they would support Ms. Taylor.
- The Mayor has contacted Outlaw Kitties about the cat issues raised at the Dec. 20 Council Meeting. The group will work with the resident. Linda Sales brought to the Mayor's attention issues with cats in Town. The Mayor will contact Outlaw Kitties to see if they can provide any assistance or advice.

a. ~~The Mayor turned the discussion to the next agenda item, Ordinance O-01-2022: An Ordinance of the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Landover Hills Amending the Code of the Town of Landover Hills, to Repeal and Re-enact Chapter 63 "Parks" with Amendments as Chapter 63 "Parks and Town Property" to Clarify Prohibited Acts in Town Parks and on Town Property, and to Identify which Violations of Chapter 63 are Municipal Infractions and which are Misdemeanors; and Amending Town Code, Chapter 28 "Fees and Penalties", Sec. 2802 "Penalties" to Establish Penalties for Violations of Chapter 63.~~ Mayor Schomisch stated that Council had reviewed this Ordinance previously and made changes that were brought back to Council. It would have been introduced the prior month, but pages were missing from the document provided to Council at that time. It is now before Council for introduction. Vice Mayor Ripley moved to introduce Ordinance O-01-2022. Councilman Mike Walker seconded the motion. Mayor Schomisch called for a vote. Ordinance O-01-2022 was introduced unanimously, with all in favor (6-0).

New Business

a. Resolution R-01-2022: A Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council of Landover Hills Approving a Contract with Traffic Logix for the Purchase of Two Radar Signs and Accessories in an Amount not to Exceed \$6,238. Town Manager Karen Ruff and Police Chief Robert Liberati explained that staff desires to purchase the radar signs to address the speeding problems in Town identified by both residents and the Mayor and Council. The signsy are portable and can be moved around to assess the speeding situation in various places in town. The Mayor called for a motion. Councilman Mike Walker moved that R-01-2022 be introduced and adopted. Councilman Joe Williams seconded the motion. All present voted in favor (6-0) and the motion passed.

b. Holiday Decorating Contest. The Mayor and Council discussed the houses that were decorated for the Contest and commended them for doing such a great job of making the Town look festive. The Town has three categories for which prizes are awarded. They are: most creative, most traditional and best overall. The Mayor and Council unanimously determined that 4115 70th Avenue was the best overall (\$50); 3807 70th Avenue, 4100 Fairfax Street and 4209 70th Avenue all deserved to ~~will~~ for either most creative or most traditional. So, the Mayor and Council decided to name four instead of 3 winners this year with each of the last three receiving \$25.

c. 2022 Planning Session. Mayor Schomisch explained that the Town would benefit from thinking about what it wants to accomplish this year. Discussion ensued, however no decisions were made.

Adjournment

Mayor Schomisch called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Councilwoman Williams and was seconded by Councilwoman Walker. All voted aye and the meeting was adjourned at 10:02 p.m.